

WRITTEN REASONS OF THE FAST TRACK TRIBUNAL



IN THE MATTER OF A WRONGFUL DISMISSAL CLAIM BROUGHT BY:

Easterhouse FA

on behalf of

Kyle Baird.

1. These are the written reasons for a Determination made by a Fast Track Tribunal which convened on Wednesday 23rd April 2025 to deliberate this Claim.
2. In the 74th minute of the West of Scotland Fourth Division fixture between Easterhouse FA and Rossvale FC on Saturday 19th April 2025, the player was dismissed from the field of play by the Referee for A4 – Denying the opposing team or an opponent a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity as defined by Law 12.
3. The Claimants submitted a Claim of Wrongful Dismissal on behalf of the player. In support of this Claim, the club submitted video footage showing the incident in question, still images, and written submissions.
4. In order for a Claim of Wrongful Dismissal to be upheld, the Fast Track Tribunal must be satisfied, by way of evidence submitted and upon the balance of probabilities, that the Referee made an Obvious Refereeing Error in dismissing the player.
5. In summary, the Claimant's submission was that the player was inside the penalty area when he handled the ball and if he had been outside the penalty area, he had ample opportunity to head the ball away.
6. The Referee provided a statement explaining the act which he decided was denying an opponent an obvious goal scoring opportunity was by the goalkeeper handling the ball approximately one metre outside his penalty area, and he not done so, the opponent would have had a clear shot at goal with no goalkeeper to save the shot.
7. The Fast Track Tribunal viewed the video footage of the incident and carefully considered the written submissions from the Claimants, along with the still images. It also considered the definition from Laws of the Game in relation to A4 – Denying the opposing team or an opponent a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity as defined by Law 12.
8. Having considered all the evidence, the Fast Track Tribunal decided that the Claimants had been unsuccessful in demonstrating that an Obvious Refereeing Error had occurred on the basis that the video footage was inconclusive as to the relative positions of the ball and the player, in relation to the penalty area eighteen yard line.
9. The Determination of the Fast Track Tribunal was that the Claim be dismissed and the sending off offence and the original sanction re-imposed.
10. The Determination of the Fast Track Tribunal is final and binding on all Parties and is not subject to Appeal.