

**THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION  
REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**E.F.L. CUP  
OLDHAM ATHLETIC FC V WIGAN ATHLETIC FC  
TUESDAY 09<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2016**

---

CLAIM OF WRONGFUL DISMISSAL– JAKE BUXTON – WIGAN ATHLETIC FC

---

MEMBERS OF COMMISSION:-	B.W. BRIGHT [CHAIRMAN] K.ALLEN A. KNIGHT
-------------------------	--

---

**MR. P. Mc.CORMACK – FA Judicial Services Manager acted as Secretary to the Regulatory Commission**

Mr. A. WILEY to advise the Commission in relation to the Laws of the Game.

These notes formulate the written reasoning in The Regulatory Commission REJECTING the Claim for Wrongful Dismissal as submitted by Jake Buxton of Wigan Athletic FC.

The Commission was in receipt of:-

- a. The Official Report Form of :-
  - i. G. ELTRINGHAM - REFEREE
  - ii. J. MAINWARING – ASSISTANT REFEREE
- b. CORRESPONDENCE dated 10 August 2016 from WIGAN ATHLETIC FC under the hand of CHRIS LAIRD – Football Secretary.
- c. VIDEOS as submitted by WIGAN ATHLETIC FC,

The Members carefully studied the videos as submitted alongside the written submissions.

The Members noted in particular the reference of the Assistant Referee, Mr. Mainwaring, where he stated:-

“I had a clear unobstructed view of Mr. Buxton committing a foul challenge with excessive force and endangering the safety of an opponent. Mr. Buxton’s challenge led with the studs catching his opponent around the knee and was over the top of the ball.”

After detailed deliberation the Members were unanimously not satisfied that the Referee had not made an obvious error in dismissing the player from the field of play.

They believed the challenge was not made in a fair manner, was not a legitimate challenge and had endangered the opponent. Likewise that the ball was nearer to the opponent who was running at pace and the challenge with a straight leg from some two yards was a lunge with studs showing and constituted serious foul play.

Hence they REJECTED THE CLAIM

BARRY W. BRIGHT  
CHAIRMAN - 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2016