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FOUL PLAY REVIEW COMMITTEE NEWS RELEASE

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

Player: Mike McKee

Team: Moana Pasifika

Position: Lock

Date of Incident: 11 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: 46th minute.

SANZAAR NEWS RELEASE

Mike McKee issued a Warning

The SANZAAR Foul Play Review Committee reviewed the Red Card awarded to Mike McKee of Moana Pasifika 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.

McKee 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 46th minute of the match between the Force and Moana Pasifika at HBF Park in Perth on 11 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 tackle was upright - passive and not of high danger, which 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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