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THE INKERMAN GROUP CLAMPS DOWN ON ILLEGAL GAMBLING AT SPORTING EVENTS



15 JUNE 2012 The Inkerman Group's security team who are currently onsite at Edgbaston Priory Club, Birmingham for the Lawn Tennis Association's 2012 AEGON Classic tennis, have been praised by one of Warwickshire's County Cricket players for their 'great anti-corruption work' in tackling illegal gambling syndicates at sporting events.

Unusual activity by a group of spectators aroused suspicion amongst the security team, forcing the gentlemen to be removed from The Centre Court. The group were thought to have been involved in onsite gambling, which is prohibited at the club, however following a conversation with the close protection officers and confirmation of their identities, it was confirmed that this was not the case and the group were free to return to the match.

The sportsman complimented the team's vigilance against gambling, which is fast becoming a problem at sporting events, and agreed that his behaviour could have looked suspicious. Having seen the funny side, he later tweeted a picture of three of The Inkerman Group's security officers with the caption 'The 3 men from The Inkerman Group, doing great anti corruption work at #Aegon classic tennis!'

This is the third year that The Inkerman Group have supplied security services to the LTA, which includes VIP Close Protection at its events at Devonshire Park in Eastbourne, Edgbaston Priory Club in Birmingham and at The Queen's Club in London.

A number of the security team, including the three in the photo, trained for their Close Protection licence with The Inkerman Group's specialist training company, TASK International and have been employed by The Inkerman Group this year as part of the 140-strong team providing security services to the LTA tournaments – a prestigious fixture in the company's sports security programme.

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Photo caption: Close Protection Officers and ex-TASK students working for The Inkerman Group; Jon Bibby, Ross Turner and Adam Bunney

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