

MATCH REVIEW PANEL

THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2025

On Thursday 27 February 2025, the Football Queensland Match Review Panel (MRP) convened to consider five incidents arising from Round 1 of the NPL Men competition and Round 3 of the NPL Women competition.

NPL Women: Mitchelton FC vs Sunshine Coast Wanderers – Ella Schultz (Sunshine Coast Wanderers)

The MRP considered an incident involving Ella Schultz of Sunshine Coast Wanderers on or around the 62nd minute of Sunshine Coast Wanderers' NPL Women fixture against Mitchelton FC on Saturday 22 February 2025.

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

The MRP determined that Schultz committed the offence of '*R1 03-01 Conduct that endangers the safety of an opponent in a contest for the ball or has the potential to cause injury*'. The minimum sanction for the offence is three (3) matches, being the Mandatory Match Suspension plus two (2) additional fixtures.

The MRP confirmed that Schultz will serve a suspension of three (3) matches, being the minimum sanction for the offence.

NPL Men: Peninsula Power vs Brisbane Roar – Luke Nieuwenhof (Brisbane Roar)

The MRP considered an incident involving Luke Nieuwenhof of Brisbane Roar on or around the 1st minute of Brisbane Roar's NPL Men fixture against Peninsula Power on Saturday 22 February 2025.

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

The MRP determined that Nieuwenhof committed the offence of '*R1 01-01 Serious foul play tackle*'. The minimum sanction for the offence is one (1) match, being the Mandatory Match Suspension.

The MRP confirmed that Nieuwenhof will serve a suspension of one (1) match, being the minimum sanction for the offence.

NPL Men: Brisbane City vs Moreton City Excelsior – Bilal Sadozal (Brisbane City)

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The MRP considered an incident involving Bilal Sadozai of Brisbane City on or around the 41st minute of Brisbane City's NPL Men fixture against Moreton City Excelsior on Saturday 22 February 2025.

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

The MRP determined that Sadozai 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 the offence is one (1) match, being the Mandatory Match Suspension.

The MRP confirmed that Sadozai will serve a suspension of one (1) match, being the minimum sanction for the offence.

NPL Men: Brisbane City vs Moreton City Excelsior – Oliver Plusnin (Brisbane City)

The MRP considered an incident involving Oliver Plusnin of Brisbane City on or around the 2nd minute of first half stoppage time of Brisbane City's NPL Men fixture against Moreton City Excelsior on Saturday 22 February 2025.

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

The MRP determined that the Match Officials made an Obvious Error in the application of the laws of the game in issuing a red card to Plusnin for this incident. As such, in accordance with the Regulations the MRP has confirmed that the red card issued to Plusnin will be rescinded.

The MRP confirmed that Plusnin will not serve a Mandatory Match Suspension, and is free to participate in this weekend's fixtures.

NPL Men: Brisbane City vs Moreton City Excelsior – David McEvoy (Brisbane City)

The MRP considered an incident involving David McEvoy of Brisbane City during the half time interval of Brisbane City's NPL Men fixture against Moreton City Excelsior on Saturday 22 February 2025.

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

Brisbane City was issued with a Show Cause Notice (the **Notice**) pertaining to this incident on Monday 24 February 2025 and provided a response to the Notice which was considered by the MRP alongside the Match Officials reports of the incident.

After review of the incident and all associated submissions today, the MRP has determined the following outcomes from the investigation:

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- David McEvoy is charged under offence code 'R8 13-02 Excessive conduct towards a Match Official and/or their family/property' and is issued with an **18 month suspension from all football activities;**
- Brisbane City are issued with **Strike 1** under the Football Queensland 3 Strike Policy. As part of this Brisbane City are issued with a **3 point deduction for their NPL Men team, fully suspended for a period of 24 months** and triggered upon a further offence against a Match Official by any player, coach/team official, or spectator at an NPL Men match; and
- Brisbane City to be fined **\$1000** under offence code '04-01 Failure to provide a safe environment for Participants or to maintain public order at a Match' from Table E of the Regulations.

The Match Review Panel would like to thank Brisbane City for their cooperation during this investigation, and remind all Participants that there is a zero tolerance policy in place for any misconduct towards Match Officials.

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