

WRITTEN REASONS OF THE FAST TRACK TRIBUNAL



IN THE MATTER OF A WRONGFUL DISMISSAL CLAIM BROUGHT BY:

Montrose FC Women

on behalf of

Demi Taylor.

1. These are the written reasons for a Determination made by a Fast Track Tribunal which convened on Tuesday 8th October 2024 to deliberate this Claim.
2. In the 69 minute of the Scottish Women's Premier League fixture between Hibernian WFC and Montrose FC Women on Sunday 6th October 2024, 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 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 ball hit the player's chest having been saved by her team's goalkeeper.
6. The Referee provided a statement explaining the act which he decided was A4 - Denying the opposing team or an opponent a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity as defined by Law 12, occurred when the player made a deliberate movement of her arm towards the ball, and handled the ball on the goal line to stop the ball from entering the net.
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 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 successfully demonstrated that an Obvious Refereeing Error had occurred on the basis the ball does not hit the layer's hand or arm, but rather hits her on the chest.
9. The Determination of the Fast Track Tribunal was that the Claim be upheld and the sending off offence and original sanction should be rescinded.
10. The Determination of the Fast Track Tribunal is final and binding on all Parties and is not subject to Appeal.