

MATCH REVIEW PANEL

THURSDAY 28 MARCH 2024

On Thursday 28 March 2024, the Football Queensland Match Review Panel (MRP) convened to consider several incidents arising from Round 5 of the NPL Queensland Men & FQPL 1 Men competitions.

Southside Eagles vs Caboolture FC – Alastair Russell (Caboolture FC)

The MRP considered an incident involving Alastair Russell (Russell) of Caboolture FC on or around the 41st minute of Caboolture FC's FQPL 1 Men match against Southside Eagles on Saturday, 23 March 2024.

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

Further, Caboolture FC submitted an Obvious Error (Red Card) Application (Application) on the basis that an Obvious Error had been made by the Referee by issuing Russell 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 Caboolture FC.

As Russell 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 not warranted in the circumstances. Therefore, the Application was accepted, as there was an obvious error in the issuing of the Red Card.

Outcome

Having accepted the Application, the MRP determined that the Red Card issued to Russell will be rescinded, with the **player free to participate in Caboolture FC's next fixture.**



Southside Eagles vs Caboolture FC – Lewis Bargh (Caboolture FC)

The MRP considered an incident involving Lewis Bargh of Caboolture FC on or around the 82nd minute of Caboolture FC's FQPL 1 Men match against Southside Eagles on Saturday, 23 March 2024.

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

Further, Caboolture FC submitted an Obvious Error (Red Card) Application (Application) on the basis that an Obvious Error had been made by the Referee by issuing Bargh 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 Caboolture FC.

As Bargh 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 determined that the player committed the offence of 'R5 Denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the opponent's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick'. The minimum sanction for this offence is a Mandatory Match Suspension.

In addition, the MRP considered contact made by Bargh with the referee after being issued with a Red Card. The MRP has determined that Bargh committed an additional offence of 'R8 09-01 Threatening or intimidating language or conduct towards a Match Official'. The minimum sanction for this offence is twelve (12) matches, being the Mandatory Match Suspension, plus eleven (11) matches.

The MRP determined that Bargh will serve a **fourteen (14) match suspension** for the two offences. The MRP would like to note that contact with a Match Official will not be tolerated at any time.

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Brisbane City FC vs Redlands United – Samuel Langley (Redlands United)

The MRP considered an incident involving Samuel Langley (Langley) on or around the 65th minute of Redlands United's NPL Queensland Men match against Brisbane City on Saturday, 23 March 2024.

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

The MRP determined that Langley committed the offence of 'R2 01-01 Excessive conduct when the ball is not in play or playing distance'. The minimum sanction for this offence is two (2) matches, being the Mandatory Match Suspension plus one (1) match.

The MRP determined that **Langley will serve a two (2) match suspension**, being the minimum sanction for the offence.

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