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FOUL PLAY REVIEW COMMITTEE NEWS RELEASE

Foul Play Review Committee: Nigel Hampton QC (Chairman), John Langford and Stefan Terblanche

Player: Joe Moody

Team: Crusaders

Position: Prop

Date of Incident: 12 May 2018

Nature of Offence: Law 9.12: A player must not physically abuse anyone. Physical abuse includes, but is not limited to: Striking with hand or arm.

Elapsed time in match when offence occurred: 34:31

SANZAAR NEWS RELEASE

Joe Moody suspended for 2 matches

The SANZAAR Foul Play Review Committee has accepted a guilty plea from Joe Moody of the Crusaders for contravening Law 9.12: Striking with hand or arm, after he was Cited during a Super Rugby Match at the Weekend.

Moody has been suspended from all forms of the game for 2 matches, up to and including Friday 25 May 2018.

The incident occurred in the 34th minute of the match between the Crusaders and Waratahs played at AMI Stadium in Christchurch on 12 May 2018.

The SANZAAR Foul Play Review Committee of Nigel Hampton QC (Chairman), Stefan Terblanche and John Langford assessed the case.

In his finding, Foul Play Review Committee Chairman Nigel Hampton QC ruled the following:

"Having conducted a detailed review of all the available evidence, including all camera angles and a statement from the player, and submissions from his legal representative, Aaron Lloyd, the Foul Play Review Committee upheld the citing under Law 9.12."

"With respect to sanction the Foul Play Review Committee deemed the act of foul play merited a mid-range entry point of 4 weeks due to the dangerous contact with the opposing Player's head. However, taking into account mitigating factors including the Player's excellent judicial record, good character and guilty plea at the earliest possible opportunity, the Foul Play Review Committee reduced the suspension to 2 weeks."

"The player is therefore suspended for 2 weeks, up to and including Friday 25 May 2018."

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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