

## WRITTEN REASONS OF THE FAST TRACK TRIBUNAL



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

**Bonnyrigg Rose FC**

**on behalf of**

**Greig Allen.**

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 13 minute of the Scottish League Two fixture between East Fife FC and Bonnyrigg Rose FC on Saturday 5th 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 player was shielding the ball back to his goalkeeper and put his left arm out, and body across the opponent to do this. The opponent was not in a position to shoot, the player was correctly defending the situation, and did not push the opponent.
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, took place when the player made upper body contact with the opponent in his team's penalty area. The player pushed the opponent who was moving and pace, setting to shoot at goal, and this was not a genuine attempt for the ball.
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 been unsuccessful in demonstrating that an Obvious Refereeing Error had occurred. The Fast Track Tribunal considered that the player had pushed the opponent, who had a genuine opportunity to shoot at goal from within the opponent's penalty area.
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.