

WRITTEN REASONS OF THE FAST TRACK TRIBUNAL



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

Gala Fairydean Rovers FC

on behalf of

Gareth Rodger

1. These are the written reasons for a Determination made by a Fast Track Tribunal which convened on Wednesday 21st July 2021 to deliberate this Claim.
2. In the 21st minute of the Lowland League fixture between Gala Fairydean Rovers FC and East Stirlingshire FC on Saturday 17th July 2021, the Player was dismissed from the field of play by the Referee for denying the opposing team or an opponent a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity as defined by Law 12 (A4).
3. The Claimants submitted a Claim of Wrongful Dismissal on behalf of the Player. In support of this Claim, the Club submitted video footage comprising of two videos 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 opposing player goes down theatrically after coming together with the Player. Furthermore, it was submitted on his behalf that the Player is looking at the ball in the air whilst sprinting back to head the ball in the air and there is no intent when shoulder to shoulder contact is made with the opposing player just outside the penalty area.
6. The Referee provided a statement explaining the act which he decided was an A4 offence for catching the back of the opposing player's legs whilst he was running towards a through ball in an obvious goal scoring opportunity just outside the penalty area.
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 Law 12.
8. Having considered all the evidence, the Fast Track Tribunal decided, unanimously, that the Claimants had been unsuccessful in demonstrating that an Obvious Refereeing Error had occurred.
9. The Determination of the Fast Track Tribunal was that the sending off offence for a breach of Law 12 is to be applied.
10. The Determination of the Fast Track Tribunal is final and binding on all Parties and is not subject to Appeal.