

## WRITTEN REASONS OF THE FAST TRACK TRIBUNAL



### IN THE MATTER OF A (WRONGFUL DISMISSAL/WRONGFUL CAUTION/MISTAKEN IDENTITY) CLAIM BROUGHT BY:

**St. Anthony's FC**

**on behalf of**

**Craig Scott.**

1. These are the written reasons for a Determination made by a Fast Track Tribunal which convened on Tuesday 27th February 2024 to deliberate this Claim.
2. In the 90<sup>th</sup> minute of the West of Scotland Second Division fixture between Muirkirk Juniors FC and St. Anthony's FC on Saturday 24th February 2024, the player was dismissed from the field of play by the Referee for A2 - Violent Conduct.
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 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 confronted by an opponent who he had been jostling with, and who had shoved the player off the pitch as the player tried to shield the ball. The player pushes his opponent in the chest with negligible force. The player does not strike an opponent in a way that could reasonably be deemed to be A2 - Violent Conduct.
6. The Referee provided a statement explaining the act which he decided was A2 - Violent Conduct occurred when the player, having shielded the ball out of play, was pushed from behind by an opponent. The player reacted by striking his opponent in the face using force with two hands in a shoving motion.
7. The Fast Track Tribunal viewed the video footage of the incident and carefully considered the written submissions from the Claimants. It also considered the definition from Laws of the Game in relation to A2 - Violent Conduct.
8. Having considered all the evidence, the Fast Track Tribunal decided that the Claimants had been partially successful in demonstrating that an Obvious Refereeing Error had occurred. The video footage shows the player pushing the opponent in the chest.
9. The Determination of the Fast Track Tribunal was that the Claim be partially upheld, and the sending off offence and original sanction should be rescinded and replaced with a lesser sanction imposed of a caution for the offence B1f - Holds or pushes an opponent.
10. The Determination of the Fast Track Tribunal is final and binding on all Parties and is not subject to Appeal.