

MATCH REVIEW PANEL

THURSDAY 2 MAY 2024

On Thursday 2 May 2024, the Football Queensland Match Review Panel (MRP) convened to consider two incidents arising from Round 9 of the NPL Queensland Men & FQPL 1 Men competitions.

Moreton City Excelsior vs Gold Coast Knights – Declan Smith (Moreton City Excelsior)

The MRP considered two incidents involving Declan Smith of Moreton City Excelsior, firstly on or around the 94th minute and secondly after full time of Moreton City Excelsior's NPL QLD Men match against Gold Coast Knights on Saturday 27 April 2024.

In accordance with the Football Queensland Disciplinary Regulations (the **Regulations**), the MRP has the authority to consider the incident as Smith was issued with a Second Caution Red Card by the referee.

The MRP determined that on or around the 94th minute Smith committed an offence constituting a Second Caution and hence a Red Card under offence code 'R7 Second Caution'. After full time, the MRP determined that Smith committed the offence of 'R8 02-01 Disputing a decision of a Match Official or dissent'. Both sanctions carry a minimum suspension of one (1) match.

The MRP confirmed that Smith will serve a suspension of two (2) matches, being the minimum sanction for the two offences.

Mitchelton FC vs Moreton City Excelsior – Lewis Ballard (Mitchelton FC)

The MRP considered an incident involving Lewis Ballard of Mitchelton FC after full time of Mitchelton FC's FQPL 1 Men match against Moreton City Excelsior on Saturday 27 April 2024.

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

The MRP determined that Ballard committed the offence of "R8 04-01 Use offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures against a Match Official (isolated incident)". The minimum sanction for the offence is four (4) matches, being the Mandatory Match Suspension plus three additional matches.

The MRP confirmed that Ballard will serve a suspension of four (4) matches, being the minimum sanction for the offence.

In reviewing both of the above incidents, the MRP would like to remind all participants that inappropriate interactions with a Match Official after matches will not be tolerated at any time.

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