



DECISION OF THE MATCH REVIEW PANEL OF THE GHANA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Match Review Case 3 of 2021/2022

COMPLAINT BY BECHEM UNITED FC

ASANTE KOTOKO VRS. BECHEM UNITED FC (MATCH DAY TWO)

SUMMARY OF COMPLAINT

In the 59th minute, the referee failed to give a red card to Ismail Abdul-Ganiyu (player of Asante Kotoko) for a seriously bad tackle on Emmanuel Avornyo (player of Bechem United).

OBSERVATIONS, FINDINGS AND GROUNDS OF THE DECISION

Per the video watched, we saw the player No. 30 of Asante Kotoko engaged in a serious foul play against player number 7 of Bechem. Per Law 12 (Fouls and Misconduct), the player used excessive force which endangers the safety of an opponent and therefore should be expelled.

MATCH OFFICIAL RESPONSES/DEFENCE

Gabriel Opoku Arhin, the center referee for that game admitted that during the game, he could not see the offence clearly but after consultation with the fourth referee (Andrew Awurisa) they decided to give the minimal sanction of a yellow card.

However, after watching the video of the match they both admitted that they erred. The Assistant two (Alex Osam-Nyarko) also claimed that he could not see clearly due to the distance between him and location of the incident.

DECISION(S)

The referee (Gabriel Opoku Arhin) erred in a major decision which was a carrier threatening tackle.

1. He is suspended for six (6) matchdays effective from the date of communication.
2. The fourth referee (Andrew Awurisa) is suspended for four (4) matchdays for his role played in the match effective from the date of communication.

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