

Sussex County Football Association (SCFA)

Disciplinary Commission

Hearing – Friday 29th March 2019

Commission members – David Nessling (Chairman – County Member), John Edward (County Member) & Mike Price (Independent Member)

Commission Secretary – Ollie Powell (Football Services Manager SCFA)

Case ID: 9789681-M

Charge: FA Rule E3 – Improper Conduct against a Match Official (including threatening and/or abusive behaviour).

Participant: Jamie Oakman.

Club/Role: AFC Ringmer - Player.

Match: Horsted Keynes v AFC Ringmer Third.

Date: Saturday 16th February 2019.

League: Mid Sussex Football League.

Written reasons for decision

After considering all the evidence put forward the commission decided that on the balance of probability the case against Jamie Oakman was proven.

The Commission members were unanimous in their decision having taken into account the following:

- The Referee's report was clear in stating that Mr Oakman shouted obscenities at him. This was considered as abusive behaviour.
- The Referee's report stated that Mr Oakman had to be held back from him by teammates. This was considered as threatening behaviour.
- The Referee's email to the SCFA dated 27th February 2019 included that Mr Oakman had to be held back by his teammates to calm him down. This it was considered again confirmed Mr Oakman's threatening behaviour.
- The Referee's email to the SCFA dated 20th February 2019 advised that Mr Oakman had said to the Referee 'I am going to knock you out'. This was considered as threatening behaviour.
- The email from Horsted Keynes official David Manning to the SCFA dated 22nd February admitted Mr Oakman had dissented and used abusive language. This it was considered was admittance as to the abusive language spoken.
- The commission members took into account in mitigation the content of Mr Oakman's unsigned and undated statement in which Mr Oakman said his judgement was clouded due to a kick in the face although he also said he had reacted badly and admitted he had lost his temper.

Decision: The Commission members came to the following decision:

- The participant be suspended for 10 matches.
- The participant be fined £75.
- The participant's club Horsted Keynes accrue 6 penalty points.

David Nessling,
Chairman,
SCFA Disciplinary Commission
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