DECISION FORM

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Particulars of offence	
Player's Name: Mart VAN DER VEEN	
Player's number: #6	
Player's union: Dutch Rugby Union	
Competition: Super Cup	
Host Team (T1): Brussels Devils	Visiting Team (T2): Delta
Venue: Sportcomplex Sint-Gillis, Dendermonde	
Date of match: October 24Th, 2026	
Rules to apply: Regulation 17 World Rugby Handbook; and Rugby Europe Disciplinary Regulations	
Referee Name: Diogo MIRANDA	
Plea: ☐ Admitted ☒ Not admitted	
Offence: ☒ Red card ☐ Citing ☐ Other *If "Other" selected, please specify:*	

Hearing details
Chairperson / JO: Rose Alice Murphy (IRL)
Other Members of the Disciplinary Panel: - Val Tomas (ROM) - Maryia Zhurava (BEL)
Hearing date: October 26th, 2026
Hearing venue: On remote - https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/367185935702635?p=WQnGnoK5z2rYadlkOK
Appearance Player: ☒ Yes ☐ No
Appearance Union: ☒ Yes ☐ No
Player's Representative(s): Michael Swier
Other attendees: Bryan Easson
List of documents/ materials considered by the Panel: - Match Recording - Red Card Report - Reports of the Assistant Referees - Citing Commissioner's Report - Game Report - Match Calendar - Notice of Disciplinary Hearing

Summary of essential elements of citing / Referee's report / Incident footage
A red card was issued to the Player for a "head butt" following an altercation between the Player and the Victim Player (Brussels Devils 8). This incident was not seen by the referee but was flagged by one of the Assistant Referees (AR 2).

The footage shows engagement between the Player and the Victim Player before the Player in an upright position strikes the Victim Player (also in an upright position) with his head, making contact with the Victim Player's head.

The incident is referred to in the Citing Commissioner's Report but he notes correctly that it is the not subject of a citing as it was dealt with by way of red card.

Essential elements of other evidence (e.g. medical reports)

No medical reports were provided. The Victim Player appears to have played on following the incident.

Summary of player's evidence

The Player said that immediately prior to the incident he had been counter-rucking and was pushed off balance. He said that the Victim Player came at him and grabbed him and as he regained his balance both of their heads collided. He accepted that his head had made contact with the head of the Victim Player but that it was not intentional and that overall he would consider that it had been a rugby incident.

When further questioned by the panel he said that if the incident was considered to be foul play he wanted to be clear that he was not trying to strike him and that his action was not deliberate.

Findings of fact

While in the immediate lead up to the incident, the footage supports the Player's contention that he was off balance, the panel did not agree with his assertion that he remained off balance during the incident. The panel found that the Player and the Victim Player were at the time of the incident both in an upright position, facing each other, when the Player made an upward movement and struck the Victim Player in the head with his head.

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:
Taking into account the context of the incident and the Player's testimony, the panel is satisfied that the Player did not set out to intentionally head butt the Victim Player and therefore views his actions as reckless.
Nature of actions
The Player struck the Victim Player with his head, making contact with the Victim Player's head.
Existence of provocation:
N/A
Whether player retaliated:
N/A
Self-defence:
N/A
Effect on victim:
The Victim Player appears to have played on after the incident.
Effect on match:
N/A
Vulnerability of victim:
The Victim Player was in an upright position and not vulnerable.
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
☒	6	☐	[XX]	☐	[XX]
Reasons for selecting entry point:					
The panel viewed that a low-end entry point was appropriate given that the incident was not forceful and did not cause any reported injury to the Victim Player. The panel did not find that the incident was pre-meditated.					

Relevant off-field mitigating factors *As per Article 4.5 of Rugby Europe Disciplinary Regulations and Regulations 17 of World Rugby*	
Acknowledgement of commission of foul play:	**Player's disciplinary record:**
N/A	Previously clean record.
Youth and/or inexperience of player:	**Conduct prior to and at hearing:**
The Player (21 years of age) is relatively young.	Although he did not admitted the offence, the Player conducted himself well at the hearing.
Remorse and timing of remorse	**Other off-field mitigation:**
N/A	N/A

Number of weeks deducted: 2
Summary of reason for number of weeks deducted:
The Player was given a reduction of 2 weeks based on his relative youth and his previously clean record.

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: [XX]
Summary of reason for number of weeks added:

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: 4 matches	☐ Sending off sufficient
Sanction commences: 24 October 2026	
Sanction concludes: 22 November 2026	
Matches/ tournaments included in sanction: 31 October 2026 (Hoek van Holland); 7 November 2026 (Diok); 14 November 2026 (Eemland); 21 November 2026 (The Dukes)	
Costs: N/A	

Signature
Name of the JO or Chairman: ROSE ALICE MURPHY
Date: 28/10/2026
Signature (JO or Chairman):

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NOTE: You have 2 calendar days from notification of the decision of the Panel to lodge an appeal with the Disciplinary Committee – RE Discipline Regulations 4.7.2