

WRITTEN REASONS OF THE FAST TRACK TRIBUNAL



IN THE MATTER OF A WRONGFUL CAUTION CLAIM BROUGHT BY:

Name of Club (the Club) Inverness Caledonian Thistle FC

on behalf of

Name of Player (the Player) James Keatings

1. These are the written reasons for a Determination made by a Fast Track Tribunal, which convened on Thursday 27 February to deliberate this Claim.
2. In the 48th minute of the Scottish League Challenge Cup Semi-Final between Inverness Caledonian Thistle Football Club v Rangers Football Club Colts on 16 February 2020 the Player was given a caution for an act of simulation.
3. The Claimants submitted a Claim of Wrongful Caution 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 Caution 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 cautioning the Player.
5. In summary, the Claimant's submission was that the Player did not commit an act of simulation and that the Referee had made a wrongful caution.
6. The Referee provided a statement explaining the act which he decided was an act of simulation.
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 Simulation which states:

An action which creates a wrong/false impression that something has occurred when it has not; committed by a player to gain unfair advantage.

8. Having considered all the evidence, the Fast Track Tribunal decided that the Claimant successfully demonstrated that an Obvious Refereeing Error occurred. The Tribunal was satisfied that the referee's decision was incorrect. The definition of an Obvious Referring Error requires that an error be clear or self-evident or easily perceived. In this case the Tribunal determined that the referee made a clear error of judgement in his interpretation of an act of simulation.
9. The Determination of the Fast Track Tribunal was that the Claim be upheld and the caution for simulation should be rescinded.
10. The Determination of the Fast Track Tribunal is final and binding on all Parties and is not subject to Appeal.