



VAR

KMI Panel Outcomes – 3rd, 4th May 2025

Match Round	Home Team	Away Team	Incident / On-field Decision	Minute	Referee or Assistant	Difficulty	On-field decision outcome	Votes (Correct: Incorrect)	VAR overturn (Y/N)	VAR intervention outcome	Votes (Correct: Incorrect)	Notes
MR35	Ross County	Hearts	Possible penalty for RC23 for handball - penalty not awarded	85	Referee	2	Correct	4:1	N	Correct	4:1	The panel discussed this decision at length with the majority (4:1) of the panel deeming the on-field decision of no penalty to be correct. One panel member felt that the on-field decision was incorrect and a VAR intervention should have taken place and penalty awarded for handball.
MR35	Dundee	Motherwell	Goal scored by D29 - goal awarded - potential offside in build-up (APP)	45	Assistant Referee	4	Incorrect - onside	2:3	Y	Correct - offside	3:2	The panel discussed this decision at length with the majority (3:2) deeming the on-field decision of goal as incorrect and VAR was correct to intervene to disallow the goal for offside. Two panel members believed VAR should not have intervened and the on-field decision was correct.
MR35	Dundee	Motherwell	Possible red card for M22 challenge on D21 - yellow card awarded	77	Referee	3	Incorrect - yellow card	0:5	Y	Correct - red card	5:0	The panel unanimously agreed that the on-field decision was incorrect. The panel highlighted VAR was correct to intervene to recommend an OFR and a red card was correctly awarded.
MR35	St Johnstone	Kilmarnock	Possible penalty for STJ6 challenge on K7 - penalty not awarded	49	Referee	2	Incorrect - no penalty	1:4	Y	Correct - penalty	4:1	The panel discussed this decision at length with the majority (4:1) of the panel agreed that VAR was correct to intervene and recommend an OFR for a possible penalty kick and penalty correct to be awarded. One panel member felt the on-field decision was correct and a VAR intervention should not have taken place.
MR35	St Mirren	Aberdeen	Goal scored by A16 - goal awarded - potential handball in build-up (APP)	24	Referee	3	Incorrect - goal	1:4	Y	Correct - no goal	4:1	The panel discussed this decision at length with the majority (4:1) of the panel agreed that VAR was correct to intervene and recommend an OFR for a possible handball and to disallow the goal. One panel member felt the on-field decision was correct and a VAR intervention should not have taken place.
MR35	St Mirren	Aberdeen	Possible penalty for A20 challenge on STM9 - penalty not awarded	35	Referee	1	Correct	5:0	N	Correct	5:0	The on-field decision was unanimously supported.
MR35	Rangers	Celtic	Goal scored by R43 - goal awarded - potential offside in build-up (APP)	24	Assistant Referee	4	Incorrect - onside	0:5	Y	Correct - offside	5:0	The panel unanimously agreed that the on-field onside decision was incorrect. The panel highlighted VAR was correct to intervene and disallow the goal for offside.
MR35	Rangers	Celtic	Goal scored by C9 - goal not awarded - potential offside in build-up (APP)	57	Assistant Referee	2	Incorrect - offside	0:5	Y	Correct - onside	5:0	The panel unanimously agreed that the on-field offside decision was incorrect. The panel highlighted VAR was correct to intervene and award the goal.
MR35	Rangers	Celtic	Possible penalty for C42 challenge on R30 - penalty not awarded	80	Referee	1	Correct	5:0	N	Correct	5:0	The on-field decision was unanimously supported.

Difficulty Levels

1. A simple decision that all officials should get correct.
2. A fairly simple decision for a select group official, though with more factors to consider.
3. A more complex decision with a greater degree of subjectivity and/or more factors to consider, that a select group official should nonetheless call correctly.
4. A difficult decision for officials with a high degree of subjectivity or challenging considerations to identify. One that needs deliberation. A 50/50 call.
5. A particularly tough decision that all referees would struggle with. The type of judgement where technology is needed to support officials.