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FOUL PLAY REVIEW COMMITTEE NEWS RELEASE

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

Player: Conraad Van Vuuren

Team: Bulls

Position: Prop

Date of Incident: 16 March 2018

Nature of Offence: Law 9.13 - a player must not tackle an opponent early, late or dangerously.

Elapsed time in match when offence occurred: 66:50

SANZAAR NEWS RELEASE

Conraad Van Vuuren suspended for 3 weeks

The SANZAAR Foul Play Review Committee has accepted a guilty plea from Conraad Van Vuuren of the Bulls for contravening Law 9.13 - a player must not tackle an opponent early, late or dangerously, after he was Cited during a Super Rugby Match at the Weekend.

Van Vuuren has been suspended from all forms of the game for 3 weeks, up to and including Saturday 14 April 2018.

The incident occurred in the 67th minute of the match between the Chiefs and Bulls played at FMG Stadium Waikato in Hamilton on Friday 16 March 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 additional evidence, including submissions from his legal representative, Adrian Montzinger, the Foul Play Review Committee upheld the Citing under Law 9.13. This was an objectively dangerous tackle."

"With respect to sanction the Foul Play Review Committee deemed the act of foul play merited a mid-range entry point of 6 weeks due to the lateness of the tackle and the Player's direct contact to his opponent's head. However, taking into account mitigating factors including the Player's youth, his clean Judicial record and his guilty plea at the earliest possible opportunity, the Foul Play Review Committee reduced the suspension to

3 weeks."

"The player is therefore suspended for 3 weeks, up to and including the Saturday 14 April 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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