



**14 June 2022**

## **JUDICIAL COMMITTEE HEARING NEWS RELEASE**

**Hearing Details (date, time and venue):** Tuesday 14 June, 6:30pm(AEST), 8:30pm(NZST) via video-conference

**Judicial Committee Chair:** Nigel Hampton QC

**Judicial Committee Members:** Mike Mika & David Croft

**Player:** Pablo Matera

**Team:** Crusaders

**Position:** Flanker

**Date of Incident:** Saturday, 10 June 2022

**Nature of Offences:** Persistent offending by (a) receiving three or more yellow cards in the Super Rugby Pacific competition and by (b) receiving two yellow cards in a match - World Rugby Regulation 17.9 and Appendix 4; and Laws 9.29 and 9.30.

### **SANZAAR NEWS RELEASE**

#### **Pablo Matera issued no further sanction**

The SANZAAR Judicial Committee has examined a matter relating to Pablo Matera of the Crusaders for accumulating four yellow cards in the Super Rugby Pacific competition including being yellow carded twice in the semi-final match on Friday 10 June.

No further sanction has been imposed on Matera and he is free to play.

Matera received a Yellow Card in Round 11, a Yellow Card in Round 15, and two Yellow Cards, which by law became a Red Card, in the Semi-Final.

In his finding, the Judicial Committee Chair Nigel Hampton ruled the following:

"Having conducted a detailed review of all the evidence in relation to the four yellow cards and having considered the evidence and submissions on behalf of the Player, together with the surrounding circumstances, the Committee was satisfied that there was no pattern of persistent offending by the Player which was of concern."

"Two of the yellow cards were given for technical offences (that is, not Foul Play) and those two technical offences were of a different nature to each other. The remaining two yellow cards again were for offences of a different nature and showed no pattern of concern. The Judicial Committee found that these were exceptional circumstances which meant that no further sanction was warranted."

"In addition, the Committee decided that the red carding and sending off of the Player was a sufficient penalty in these unusual circumstances and that no additional sanction was appropriate in relation to that. However, the Red Card will remain on the Player's record."

**ENDS**