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FOUL PLAY REVIEW COMMITTEE NEWS RELEASE

Foul Play Review Committee: Adam Casselden SC (Chairman), Eroni Clarke and Stefan Terblanche

Player: Patelsio Tomkinson

Team: Highlanders

Position: Wing

Date of Incident: 15 February 2020

Nature of Offence: 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: 44:06

SANZAAR NEWS RELEASE

PATELSIO TOMKINSON SUSPENDED FOR 3 WEEKS

The SANZAAR Foul Play Review Committee has accepted a guilty plea from Patelsio Tomkinson of the Highlanders for contravening Law 9.13. A player must not tackle an opponent early, late or dangerously, after he was Cited during a Super Rugby Match at the Weekend.

Tomkinson has been suspended from all forms of the game for 3 weeks, up to and including Saturday 7 March 2020.

The incident occurred in the 44th minute of the match between the Brumbies and Highlanders at GIO Stadium in Canberra on 15 February 2020.

The SANZAAR Foul Play Review Committee of Adam Casselden SC (Chairman), Eroni Clarke and Stefan Terblanche 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 and submissions from his legal representative, Aaron Lloyd, the Foul Play Review Committee upheld

the citing 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 the fact the Player has pleaded guilty at the first available opportunity, the Foul Play Review Committee reduced the suspension to 3 weeks."

"The player is therefore suspended for 3 weeks, up to and including the Saturday 7 March 2020."

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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