

WRITTEN REASONS OF THE FAST TRACK TRIBUNAL



IN THE MATTER OF A WRONGFUL DISMISSAL CLAIM BROUGHT BY:

Name of Club (the Club) Dundee United FC

on behalf of

Name of Player (the Player) Peter Pawlett

1. These are the written reasons for a Determination made by a Fast Track Tribunal which convened on 17th February 2021 to deliberate this Claim.
2. In the 31st minute of the Scottish Premiership fixture between Dundee United FC and Livingston FC on 13th February 2021 the Player was dismissed from the field of play by the Referee for Serious Foul Play.
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 was in control of the ball at all times; he tried to flick the ball away from his opponent; at no time were both his feet off the ground; he did not lunge at his opponent and he did not engage with a straight leg, and his weight is firmly on his right side on his standing foot.
6. The Referee provided a statement explaining the act which he decided was serious foul play stating that in his opinion the Player ran at speed and lunged at his opponent with both feet off the ground striking the opponent with a straight leg challenge on the ankle.
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 serious foul play.
8. Having considered all the evidence, the Fast Track Tribunal decided that the Claimants had been unsuccessful in demonstrating that an Obvious Refereeing Error had occurred. The Tribunal was of the view that the Player was out of control in the challenge and both feet left the ground, his studs making contact with the opponent's ankle endangering the safety of his opponent.
9. The Determination of the Fast Track Tribunal was that the Claim be dismissed and the sending off offence and original sanction re-imposed. The Tribunal decided that the Claim did not fall to be dealt with in terms of paragraph 13.13.8.1.
10. The Determination of the Fast Track Tribunal is final and binding on all Parties and is not subject to Appeal.