

IN THE MATTER OF
THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION ex parte THE ESSEX FA

-v-

MR RYAN LIVESY OF LONSDALE FC

REASONS FOR DISCIPLINE COMMISSION DECISION
MONDAY 31st OCTOBER 2016

PARTIES

1. The Discipline Commission members were Mr Anthony Rock, Ms Stacey Payne and Mr Maurice Armstrong. Mr Greg Hart acted as Secretary to the Commission.

INTRODUCTION

2. These are written reasons for a Discipline Commission, held on behalf of The Essex FA on Monday 31st October 2016, following a charge raised against Mr Ryan Livesy, resulting from the fixture Lonsdale FC v Waltham Athletic First on 2nd October 2016.

3. By an Essex FA Misconduct Charge Notification, dated 13th October 2016, Mr Livesy was charged as follows:-

- a. Under FA Rule E3 – Improper conduct (including foul and abusive language).
- b. Under FA Rule E3(2) – Improper conduct – aggravated by a persons Ethnic Origin, Colour, Race, Nationality, Faith, Gender, Sexual Orientation or Disability.

4. The details of the charges are that, following the final whistle, Mr Livesy approached the Waltham Athletic players who were on the touchline and was heard by the match referee to make the comment, “Does anybody want to know”? This was followed shortly after by Mr

Livesy calling one of Waltham's female supporters a 'slag'. An altercation between players from both teams then took place, during which Mr Livesy was punched by an opposition player, Mr Charlie Saywood.

5. The Commission was informed by Essex FA (via Whole Game System) that Mr Livesy had pleaded guilty to both charges. The Commission did not receive any further information nor mitigation from Mr Livesy. The Commission did receive a statement from the Manager of Lonsdale FC, Mr Ian Scott, stating that in mitigation Mr Livesy was punched first. Mr Scott also stated that Mr Livesy has been banned from the Club for persistent bad behaviour.

CONCLUSION

6. By Mr Livesy's own admission the Commission found the charges proven.

MITIGATION

7. The Commission received no mitigation from Mr Livesy, but noted the statement from Mr Scott.

PREVIOUS MISCONDUCT

8. The Commission noted Mr Livesy's disciplinary record and the absence of any other similar aggravated offences.

SANCTION

9. The Commission took into account the circumstances in this case and the unchallenged account of the referee. The Commission also took into account the statement from the Manager of Lonsdale FC and Mr Livesy's previous disciplinary

record. The Commission found that for the offences committed, Mr Livesy will receive a 5 match ban, a £75.00 financial penalty and be required to attend an FA Education Course. His Club, Lonsdale FC, is also 'awarded' 5 disciplinary penalty points.

10. In accordance with FA Regulations, there is a right of appeal against the decision.

Mr Anthony Rock (Chairman)

Monday 31st October 2016