

## WRITTEN REASONS OF THE FAST TRACK TRIBUNAL



### IN THE MATTER OF A WRONGFUL DISMISSAL CLAIM BROUGHT BY:

**Clyde FC**

**on behalf of**

**Liam Scullion**

1. These are the written reasons for a Determination made by a Fast Track Tribunal which convened on Wednesday 12th October 2022 to deliberate this Claim.
2. In the 69th minute of the Scottish League One fixture between Clyde FC and Montrose FC on Saturday 8th October 2022, the player was dismissed from the field of play by the Referee for A1 Serious Foul Play.
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 mistimed his tackle but the tackle was not high or reckless, and he did not lunge at his opponent nor did he tackle with his studs showing.
6. The Referee provided a statement explaining the act which he decided was serious foul play was a one footed lunge at his opponent with his studs showing, and the opposing player had to take avoiding action to escape serious injury.
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 A1 Serious Foul Play.
8. Having considered all the evidence, the Fast Track Tribunal decided that the Claimants had successfully demonstrated that an Obvious Refereeing Error had occurred in that the conduct of the player did not reach the criteria required to meet the definition of Serious Foul Play, but the challenge by the player justified the lesser sanction of a caution for recklessly challenging an opponent.
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Fast Track Tribunal was that the Claim be partially upheld and the sending off offence and original sanction should be rescinded, and a lesser sanction of a caution for B1c Recklessly tackles or challenges an opponent be imposed.
10. The Determination of the Fast Track Tribunal is final and binding on all Parties and is not subject to Appeal.