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FOUL PLAY REVIEW COMMITTEE NEWS RELEASE

Foul Play Review Committee: Michael Heron QC (Chairman), John Langford and Stefan Terblanche

Player: Angus Bell

Team: Waratahs

Position: Prop

Date of Incident: 22 April 2022

Nature of Offence: Law 9.18: A player must not lift an opponent off the ground and drop or drive that player so that their head and/or upper body make contact with the ground.

Elapsed time in match when offence occurred: 2:40

SANZAAR NEWS RELEASE

Angus Bell issued a Warning

The SANZAAR Foul Play Review Committee has examined a matter relating to Angus Bell of the Waratahs for contravening Law 9.18: A player must not lift an opponent off the ground and drop or drive that player so that their head and/or upper body make contact with the ground, after he was Red Carded during a Super Rugby Pacific Match at the Weekend.

Bell has been issued with a Warning for his actions. A Warning may be issued by the SANZAAR Foul Play Review Committee for foul play incidents that are very close to, but in their opinion do not meet the Red Card threshold.

The incident occurred in the 2nd minute of the match between the Chiefs and Waratahs played at AAMI Park in Melbourne on 22 April 2022.

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

In his finding, Foul Play Review Committee Chairman Michael Heron QC 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 found the foul play did not breach the red card threshold."

"With respect to sanction the Foul Play Review Committee deemed the act of foul play merited a Warning as it was close to, but did not breach the red card threshold. The Foul Play Review Committee deemed that the significant involvement of other players contributed to the incident which produced mitigating factors."

"The player is therefore free to resume playing."

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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