

DECISION FORM

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Particulars of offence	
Player's Name: Stuart Logier	
Player's number: 12	
Player's union: Luxembourg	
Competition: Rugby Europe Men's Trophy (2025)	
Host Team (T1): Luxembourg	Visiting Team (T2): Sweden
Venue : Luxembourg stadium	
Date of match: March 29 th , 2025	
Rules to apply: Regulation 17 World Rugby Handbook; Rugby Europe Disciplinary Regulations	
Referee Name: Saba Makharadze	
Plea: <input type="checkbox"/> Admitted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not admitted	
Offence: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Red card <input type="checkbox"/> Citing <input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>If "Other" selected, please specify:</i>	
Hearing details	
Chairperson: Rose-Alice Murphy (IRL)	
Other Members of the Disciplinary Panel: - Bartosz Marczynski (POL) - Maryia Zhurova (BLR)	
Hearing date: April 1 st , 2025	
Hearing venue: On remote	
Appearance Player: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Appearance Union: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Player's Representative(s): Eugene Gillespie (Team Manager) Michael Engbork (General Secretary)	
Other attendees: David Baird-Smith (Rugby Europe)	
List of documents/ materials considered by the Panel: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Red card report from referee• Video clips• Game sheet• Statement of the victim player including physio report• Statement by way of email from the Luxembourg Union	
Summary of essential elements of citing / Referee's report / Incident footage	
The ball, which had been kicked by a Luxembourg player, was caught from a bounce by the victim player. The referee's report set out that, the Player approached the victim player at high speed, in an upright position and that there was head to head contact. This is supported by the match footage.	
Essential elements of other evidence (e.g. medical reports)	
The victim player provided a statement, supported by the Swedish team physio, indicating that he had been assessed at the time of the incident and had been removed only because of the presence of blood. He reports no ongoing symptoms/ injury.	
Summary of player's evidence	

The Player accepted that there was foul play and that there was head contact but denied that the foul play reached the red card threshold on the basis that he believed that there were mitigating facts which would bring it down. He said that the Luxembourg scrum half had kicked a box kick and, as he had been trained to do, he had come up hard and fast. His teammate sought to catch the ball but it bounced and was ultimately caught by the victim player (who was a member of the opposition).

The Player said that once the ball bounced and he could see that it would be caught by the victim player he intended to set up a maul, which again he noted was something he had been trained to do in the circumstances. He accepted that he had gone in high and that he had a duty of care to the victim player but said that this should be mitigated by two facts:

1. In his view the victim player the victim player had made a sudden change of direction – he had caught the ball facing his tryline and had turned 180 degrees by the time the Player reached him.
2. In his view the victim player had slightly dropped his body height.

With respect to his speed, he expressed the view that while his initial steps were at high speed, he was slowing as he made contact.

Findings of fact

The Player committed an act of foul play under Law 9.13, which reached the red card threshold in that he tackled the victim player with force, at speed and in an upright position and that his head made contact with the head of the victim player.

Whilst the victim player did change his direction, we do not accept that it is a mitigating factor as it should not have been an unexpected movement in the circumstances and if he had not turned the most likely scenario was the that Player would still have made head contact with the victim player, albeit it on the other side of his head. We also did not accept that the victim player had significantly dropped his height shortly before the contact.

Decision

Proven Not proven Other disposal (please state)

SANCTIONING PROCESS

Assessment of seriousness

As per Article 4.5 of Rugby Europe Disciplinary Regulations and Regulations 17 of World Rugby

Assessment of intent:

Intentional/deliberate Reckless

State reasons:

The actions of the Player were reckless in that he made contact with the victim player at speed and high and therefore did not ensure that he was in a position to make a legal tackle.

Nature of actions

The Player made contact with the victim player at speed and high which resulted in him making head on head contact with the victim player.

Existence of provocation:

N/A

Whether player retaliated:

N/A

Self-defence:

N/A

Effect on victim:

The victim player suffered a blood injury but could play on and has reported no ongoing symptoms.

Effect on match:

N/A

Vulnerability of victim:

N/A

Level of participation / premeditation:

N/A

Conduct completed / attempted:

Completed.

Other features of player's conduct:

N/A

Entry point

Low-end	Weeks	Mid-range	Weeks	Top end	Weeks
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Reasons for selecting entry point:

The mid-range entry point was sought as the action was reckless rather than deliberate but there was head contact.

Relevant off-field mitigating factors

As per Article 4.5 of Rugby Europe Disciplinary Regulations and Regulations 17 of World Rugby

Acknowledgement of guilt and timing:

The Player accepted foul play at the outset of the hearing but submitted that it did not meet the red card threshold.

Player's disciplinary record / good character:

No previous red cards. A character reference was submitted.

Youth and inexperience of player:	Conduct prior to and at hearing:
He has been playing adult rugby since he was 19 and is now 32.	Conducted himself professionally at the hearing.
Remorse and timing of Remorse	Other off-field mitigation:
The Player was seriously injured himself in the incident and did not get the opportunity to contact the victim player himself after the incident but he asked his team management to contact their counterparts, which they did.	N/A

Number of weeks deducted: 3
Summary of reason for number of weeks deducted:
The Player conducted himself well at the hearing, accepted that foul play had been committed, ensured that there was follow up with the victim player and has not received a red card previously.

Additional relevant off-field aggravating factors

As per Article 4.5 of Rugby Europe Disciplinary Regulations and Regulations 17 of World Rugby

Player's status as an offender of the Laws of the Game:

N/A

Need for deterrence:

N/A

Any other off-field aggravating factors:

N/A

Number of additional weeks:

Summary of reason for number of weeks added:

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SANCTION

NOTE: Players ordered off or cited by a citing commissioner are provisionally suspended pending the hearing of their case, such suspension should be taken into consideration when sanctioning – RE Discipline Regulations 4.1.4 / 4.4 (or equivalent Tournament rule)

Total sanction: 3 weeks	<input type="checkbox"/> Sending off sufficient
Sanction commences: As the Player is currently injured with no clear timeline for return to play it is not possible to identify 3 matches for which he will be available for selection. He is therefore required to contact Rugby Europe once he is available for selection again and panel will confirm the relevant matches at that time.	
Sanction concludes: As above	
Matches/ tournaments included in sanction: As above.	
Costs: 0	

Signature
Name of the JO or Chairman: Rose Alice Murphy
Date: April 2 nd , 2025
Signature (JO or Chairman): <i>Rose Alice Murphy</i>

NOTE: You have 48 hours from notification of the decision of the chairman/jo to lodge an appeal with the tournament director – RE Discipline Regulations 4.6.2 (or equivalent Tournament rule)