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FOUL PLAY REVIEW COMMITTEE NEWS RELEASE

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

Player: Ollie Callan

Team: Force

Position: Flanker

Date of Incident: 5 March 2023

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: 59:41

SANZAAR NEWS RELEASE

Ollie Callan issued a Warning

The SANZAAR Foul Play Review Committee reviewed the Red Card awarded to Ollie Callan of the Force for contravening Law 9.13: A player must not tackle an opponent early, late or dangerously, during a Super Rugby Pacific Match at the Weekend.

Callan 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 59th minute of the match between the Force and Reds at AAMI Park in Melbourne on 5 March 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, Michael Tudori, 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 mitigating factors, including the ball carrier's sudden and late change of direction and additional players being involved within the tackle, mitigated the sanction to a Warning."

"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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