

## WRITTEN REASONS OF THE FAST TRACK TRIBUNAL



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

**St. Mirren F.C. (the Club)**

**on behalf of**

**Marcus Fraser (the Player)**

1. These are the written reasons for a Determination made by a Fast Track Tribunal which convened on 4 December 2024 to deliberate this Claim.
2. In the 90 + 1 minute of the William Hill Premiership 2024/25 fixture between Dundee United F.C. v St. Mirren F.C. on 1 December 2024 the Player was dismissed from the field of play by the Referee for 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 commit a foul that warranted a penalty and red card. The Tribunal felt that the Claimant's submission was lacking in detail and contained matters about inconsistency of officiating which were not relevant to the Tribunal's consideration of the decision in this case.
6. The Referee provided a statement explaining the act which he decided was Denying the opposing team or an opponent a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity as defined by law 12 was awarded following a check by VAR. The Referee was presented with a camera angle by VAR from behind the goal that showed the Player with a clear hold (left arm) of his opponent's jersey which then leads to the opponent falling to the ground. The Referee deemed the Player to be holding his opponent while denying an obvious goalscoring opportunity.
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 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 VAR footage provided to the Tribunal by the Scottish FA provided a camera angle which the Tribunal felt showed that no foul had taken place.
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.