

WRITTEN REASONS OF THE FAST TRACK TRIBUNAL



IN THE MATTER OF A WRONGFUL DISMISSAL CLAIM BROUGHT BY:

Whitehill Welfare FC

on behalf of

Blair Tolmie

1. These are the written reasons for a Determination made by a Fast Track Tribunal which convened on Wednesday 29th September 2021 to deliberate this Claim.
2. During the East of Scotland Premier Division fixture between Whitehill Welfare FC and Linlithgow Rose FC on Saturday 25th September 2021, 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 Referee's interpretation of the event was incorrect and that had the attacking player not been fouled, then a covering player may have intercepted and tackled the attacking player, and that consequently there had not been denial of a goal or goal scoring opportunity.
6. The Referee provided a statement explaining the act which he decided was denying the opposition team or an opponent a goal or goal scoring opportunity and therefore merited a red card for that offence.
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 denial of goal scoring opportunities.
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.
9. The Determination of the Fast Track Tribunal was that the Claim be dismissed and the sending off offence be upheld. The Claim is not found to be misconceived.
10. The Determination of the Fast Track Tribunal is final and binding on all Parties and is not subject to Appeal.