

## WRITTEN REASONS OF THE FAST TRACK TRIBUNAL



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

**St. Mirren FC**

**on behalf of**

**Richard King.**

1. These are the written reasons for a Determination made by a Fast Track Tribunal which convened on Tuesday 24th February 2026 to deliberate this Claim.
2. In the 52<sup>nd</sup> minute of the Scottish Premiership fixture between St. Mirren FC and Motherwell FC on Saturday 21st February 2026, the player was dismissed from the field of play by the Referee for Violent Conduct.
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, written submission, and the VAR review footage including audio was made available to the Fast Track Tribunal.
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 Fourth Official was a significant distance from the incident, had an obstructed view, and VAR was unable to find evidence of whether there had been clear contact by the player on his opponent. The player was attempting to free himself from the opponent after an extensive pull, and does not strike the head or face of the opponent. In addition, the opponent delays his reaction to the incident before falling to the ground.
6. The Referee provided a statement explaining the act of Violent Conduct committed by the player was drawn to his attention by the Fourth Official and confirmed by VAR.
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 Violent Conduct.
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 felt the actions of the opponent in taking a number of steps were not conducive to a player who had been struck on the face, nor could they see any evidence of contact by the player with the opponent from the video evidence. If there was an offence in the incident then the Fast Track Tribunal felt it was committed by the opponent who engaged in an act of simulation.
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.

Richard King, St. Mirren FC