



JUDICIAL UPDATE

15 April 2024

FOUL PLAY REVIEW COMMITTEE NEWS RELEASE

Player: Fraser McReight

Team: Queensland Reds

Position: Flanker

Date of Incident: 12 April 2024

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 incident occurred: 74:47

SANZAAR NEWS RELEASE

Fraser McReight suspended for 3 weeks

The Super Rugby Pacific Foul Play Review Committee (FPRC) has found Fraser McReight of the Queensland Reds guilty of contravening 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.

Fraser McReight been suspended from all forms of the game up to and including 4 May 2024

The incident occurred in the 74th minute of the match between Moana Pasifika and Queensland Reds at Semenoff Stadium in Whangarei on 12 April 2024.

The FPRC comprising Stephen Hardy (Chairman), Ofisa Tonu'u and Stefan Terblanche assessed the incident.

In his finding, FPRC Chairman Stephen Hardy ruled as follows:

"Having conducted a detailed review of all the available evidence, including all camera angles and additional evidence, including from the player and the player's submissions,

the Foul Play Review Committee (FPRC) upheld the Red Card and found the Player to have contravened Law 9.13."

"Applying World Rugby's Head Contact Process, the FPRC assessed the Player's actions as including direct head contact which was made to the victim player with the Player's shoulder at high speed, with the Player's body position always upright and moving upwards and towards the collision. The FPRC assessed the act as reckless."

"The FPRC was concerned by the "upright nature of the tackle" and determined that it was an "always illegal" act of foul play. In those circumstances mitigation would not apply."

"Even if it was not an "always illegal" act of foul play, there was, in the FPRC's view, no sudden or significant change in height or direction, a late change in dynamics (or any other relevant mitigating factor set out within the Head Contact Process) to result in mitigation sufficient to downgrade the incident to a yellow card."

"The entry point for the offence was 6 weeks (assessed as mid-range in line with World Rugby's mandate and given there were no other factors applicable, in this instance, to increase the entry point). The Player was given a discount for entering an early guilty plea (and other relevant mitigating factors including remorse and prior disciplinary record), reducing the suspension from 6 weeks to 3 weeks. The Player is therefore suspended up to and including 4 May 2024."

The Player is eligible to apply for the World Rugby "Head Contact Process – Coaching Intervention" process.

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