APRIL DISCIPLINARY REPORT

The case involving Young Match Official Abuse from 12th February has been concluded with a Redruth Colts coach given a 3 week ban by the club, 2 week sanction plus 1 extra week as per CRFU sanction for Match Official Abuse, also told to write a letter of apology to the referee for his actions.

A player from Helston RFC was sent off for a stamp Reg 9:12. Helston heard the case, thought it a low range offence and gave the player a 2 week ban. The CRFU Disciplinary panel disagreed with this decision, decided it was a mid-range offence and gave the player a 6 week ban with 50% mitigation resulting in a 3 week ban. Helston were informed they had 14 days to appeal to the RFU if they so wished. They accepted the verdict.

The final weekend of March saw a Camborne II player sent off for a double yellow card Reg 9:27 re dissent to the referee. Camborne judged the offence to be Reg 9:28 and banned the player for 3 games (including the extra week imposed by the CRFU). The player’s suspension will also carry over to the first week of the 22/23 season.

Camborne have now hit 5 red cards for the season, they were summoned to a hearing on the 19th April under Reg 5:12. Camborne were given a warning and asked to put certain measures in place to the satisfaction of the CB Disciplinary Committee

The citing case brought by Royal Wootton Bassett RFC against a Launceston player was heard at Truro Golf Club. The player was cited Reg 9:12 for punching a player in a maul knocking him unconscious. The panel found the Launceston player guilty and he was given a 6 match ban, no mitigation was given as the player pleaded not guilty to the charge. This ban will likely be served at the beginning of next season running into October. Launceston have been charged £65 as a fee.

I was made aware of an incident that took place on Saturday 9th April during the Cornwall & Devon League match between Bude v Veor-Holman, the Veor 9 was racially abused by a section of “supporters” as he left the field having been shown a yellow card. This incident was immediately referred to David Barnes, RFU Head of Discipline for action. This is unacceptable behaviour .

Of interest a Redruth first team player was cited by Guernsey for a Strike with shoulder Reg 9:12 . He pleaded guilty and given a 3 match ban.

Also, a Cornish Pirates player received a red card in the Championship game against Ampthill Reg 9:16 Charging an opponent carrying the ball without making a tackle. He was given a 6 week ban reduced to 4 weeks.

The current tally of red cards for the season now stands at 35.

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