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Control & Disciplinary Body accepts FC Tirol Innsbruck protest

UEFA Champions League qualifier against FC Lokomotiv Moscow to be replayed

Today, the UEFA Control and Disciplinary Body dealt with the protest lodged by FC Tirol Innsbruck following the UEFA Champions League third qualifying round match played against FC Lokomotiv Moscow on Wednesday 22 August 2001.

The protest was based on a case of mistaken identity. In the 72nd minute of the match, the referee cautioned the No. 8 of the Russian side whereas, according to the allegations submitted by the Austrian club, the yellow card should have been for No. 25 – who had already been cautioned earlier in the game, and thus should have been dismissed.

After having examined the official reports of the match in question, the Control and Disciplinary Body has decided to accept the Austrian club's protest, to annul the result of the match and to order the second-leg tie against FC Lokomotiv Moscow to be replayed. However, according to the Disciplinary Regulations, all cautions and dismissals administered during the annulled match will stand. This means that FC Lokomotiv Moscow's Rouslan Pimenov (No. 25) will be suspended for the next match.

An appeal may be lodged against the Control and Disciplinary Body decision by Monday 27 August 2001, 24:00 hours CET. The date and kick-off time for this replay match will be decided by the UEFA Administration after this decision has become final, i.e. no appeal has been lodged or the eventual appeal has been dealt with by the UEFA Appeals Body.

Should this match be replayed and FC Tirol Innsbruck manage to overturn the 3-1 defeat from the first-leg match played on 7 August 2001 in Moscow, the result of the draws for the UEFA Champions League First Group Stage and the UEFA Cup First Round would not be affected, and the two clubs would simply switch places in the two competitions. This would mean that FC Tirol Innsbruck would compete in Group A of the UEFA Champions League against Real Madrid CF, AS Roma and RSC Anderlecht, while FC Lokomotiv Moscow would then face FK Viktoria Zizkov from the Czech Republic.