

WRITTEN REASONS OF THE FAST TRACK TRIBUNAL



IN THE MATTER OF A WRONGFUL DISMISSAL CLAIM BROUGHT BY:

Peebles Rovers FC

on behalf of

Ross Lamb.

1. These are the written reasons for a Determination made by a Fast Track Tribunal which convened on Wednesday 25th October 2023 to deliberate this Claim.
2. In the 81st minute of the East of Scotland Second Division fixture between Tweedmouth Rangers FC and Peebles Rovers FC on Saturday 21st October 2023, 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's tackle was a fraction of a second late, was of a block tackle nature, and is side footed in its construction. Having considered the Referee's statement, the Claimant further submitted that the attempted tackle motion began before the opponent had taken a touch, and the tackle was neither a lunge nor leading with studs, and that contact was more just above the foot than above the top of the opponent's shin.
6. The Referee provided a statement explaining the act which he decided was A1 - Serious Foul Play, occurred when the Player attempted to tackle an opponent, but in doing so he lunged into the tackle leading with his studs, and his studs then connected with the opponent above the top of his shin, thereby endangering the safety of his opponent.
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 unsuccessfully demonstrated that an Obvious Refereeing Error had occurred. The video and still image evidence did not provide the Fast Track Tribunal with evidence of where the player made contact with the opponent.
9. The Determination of the Fast Track Tribunal was that the Claim be dismissed, and the sending off offence and original sanction should be re-imposed.
10. The Determination of the Fast Track Tribunal is final and binding on all Parties and is not subject to Appeal.