

MATCH REVIEW PANEL

THURSDAY 28 AUGUST 2025

On Thursday 28 August 2025, the Football Queensland Match Review Panel (MRP) convened to consider three incidents arising from the NPL Men & FQPL 1 Men competitions.

NPL Men: St George Willawong vs Peninsula Power – Solomon Weldemariam (Peninsula Power)

The MRP considered an incident involving Solomon Weldemariam of Peninsula Power on or around the 50th minute of Peninsula Power's NPL Men fixture against St George Willawong on Saturday 23 August 2025.

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

Further, on Wednesday 27 August, Peninsula Power submitted an Obvious Error (Red Card) Application (**Application**) on the basis that an Obvious Error had been made by the Referee by issuing Weldemariam with the direct Red Card.

The Application

In accordance with the Regulations, the MRP considered the broadcast footage, Match Official reports and the submissions by Peninsula Power.

As Weldemariam 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 issuance of a direct Red Card.

Outcome

Having held that the Red Card be rescinded, the MRP confirmed that Weldemariam will not be subject to a suspension and is free to participate in further matches.

NPL Men: St George Willawong vs Peninsula Power – Josah Hitchcock (Peninsula Power)

The MRP considered an incident involving Josah Hitchcock of Peninsula Power on or around the 78th minute of Peninsula Power's NPL Men fixture against St George Willawong on Saturday 23 August 2025.

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

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

FQPL 1 Men: Logan Lightning vs Broadbeach United – Nathan Lowe (Broadbeach United)

The MRP considered an incident involving Nathan Lowe of Broadbeach United on or around the 12th minute of Broadbeach United's FQPL 1 Men fixture against Logan Lightning on Sunday 24 August 2025.

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

The MRP determined that Lowe committed the offence of '*R6 01-01 Using language or gestures in frustration*'. The minimum sanction for the offence is one (1) match, being the Mandatory Match Suspension.

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

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