

WRITTEN REASONS OF THE FAST TRACK TRIBUNAL



IN THE MATTER OF A WRONGFUL DISMISSAL CLAIM BROUGHT BY:

Kilmarnock FC

on behalf of

Lewis Mayo.

1. These are the written reasons for a Determination made by a Fast Track Tribunal which convened on Tuesday 5th March 2024 to deliberate this Claim.
2. In the 60th minute of the Scottish Premiership fixture between Dundee FC v Kilmarnock FC on Saturday 2nd March 2024, 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 of the Laws of the Game.
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 engaged in a legitimate attempt to challenge for the ball, the ball has bounced in the air, and neither the player nor his opponent are in possession of the ball as the player and his opponent were moving at speed. The player's eyes were focused on the ball, and he was unable to assess the situation and choose to foul. The player's arm was out to balance and hold his position, and he did not push his opponent by using his arm or grab the opponent's jersey. The collision which caused the player and the opponent to fall was as a result of their hips making contact, not a pull from the arm.
6. The Referee provided a statement explaining the act which he decided was A4 - Denying the opposing team or an opponent a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity as defined by Law 12 of the Laws of the Game, occurred when the player held an opponent around the body with his arms as they were running at speed towards the club's defensive penalty area. The hold caused the opponent to fall in the penalty area, and at the point of the fall the opponent only had the player's goalkeeper to shoot past, and the ball was within playing distance.
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 of the Laws of the Game.
8. Having considered all the evidence, the Fast Track Tribunal decided that the Claimants had unsuccessfully demonstrated that an Obvious Refereeing Error had occurred. The video evidence

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supported the fact that the player had held his opponent and caused the opponent to fall to the ground.

9. The Determination of the Fast Track Tribunal was that the Claim be dismissed and the sending off offence and the original sanction re-imposed.
10. The Determination of the Fast Track Tribunal is final and binding on all Parties and is not subject to Appeal.