



The sports law specialist with winning form

Lawyers with strong record in fighting doping charges helped the boxer Conor Benn to clear his name. Now Chelsea's star winger Mykhailo Mudryk is hoping for a similar result

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Morgan Sports Law is representing a Ukrainian footballer, who plays for Chelsea, as he fights doping allegations after testing positive for a banned substance last year.

The case was brought against Mykhailo Mudryk by the Football Association in June. Mudryk, who also plays for the Ukraine national team, was provisionally suspended by the FA in December 2024 after testing positive for meldonium, a cardiovascular medication that can increase respiratory capacity and stamina. The drug is primarily used in eastern European countries to treat

conditions such as angina, heart failure and coronary artery disease. Mudryk faces a ban of up to four years if the charges against him are upheld.

The 24-year-old winger joined Chelsea for an initial £62 million in January 2023 and made 73 appearances for the club until his suspension. The player has denied using any banned substances, saying the test result came as "a complete shock".

Mudryk's suspension is one of a string of high-profile doping cases that Morgan Sports Law has worked on over the past year.

The firm, which has an in-house team of scientists, successfully defended the former Juventus midfielder Paul Pogba and the boxer Conor Benn in their respective doping cases.

Pogba, 32, was given a four-year ban by Italy's national anti-

Conor Benn, below right, and Paul Pogba



doping organisation in March 2024. A drugs test in August 2023 had revealed elevated levels of testosterone in his system. After appealing against the tribunal's decision at the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland, Pogba's ban was reduced to 18 months.

The court also ordered Italy's anti-doping body to contribute to Pogba's costs while cancelling a €5,000 fine imposed by the tribunal. Pogba maintains that he has never knowingly or deliberately taken any banned substances.

In Benn's case, the firm helped the boxer to overturn his suspension after a two-year battle with UK Anti-Doping (Ukad).

In July and September 2022, Benn, son of the former super-middleweight world champion Nigel Benn, tested positive for trace amounts of clomifene, a fertility drug that can boost testosterone in men. A much-publicised bout with Chris Eubank Jr in October of that year was cancelled.

Benn, now 29, was cleared of doping in 2023 by the National Anti-

Doping Panel, an independent tribunal, but had a provisional suspension reimposed in May last year after Ukad and the British Boxing Board of Control appealed against the decision. Benn was cleared at a hearing by the independent panel in November last year.

Benn referred to the two-year ordeal as his "toughest fight". He lost when he fought Eubank in April this year, and has a rematch this weekend.

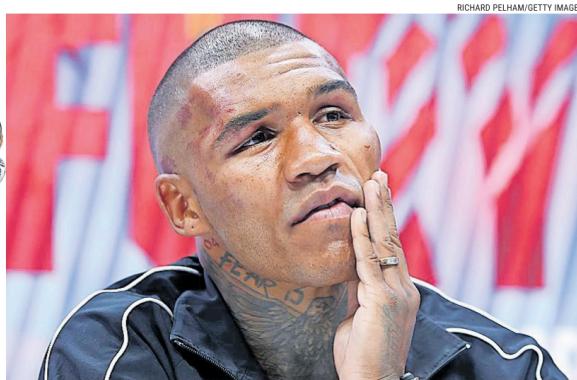
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