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FOUL PLAY REVIEW COMMITTEE NEWS RELEASE

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

Player: Tom Banks

Team: Brumbies

Position: Full Back

Date of Incident: 25 March 2022

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: 28:07

SANZAAR NEWS RELEASE

Tom Banks issued a Warning

The SANZAAR Foul Play Review Committee has dismissed the Red Card issued to Tom Banks of the Brumbies 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.

Banks has been issued a Warning for his actions.

The incident occurred in the 27th minute of the match between Force and Brumbies played at HBF Park in Perth on 25 March 2022.

The SANZAAR Foul Play Review Committee of Michael Heron QC (Chair), 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 submissions from the Player, the Foul Play Review Committee dismissed the Red Card and instead issued a Warning"

"With respect to sanction the Foul Play Review Committee found the act of foul play did not breach the Red Card threshold due to mitigating factors. The Foul Play Review Committee found that initial contact was shoulder to shoulder, there was an effort to wrap in the tackle and the tackled player contributed to the contact with a sudden and late change in direction. The Foul Play Review Committee did believe that the offence was close to the Red Card threshold and as a result issued a Warning (the equivalent of a yellow card)."

"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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