

Protests and Disputes

26-02-2025

TRIBUNAL

Tribunal date:

26-02-2025

Tribunal personnel:

D King, S Kemp, J Landsmeer & N Harris

Tribunal convenor:

D King

Umpire:

Nil

PLAYER

Name:

Narendra Pathuri

Club:

North Baldivis

Advocate's name:

Jason Pearce

PENALTY

Report:

It was reported that the North Baldivis Captain took his players off the field claiming it was too dark and refused to carry on. P&D to decide the outcome of the match.

Tribunal notes:

This hearing commenced at 8:59pm. Jeremy Appleyard (JA) - PWCC Captain advised that NBCC only had 1 player at the ground at the time of the toss at 12:45pm. JA went on to explain that the game didn't start until 1:20pm due to NBCC's not being ready to start the game. JA advised that PWCC bowled first and they finished their overs at 3:40pm. JA then advised that NBCC commenced their batting innings at 4pm. During PWCC's batting innings, it was advised that drinks were taken at 19 overs and PWCC were approx. 3/100 and going very well on their way to chasing 144. JA stated that NBCC were very slow between overs, took multiple breaks and stoppages of the game for unreasonable reasons. JA and Quentin Cresswell (QC) both stated that they repeatedly urged NBCC to hurry up as they were taking too long. JA believe that things came to a halt when NBCC dropped a catch around 6:30pm. This prompted them to say that it was unsafe to finish the game. Both teams stayed on the field until 7pm complaining about the lack of light / player safety. JA said that PWCC stayed on the field until approx 7:10pm. After this David King (DK) advised that PWCC were free to leave and the result would be placed on the SMCA website. NBCC representatives were welcomed into the room at 9:22pm. They supplied a Timeline of Events from their perspective. Jason Pearce (JPe) advised that both captains were present when Narendra Pathuri phoned Graeme Ashley (Match Day Referee). JPe stated that NBCC were ready to play at 1pm (had 7 or 8 players present), and that PWCC were standing around and doing catching practice until 1:15pm. JPe advised that the first innings was finished at approx 4:05pm. NP submitted a time and date stamped photo of he and some of his players wanting to walk onto the ground to bowl. This was show as 4:14pm. NBCC stated that they attempted to move the game on quickly and wanted to forgo the tea break as much as possible, but, PWCC denied this. NBCC claim that the PWCC batting innings didn't commence until 4:28pm. Throughout both PWCC and NBCC's time in the P&D, Steve Kemp (SK) asked them why they did not contact Graeme Ashley much, much earlier in the day. They had opportunities before the toss, after the toss, prior to the late start of the game, the innings break etc etc. Both sides admitted that they should have done so much earlier. SK advised to NBCC that By-Laws 20 and 26 outlines what clubs are to do if the conditions or ground aren't fit for play and there is no umpire present. They are to call the Match Day Referee and they will decide the outcome. Given that the Match Day Referee did not make a decision, the P&D felt that our hands were tied. SK asked NBCC if they did the Marsh pre-game insurance check list. NBCC advised that the did not. SK stated that NBCC's "player safety concern" is a bit of a moot point, if they are not going to do what is necessary to adequately ensure their players are safe and covered by insurance should something happen. NBCC advised that they were learning our association by-laws and will take this as a lesson to do in future.

Penalty:

he P&D deliberated and found that it couldn't be determined as to who was responsible for the delayed start to the game and the ongoing delays in the game. The result is that the match will be a draw. NP will be given a caution for taking his players from the field. NP was advised that this is not his decision to make. The P&D appreciated that he likely wouldn't have made this decision, had he been given guidance from the Match Day Referee

UMPIRE

Signee's name:

David King, Convenor