

## MATCH REVIEW PANEL

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### THURSDAY 30 APRIL 2026

On Thursday 30 April 2026, the Football Queensland Match Review Panel (MRP) convened to consider four incidents arising from the NPL Men & FQPL 1 Men competitions.

#### **NPL Men: Brisbane City vs Wynnum Wolves – Masashi Yokoyama (Wynnum Wolves)**

The MRP considered an incident involving Masashi Yokoyama of Wynnum Wolves on or around the 32<sup>nd</sup> minute of Wynnum Wolves' NPL Men fixture against Brisbane City on Sunday 26 April 2026.

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

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

#### **FQPL 1 Men: Brisbane Strikers vs St George Willawong – Umaru Sheriff (St George Willawong)**

The MRP considered an incident involving Umaru Sheriff of St George Willawong on or around the 50<sup>th</sup> minute of St George Willawong's FQPL 1 Men fixture against Brisbane Strikers on Friday 24 April 2026.

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

The MRP determined that Sheriff committed a total of four offences, both in the incident itself and his conduct at full time of the fixture. As such, Sheriff has been charged with '*R1 01-01 Serious foul play tackle, R8 01-01 Fail to abide by or comply with a direction of a Match Official, Table D 01-01 Unauthorised entry onto the field of play, and Table D 03-01 Unsportsmanlike or unprofessional behaviour*'.

The MRP confirmed that Sheriff will serve a total suspension of five (5) matches under the four relevant offence codes.

#### **FQPL 1 Men: Caboolture Sports FC vs Redlands United – Noah Hitchcock (Redlands United)**

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The MRP considered an incident involving Noah Hitchcock of Redlands United on or around the 1<sup>st</sup> minute of second half stoppage time in Redlands United's FQPL 1 Men fixture against Caboolture Sports FC on Saturday 25 April 2026.

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 '*R6 04-01 Use of discriminatory, homophobic, racist, religious, ethnic or sexist language and/or gestures*'. The minimum sanction for the offence is seven (7) matches, being the Mandatory Match Suspension plus six (6) additional fixtures.

The MRP confirmed that Hitchcock will serve a suspension of seven (7) matches, being the minimum sanction available for the offence. The MRP would like to remind all participants of FQ's zero tolerance towards any discriminatory language in the game of football at any time.

#### **FQPL 1 Men: Caboolture Sports FC vs Redlands United – Jayden Balarezo (Redlands United)**

The MRP considered an incident involving Jayden Balarezo of Redlands United on or around the 47<sup>th</sup> minute of Redlands United's FQPL 1 Men fixture against Caboolture Sports FC on Saturday 25 April 2026.

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

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

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