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FOUL PLAY REVIEW COMMITTEE NEWS RELEASE

Foul Play Review Committee: Nigel Hampton QC (Chairman), Stephen Hardy and Stefan Terblanche

Player: Raymond Rhule

Team: Stormers

Position: Wing

Date of Incident: 26 May 2018

Nature of Offence: Law 9.25 - A player must not intentionally charge or obstruct an opponent who has just kicked the ball.

Elapsed time in match when offence occurred: 50 min

SANZAAR NEWS RELEASE

Raymond Rhule suspended for 3 weeks

The SANZAAR Foul Play Review Committee has accepted a guilty plea from Raymond Rhule of the Stormers for contravening Law 9.25: A player must not intentionally charge or obstruct an opponent who has just kicked the ball, after he was Red Carded] during a Super Rugby Match at the Weekend.

Rhule has been suspended from all forms of the game for 3 weeks, up to and including 22 June 2018.

The incident occurred in the 50th minute of the match between the Stormers and Lions played at DHL Newlands in Cape Town on 26 May 2018..

The SANZAAR Foul Play Review Committee of Nigel Hampton QC (Chairman), Stefan Terblanche and Stephen Hardy 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 additional evidence, including from the Player and submissions from his legal representative, Adrian Montzinger, the Foul Play Review Committee upheld the Red Card under Law 9.25"

"With respect to sanction the Foul Play Review Committee deemed the act of foul play merited a mid-range entry point of 6 weeks, especially given that that act resulted in a blow to the opposing player's head. However, taking into account mitigating factors including the Player's excellent Judicial record, his good character and his early guilty plea at the first available opportunity, the Foul Play Review Committee reduced the suspension to 3 weeks."

"The player is therefore suspended for 3 weeks, up to and including 22 June 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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