

WRITTEN REASONS OF THE FAST TRACK TRIBUNAL



IN THE MATTER OF A WRONGFUL DISMISSAL CLAIM BROUGHT BY:

Arbroath FC

on behalf of

Richard Little

1. These are the written reasons for a Determination made by a Fast Track Tribunal which convened on Tuesday 7th March 2023 to deliberate this Claim.
2. In the 19th minute of the Scottish Championship fixture between Hamilton Academical FC and Arbroath FC on Friday 3rd March 2023, 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 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. 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.
6. Having considered all the evidence, the Fast Track Tribunal decided that the Claimants had partially demonstrated that an Obvious Refereeing Error had occurred.
7. The Determination of the Fast Track Tribunal was that the Claim be partially upheld and the sending off offence and original sanction should be rescinded, and replaced with cautionable offence B1g – Commits an offence which interferes with or stops a promising attack outwith the penalty area.
8. The Determination of the Fast Track Tribunal is final and binding on all Parties and is not subject to Appeal.