

# BREDON STAR R.F.C. Ltd. est. 1991

Incorporating  
**Bredon Star Junior Rugby**

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**Internal Disciplinary Meeting**  
**Date of Meeting: 15/03/2020**  
**Player Name: Duncan Taylor**  
**D.O.B. 18/03/1977**  
**RFU ID: 00260179**

## Disciplinary Committee:

- Kieran Matty – Director of Rugby
- Kevin Falvey – Chairman
- Alex Ayres – Forwards Coach

## Minutes:

- Kieran Matty

## Additional Attendees:

- Duncan Taylor

## Players account of the incident

### Duncan Taylor

- The incident happened 10 minutes into the second half
- I had been moved into the back row, my usual position, from the wing, where I had been required to start the game
- I would readily admit that I wanted to get more involved in the game so a move into the back row was exactly what I wanted at the time!
- Shortly after moving into the forwards, I saw an opportunity to slow down the quick ball CCS had been getting with a tackled CCS player on the floor with the ball
- No ruck had formed so I attempted to jackal for the ball over the top of the tackled CCS player
- Admittedly, other players then getting involved with the 'tackle' meant I went off my feet over the top of the ball which happens many times during a game of rugby
- With this situation I cannot, and would not, categorially state that my elbow didn't strike the CCS player, however I can categorially state that there was no premeditation or intention to injure him
- Following the alleged incident, I was struck numerous times by a CCS player whilst on the ground although I am unaware of the specific individual
- I could have understood if I had been given yellow card for going off my feet at the ruck because there was an accumulation of incidents at the breakdown from both teams
- It was a real surprise to me when the referee produced a red card and I even heard murmurs from the CCS players that it was a 'soft red' as I was leaving the field

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## Considerations of the panel

- Duncan is currently the co-Treasurer at Bredon Star RFC, and a qualified accountant, who has never been required to attend a disciplinary hearing previously in his career.
- Alex has played rugby with Duncan for many years at their previous club, Smiths, and Bredon Star so was able to ratify his nature on the field as a very competitive but not dirty individual.
- Kevin and I have also known Duncan for a long time as friends, opponents and teammates
- We have considered his nature and previous clean record in our judgement

## Disciplinary panel summary

Alex and Kieran were on the field of play for the majority of the match and Kevin was on the touchline. Everyone would agree that it was clear from the outset that both sides wanted to win and a very physical game of rugby ensued which, admittedly, did boil over a couple of times. Each incident was handled by the referee on the field of play with a sanction he felt appropriate at the time. There had been one yellow card issued previously and there was a subsequent yellow card issued later in the match, one for each side.

For clarity, Duncan was not directly involved in any incidents, and had not been spoken to by the referee, prior to the alleged incident for which the panel convened.

## Internal Club Sanction

In considering the competitive nature of the match, the murmurs from the CCS players and supporters at the time of a 'soft red card' along with Duncan's account of the incident and previous clean record, the panel agreed that a sanction at the lower end of the range is appropriate in this instance.

Based on the RFU sanctions entry points, we feel a 2-week ban is appropriate and therefore Duncan will be unavailable for the club until Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

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Director of Rugby

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