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DISCIPLINARY PANEL REPORT

Match: Porvoo - Warriors

Competition: Championship

Date: 16.05.2015

Player/club: Jesper Lindblad, Porvoo

Reason for hearing

The player was dismissed with a straight red card for kneeling an opponent in the back of the head while on the ground.

Panel composition

George Mossford, Chris Gibbons, Steve Whittaker

Evidence submitted

Written reports by the match referee and Porvoo (including a statement from the team coach and quotes from Jesper Lindblad), and a match video supplied by Warriors.

Outcome

The player contested in his report that he was not a part of the ruck in question and so could not have committed the foul for which he was sent from the field. Upon revision of the match tape, the player's contention is clearly true as he can be seen some distance from the ruck in which the incident occurred (with no opposition player nearby). The panel therefore concludes that the awarding of a red card to this player was incorrect and the red card is hereby rescinded and will not appear against this player's record. The player is available for selection with immediate effect.

When reviewing video evidence, the disciplinary panel has the authority to cite any player committing an act of foul play occurring within a minute either side of the event under review. The panel therefore looked to determine whether the player, if any, that did deliver the knee could be identified. Unfortunately the ruck in question was not shown with sufficient clarity on the video for this to be possible. As a result, no further action will be taken in relation to this incident.

