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FOUL PLAY REVIEW COMMITTEE NEWS RELEASE

Foul Play Review Committee: Adam Casselden SC (Chairman), Mike Mika and Stefan Terblanche

Player: Allan Alaalatoa

Team: Brumbies

Position: Prop

Date of Incident: 6 March 2021

Nature of Offence: 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 offence occurred: 40th minute

SANZAAR NEWS RELEASE

Allan Alaalatoa suspended for 3 weeks

The SANZAAR Foul Play Review Committee has accepted a guilty plea from Allan Alaalatoa of the Brumbies for contravening Law 9.13: Dangerous Tackling, after he was Red Carded during a Super Rugby AU Match at the Weekend.

Alaalatoa has been suspended from all forms of the game for 3 weeks, up to and including 2 April 2021.

The incident occurred in the 40th minute of the match between the Brumbies and Rebels played at GIO Stadium in Canberra on Saturday 6 March 2021.

The SANZAAR Foul Play Review Committee of Adam Casselden SC (Chairman), Stefan Terblanche and Mike Mika assessed the case.

In his finding, Foul Play Review Committee Chairman Adam Casselden SC ruled the following:

"Having conducted a detailed review of all the available evidence, including all camera angles and additional evidence, including from the player, the Foul Play Review Committee upheld the Red Card under Law 9.13."

"With respect to sanction the Foul Play Review Committee deemed the act of foul

play merited a mid-range entry point of 6 weeks due to the World Rugby instructions that dictate any incident of foul play involving contact with the head must start at a mid-range level. However, taking into account mitigating factors including the Player's clean judicial record and pleading guilty at his first available opportunity the Foul Play Review Committee reduced the suspension to 3 weeks."

"The player is therefore suspended from all forms of the game up to and including 2 April 2021. This includes the following fixtures:

- Round 4 Brumbies v Reds 13 March 2021
- Round 6 Brumbies v Western Force 26 March 2021
- Round 7 NSW Waratahs v Brumbies 2 April 2021.

The Brumbies have a scheduled bye in Round 5 which does not count as a week for sanctioning purposes."

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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