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FOUL PLAY REVIEW COMMITTEE NEWS RELEASE

Foul Play Review Committee: Michael Heron KC (Chair), John Langford and Stefan Terblanche

Player: Anton Lienert-Brown

Team: Chiefs

Position: Centre

Date of Incident: 24 June 2023

Nature of Offence: Law 9.13: A player must not tackle an opponent early, late or dangerously.

Elapsed time in match when offence occurred: 08:55

SANZAAR NEWS RELEASE

Anton Lienert-Brown suspended for 3 weeks.

The SANZAAR Foul Play Review Committee (FPRC) reviewed the citing for Anton Lienert-Brown of the Chiefs for contravening Law 9.13: A player must not tackle an opponent early, late or dangerously, during the Super Rugby Pacific final at the Weekend.

Lienert-Brown has been suspended for 3 weeks, up to and including 29 July 2023.

The incident occurred in the 8th minute of the match between the Chiefs and Crusaders at FMG Stadium Waikato in Hamilton on Saturday 24 June 2023.

The SANZAAR Foul Play Review Committee of Michael Heron KC (Chairman), Stefan Terblanche and John Langford assessed the case.

In his finding, Foul Play Review Committee Chair Michael Heron KC 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 held the act of foul play was reckless, with direct head-to-head contact made, high force and no significant mitigating factors present. The FPRC found the incident was dangerous and, after considering the relevant factors, decided the foul play merited a mid-range entry point of 6 weeks. Taking into account mitigating factors, including the Player's exemplary record and guilty plea, the Foul Play Review Committee reduced the suspension by three weeks."

"The player is therefore suspended for 3 weeks, up to and including 29 July 2023."

"In addition to the 3 weeks' suspension, the FPRC has determined that the player is granted access in the application for the World Rugby Coaching Intervention Programme".

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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