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Subject: Herts Londoners Appeal - 2019 AAA Playoffs - Final Ruling

All,

As stated in my previous email, I agreed to publish the result of the Herts Londoners AAA Final League Standing appeal.

I have collated the decision of the appeal committee (of which I had no part, nor did I attempt to be influential upon) and the outcome is that the initial ruling stands, and that Oxford Kings are through to the 2019 AAA Playoffs Wildcard game where they will play London Mammoths.

London Mammoths will have home team advantage.

Herts Londoners, are therefore eliminated at this stage.

For further clarity around the initial ruling and subsequent appeal upholding that ruling, the decision was based on the following :-

The BBF were asked to arbitrate over a dispute over the options available to determine playoff places based on there being only one available weekend and two double header games to be played to complete all fixtures. A telephone meeting was called for and held on Thursday 8th August, with all interested parties in attendance plus the President of the BBF and the BBF League Commissioner.

Offer and acceptance: Suggestions were made at the call as to possible options to determine the final league placings and playoff qualifiers. After some inclusive discussions (which included the managers of both teams) an option was reached by unanimous consent.

This decision was that Oxford Kings would play a double header at East London Latin boys on August the 11th. This was the stated preferred option of the Herts Londoners.

These would be the final games of the regular season.

If Oxford won one or both games then they would finish in fourth position in the league and go forward to the playoffs. If East London Latin Boys won both games, then Herts Londoners would finish in fourth position in the league and go forward to the playoffs.

There was consideration in that all parties agreed to this proposal.

Moreover, it was requested that the BBF pay for an umpire for the games between Oxford & Latin Boys because of the significance of the outcome of these games.

It was only because consensus agreement had been made by all present on the call that the outcome of the games would determine the playoff places, that the BBF agreed to pay for an umpire.

It is felt that the terms of the agreement were clearly understood by all and unanimously agreed upon.

Subsequent to the call, and the games being played, the only party seemingly now in disagreement is Herts Londoners.

On this basis it is the opinion of the BBF that the agreement made on 8th August supercedes all prior other negotiations, commitments , agreements (written and oral) and interpretations of the rules, with respect to the subject matter hereof.

All such other negotiations, commitments, agreements and writings will have no further force or effect, and the parties to any such other negotiations, commitments, agreements or writing will have no further rights or obligations there under. If so, they could have raised their objections before the games of the 11th August were played.

In addition, subsequent to the call, Oxford Kings, East London Latin Boys, Essex Redbacks, London Mammoths, Kent Buccaneers, and the President of the BBF- who was on the call - agree with the scope of the above agreement made on the call of the 8th August. The only party now in disagreement is Herts Londoners.

This should be considered the full and final decision of the BBF.

Regards

British Baseball Federation

