

WRITTEN REASONS OF THE FAST TRACK TRIBUNAL



IN THE MATTER OF A WRONGFUL DISMISSAL CLAIM BROUGHT BY:

Wick Academy FC

on behalf of

Owen Rendall.

1. These are the written reasons for a Determination made by a Fast Track Tribunal which convened on Wednesday 22nd November 2023 to deliberate this Claim.
2. In the 75th minute of the Highland Football League fixture between Buckie Thistle FC and Wick Academy FC on Saturday 18th November 2023, the player was dismissed from the field of play by the Referee for; A2 – Violent Conduct.
3. The Claimant 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 made a motion to "brush" his opponent away, in order for a free-kick to be taken.
6. The Referee provided a statement explaining that the act occurred, which he decided was; A2 – Violent Conduct, when the player struck his opponent with a semi-closed fist.
7. The Fast Track Tribunal viewed the video footage of the incident and carefully considered the written submissions from the Claimant. It also considered the definition from Laws of the Game in relation to; A2 – Violent Conduct.
8. Having considered all the evidence, the Fast Track Tribunal decided that the Claimant had been partially 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Fast Track Tribunal was that the Claim be partially upheld and the sending off offence and original sanction should be rescinded. They did however believe that a cautionable offence occurred, and as such have applied a lesser sanction of a cautionable offence for B11 – Commits any other offence(s) deemed by a Match Official to be unsporting behaviour.
10. The Determination of the Fast Track Tribunal is final and binding on all Parties and is not subject to Appeal.