

“Oh no not tennis now”, was the cry from many ordinary folk as news broke overnight on Sunday that tennis was the latest sport to embroiled in scandal.

There are folks out there, you may be one of them or you may know them, who'd rather varnish a garden bench and then watch it dry than participate, engage or view football, rugby or anything else for that matter...except for a few weeks in July, when they will drop everything to sit down and watch a ball ping back and forth across a court in the blistering sunshine.

That is why this latest scandal in tennis has reached beyond the usual interested parties and penetrated into households who see tennis as a sacrosanct part of their summer. Many might not have been surprised by other sport stories but this is different, it is tennis.

Sadly from my perspective this is another disappointing tale in a year long story about corruption in sport. Allegations of corruption in FIFA are under investigation by the Swiss and Americans, allegations of doping cover ups in athletics are under investigation by the French, what now happens in tennis is to be revealed.

What is certain is tennis needs to learn from the mistakes of football and athletics and deal with this quickly and transparently. It cannot sweep these allegations of match fixing under the carpet. Andy Murray says we need to make sure there is a better education of younger players – he is right. They are financially vulnerable and therefore potentially susceptible to match fixing syndicates.

The PM is holding an anti-corruption summit later this year. Sport wasn't originally high up the agenda. It is now. And that is very sad for those of us who do love sport, whatever it is, but then the opportunity is now to root out corrupt practices and make sure that we never have another year like this again.