



**5 May 2019**

## **FOUL PLAY REVIEW COMMITTEE NEWS RELEASE**

**Foul Play Review Committee:** Terry Willis (Chairman), Eroni Clarke and Stefan Terblanche

**Player:** Semisi Masirewa

**Team:** Sunwolves

**Position:** Wing

**Date of Incident:** 3 May 2019

**Nature of Offence:** 2 Yellow Cards - 1st Yellow Card: Law:9.7(a) A player must not intentionally infringe any law of the game (Hands in the ruck). 2nd Yellow Card: Law:9.13 A player must not tackle an opponent early, late or dangerously. Dangerous tackling includes, but is not limited to, tackling or attempting to tackle an opponent above the line of the shoulders even if the tackle starts below the line of the shoulders.

**Elapsed time in match when incident occurred:** 1st Yellow Card: 35:35.  
2nd Yellow Card: 49:03

## **SANZAAR NEWS RELEASE**

### **Semisi Masirewa issued 1 week sanction**

The SANZAAR Foul Play Review Committee has accepted a guilty plea from Semisi Masirewa of the Sunwolves after he was Red Carded during a Super Rugby Match at the Weekend.

Masirewa received two Yellow Cards in which he is alleged to have contravened Law 9.7(a) Intentionally Offending and Law 9.13 Dangerous Tackling, during the match between the Reds and Sunwolves at Suncorp Stadium in Brisbane on 3 May 2019.

A Player who receives two Yellow Cards in a match is awarded a Red Card.

Masirewa has been suspended from all forms of the game for 1 week, up to and including Sunday 12 May 2019.

The SANZAAR Foul Play Review Committee of Terry Willis (Chairman), Eroni Clarke and Stefan Terblanche assessed the case.

In his finding, Foul Play Review Committee Chairman Terry Willis ruled the following:

"Having conducted a detailed review of all the available evidence, including all camera angles and additional evidence, including from the player and submissions from his legal representative, Maryjane Crabtree, the Foul Play Review Committee upheld the Red Card, finding both incidents met the Yellow Card threshold."

With respect to sanction the Foul Play Review Committee deemed that a 1 week sanction was appropriate due to the fact the Player had a previous period of suspension for dangerous tackling in the prior year. As a result of the Player's persistent offending it was held that a 1 week sanction was in line with the guidance of World Rugby Regulation 17, Appendix 4"

"The player is therefore suspended for 1 week, up to and including 12 May 2019."

All SANZAAR disciplinary matters are in the first instance referred to the Foul Play Review Committee to provide the option of expediting the judicial process.

For a matter to be dispensed with at this hearing, the person appearing must plead guilty and accept the penalty offered by the Foul Play Review Committee.

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