

RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION
DISCIPLINARY HEARING
BRISTOL FILTON HOLIDAY INN
MONDAY 7TH APRIL 2008

JUDGMENT

Player: Harry Heasman

Club: Havant RFC

Panel: Christopher Quinlan (Chairman)
Mike Curling
John Doubleday

In Attendance:

Bruce Reece – Russel - Secretary

To Consider:

The sending off of Harry Heasman, Havant RFC for striking an opponent contrary to Law 10(4)(a) during the match Havant v Dings Crusaders on the 29th March 2008..

The case was dealt with as “papers only” at the request of the Club.

Evidence as to Fact

The Panel considered :-

1. The sending off report.
2. Emails from Mick Chalk, Secretary Havant RFC dated 31st March 2008.
3. Record of Internal club disciplinary hearing of the 2nd April 2008.

Sanction

In line with paragraph 8.2.5 of the Disciplinary Regulations the Panel assessed the entry point as MR (5 weeks) In doing so they considered the actions of the player were intentional, the other player was left unconscious and had to leave the field. They then addressed 8.2.6 in regard to aggravating features and found there to be none.

Turning to mitigating factors they took into account the fact that the player had pleaded guilty at an early stage and that he was apologetic.

The Panel took into account that the Club had suspended the player for 2 weeks and determined that the player should receive the full discount allowed under the regulations and suspended him for 3 weeks.

The player is suspended from the 2nd to the 22nd April 2008, allowing him to play again on the 23rd April 2008.

Costs

Costs of £75.00 are awarded against the Player/Club.

Right of Appeal

There is a right of appeal against this decision which should be lodged with the RFU Disciplinary Department in accordance with the Disciplinary Regulations.

Signed.....
Bruce Reece-Russel, Secretary

8th April 2008