



## DECISION OF THE MATCH REVIEW PANEL OF THE GHANA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Match Review Case 5 of 2021/2022

### COMPLAINT BY HEARTS OF OAK SC

### ACCRA HEARTS OF OAK VRS. ADUANA FC (MATCH DAY THREE)

#### **SUMMARY OF COMPLAINT**

1. In the 23<sup>rd</sup> minute of the 1<sup>st</sup> half, Adam Farouk of Aduana FC brought down Daniel Afriyie Barnieh in the eighteen-yard box which referee Morrison failed to award a penalty to Hearts of Oak.
2. Again Adam Farouk broke down a goal scoring attack by bringing down Kofi Kordzi in the 73<sup>rd</sup> minute of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half.
3. Mohammed Alhassan was sent off by referee Morrison without committing foul. Bright Adjei of Aduana FC missed his step and fell in the 78<sup>th</sup> minute.
4. The Match Commissioner (Charles Darkwah) sat in the presidential box at the stadium disfranchising Hearts of Oak from channeling their concerns to him.

#### **OBSERVATIONS, FINDINGS AND GROUNDS OF THE DECISION**

Per the video watched, the 23<sup>rd</sup> minute complaint did not show any clear contact of the two players involved in the tackle.

In the 63<sup>rd</sup> minute, there was a clear contact in the tackle between player of Heart No. 9 and Aduana player No. 24, but the referee rather judged it as a fair tackle instead of a foul. The referee erred.

In the 78<sup>th</sup> minute incident, player No. 15 of Hearts of Oak and player number 10 of Aduana were involved in contesting for the ball in the penalty area of Hearts of Oak. The referee awarded a penalty and a red card against the Hearts player number 15. This in our view was a wrong decision taken by the referee.

#### **REFEREE'S OFFICIAL RESPONSE/DEFENCE**

In talking to the referee, he tried to defend every action and decision he took during the match even when all the actions were replayed to him in the video clips.

#### **DECISION(S)**

**The referee (Eso Doh Morrison) is hereby suspended for eight (8) matchdays effective from the date of communication for the multiple errors committed during the match.**

**Dr. Francis Eyiah Bediako**  
Chairman, Match Review Panel