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The Rugby Championship Juicial Update: Round 1

The SANZAAR Foul Play Review Committee (FPRC) has found Cooper Watters (Australia U20s) guilty of lifting a player off the ground in contravention of Law 9.18.

The dangerous play, for which Watters received a red card, occurred in the 54th minute of The Rugby Championship U20 match between New Zealand and Australia at Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium, Gqeberha, on 27 April 2026.

In this instance, the FPRC determined that the actions constituted reckless foul play; however, did not reach the threshold for a red card, and a Warning was deemed appropriate in this case due to mitigating factors.

A Warning is relevant only for the purposes of a Player's disciplinary record going forward and does not affect the decisions of Match Officials during a Match. Cooper Watters is free to play.

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