

WRITTEN REASONS OF THE FAST TRACK TRIBUNAL



IN THE MATTER OF A WRONGFUL DISMISSAL CLAIM BROUGHT BY:

Rossvale FC

on behalf of

Josh Holland.

1. These are the written reasons for a Determination made by a Fast Track Tribunal which convened on Wednesday 23rd April 2025 to deliberate this Claim.
2. In the 38th minute of the West of Scotland Fourth Division fixture between Easterhouse FA and Rossvale FC on Saturday 19th April 2025, 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 did not commit an act of Serious Foul Play and that the Referee was mistaken.
6. The Referee provided a statement explaining the act which he decided was Serious Foul Play consisted of the player lunging into a tackle and making contact with his studs on the lower shin of the opponent. The tackle was brutal, was with excessive force, and endangered the safety of the 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 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. The Fast Track Tribunal, having viewed the video evidence, were unanimously of the view that the player did not make contact with his studs, but made contact with his knee or leg. This was in the course of an acceptable challenge for the ball, and did not meet the threshold for a charge of Serious Foul Play.
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of the Fast Track Tribunal was that the Claim be upheld and the sending off offence and original sanction should be rescinded.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.