

## WRITTEN REASONS OF THE FAST TRACK TRIBUNAL



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

**Whitletts Victoria FC**

**on behalf of**

**Isaac Kerr.**

1. These are the written reasons for a Determination made by a Fast Track Tribunal which convened on Wednesday 23rd April 2025 to deliberate this Claim.
2. In the 45th minute of the West of Scotland Second Division fixture between Larkhall Thistle FC and Whitletts Victoria FC on Saturday 19th April 2025, 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 player did not deny an opponent an obvious goal scoring opportunity.
6. The Referee provided a statement explaining the act which he decided was denying an opponent an obvious goalscoring opportunity occurred when the ball was played over the top of the Whitletts Victoria FC defence and the player dragged the opponent to the ground, and had he not fouled the opponent, he would have been in a position just outside the penalty area to take a touch and have a clear shot at goal.
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 A4 – Denying the opposing team or an opponent a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity as defined by Law 12.
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 members were unanimous in their view that it was most likely that the goalkeeper would have reached the ball before the Larkhall Thistle FC player, and in any event the flight of the ball was away from goal making it much less likely that the opponent, had he reached the ball first, would have had a clear shot on goal.
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.