

WRITTEN REASONS OF THE FAST TRACK TRIBUNAL



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

Port Glasgow Juniors FC

on behalf of

Shaun Wigzell

1. These are the written reasons for a Determination made by a Fast Track Tribunal which convened on Wednesday 30th August 2023 to deliberate this Claim.
2. In the 14th minute of the West of Scotland Third Division fixture between Port Glasgow Juniors FC and Dalry Thistle FC on Saturday 26th August 2023, 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 (A4).
3. The Claimants submitted a Claim of Wrongful Dismissal on behalf of the player. In support of this Claim, the club submitted both written submissions and video footage showing the incident in question.
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 written submission was that the player who is a goalkeeper, had no contact with the opposing player, who knocked the ball to his left to go round him after he had been played through between the centre back and full back. He advises that the opposing player was not in control of the ball at this time, and goes to ground with a dive to try to win a penalty or foul. Consequently, the player maintains there was no attempt to deny the opposing team an obvious goal scoring opportunity.
6. The Referee provided a statement explaining the act which he decided was an A4 offence for the tackle determined to deny the opposing team an obvious goal scoring opportunity.
7. The Fast Track Tribunal viewed the video footage of the incident and carefully considered the written submissions from and on behalf of the Claimant. It also considered the definition from Laws of the Game in relation to Law 12.
8. Having considered all the evidence, the Fast Track Tribunal decided, unanimously, 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 Fast Track Claim is dismissed and the sending off offence for a breach of A4 is to be reapplied.
10. The Determination of the Fast Track Tribunal is final and binding on all Parties and is not subject to Appeal.