

WRITTEN REASONS OF THE FAST TRACK TRIBUNAL



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

Rangers FC

on behalf of

John Lundstram

1. These are the written reasons for a Determination made by a Fast Track Tribunal which convened on Tuesday 23rd August 2022 to deliberate this Claim.
2. In the 66th minute of the Scottish Premiership fixture between Hibernian FC and Rangers FC on Saturday 20th August 2022, the player was dismissed from the field of play by the Referee for Serious Foul Play as defined by Law 12 (A1).
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 written submission was that he used the top of his left foot to trip the opposing player and that his right leg was on the ground at that material time. Furthermore, it was submitted that the player committed this trip as he could not make up ground in a foot race with the opposing player, and he at no point intended to endanger the safety of the opposing player.
6. The Referee provided a statement explaining the act which he decided was an A1 offence for the tackle determined to endanger the safety of an 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 Law 12.
8. Having considered all the evidence, the Fast Track Tribunal decided, unanimously, that the Claimants had been successful in demonstrating that an Obvious Refereeing Error had occurred.
9. The Determination of the Fast Track Tribunal was that the Claim be partially upheld, the sending off offence and original sanction rescinded, and replaced with a caution for (B1(b)) having recklessly tripped an opponent.
10. The Determination of the Fast Track Tribunal is final and binding on all Parties and is not subject to Appeal.