

MATCH REVIEW PANEL

THURSDAY 7 MARCH 2024

On Thursday, 7 March 2024, the Football Queensland Match Review Panel (MRP) convened to consider 2 incidents arising from Round 2 of the NPL Men and FQPL1 competitions.

Wynnum Wolves FC vs Peninsula Power FC – NPL Queensland Men – Liam Saba

The MRP considered an incident involving Liam Saba (**Saba**) of Wynnum Wolves FC on or around the 41st minute of Wynnum Wolves FC's NPL Queensland Men match against Peninsula Power on Saturday, 2 March 2024.

In accordance with the Football Queensland Disciplinary Regulations (the **Regulations**), the MRP has the authority to consider the incident as Saba was issued with a direct Red Card by the Referee.

Further, Wynnum Wolves FC submitted an Obvious Error (Red Card) Application (**Application**) on the basis that an Obvious Error had been made by the Referee by issuing Saba with the direct Red Card.

The Application

The MRP first considered the Application. In accordance with the Regulations, the MRP considered the broadcast footage, match official reports and the submissions by Wynnum Wolves FC.

As Saba was issued with a direct Red Card, the MRP was first required to determine unanimously that based on the materials above, no direct Red Card was warranted in the circumstances.

After due consideration, the MRP held that a direct Red Card was warranted in the circumstances. Therefore, the Application was not accepted, as there was no obvious error in the issuing of the Red Card.

Outcome

Having not accepted the Application, the MRP has determined that Saba will serve a Mandatory Match Suspension under offence code *'R5 Denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the opponent's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick.'*

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Redlands United vs Olympic FC – NPL Queensland Men – Graham Harvey

The MRP considered reported incidents at half-time and full-time of Redlands United's NPL Queensland Men fixture against Olympic FC on Friday, 1 March 2024.

The MRP issued Redlands United FC with a Show Cause Notice (the **Notice**) on Monday, 4 March 2024. In accordance with the Football Queensland Disciplinary Regulations (the **Regulations**), the MRP has the authority to consider the incident upon receipt of a written report of the incidents in question.

Following consideration of Redlands United's response to the Notice, and further investigation, the MRP determined the following sanctions be applied:

- Graham Harvey (**Harvey**) of Redlands United FC is charged under offence code '04-01 Use offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures towards a Match Official (isolated incident)' from Table B of Schedule 1 of the Regulations. The minimum sanction for the offence is a four (4) match suspension, being the Mandatory Match Suspension plus three (3) matches. The MRP has confirmed that Harvey will serve a suspension of **four (4) matches** for the offence.

Football should be inclusive and respectful for all who enjoy our game. Any conduct that does not meet these behavioural expectations will not be tolerated.

Football Queensland will continue to work with Redlands United FC and Harvey to ensure that all expectations regarding conduct towards match officials are met moving forward.

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