

/FOUL PLAY REVIEW COMMITTEE

DECISION

| PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE | | | |
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| Player's surname | Yujnovsky | Player's forename(s) | Benjamin |
| Player's Union | Union Argentina De Rugby | | |
| Match | Argentina v England | | |
| Competition | U20s Championship | Match Date | 7 July 2026 |
| Offence | Law 9.20(a) charging into a ruck or maul | SELECT: Red card <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Citing <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Finding of Committee <i>Foul play determined?</i> <i>Red card/Citing upheld?</i> | <p>We find that Arg 12's actions constituted foul play.</p> <p>We also find that Arg 12's actions merited a red card.</p> | | |
| Summary of Sanction | 3 weeks (can be reduced to 2 if successfully completes coaching intervention) | | |
| Matches/tournaments included in sanction | <p>To include the remaining matches of the U20s Championship and the club match indicated at the end of July.</p> <p>Should he apply for and successfully complete the coaching intervention, the player will be available for the final match of the sanction.</p> | | |
| REASONS FOR DECISION | | | |
| <p>The referee's report stated: "Dangerous clean out by Argentina number 12, in which head contact is made. It was deemed to be foul play as there is no attempt to wrap but rather a tucked shoulder. Player sent off with a yellow card and off field review. TMO advised after formal review that the level of danger was high and could not find any mitigation. The yellow card was therefore upgraded to a 20 minute red card."</p> <p>The off-field TMO review report stated: "England player was in a position to steal the ball after a tackle. Argentina 12 charged into the breakdown late, made direct contact to the head of the England player without wrapping or attempting to bind. The action was at speed with high force, a high level of danger and no mitigation could be applied".</p> <p>The England team doctor confirmed that the England player was not injured and required no treatment as a result of the incident.</p> | | | |

The video footage showed an incident as described in the off-field review report. Eng 8 was crouched down, attempting to jackal, and in a vulnerable position, when Arg 12 cleaned him out. Eng 8 remained on his feet following the collision and began tussling with Arg 12, who transferred Eng 8 to a headlock.

The player' submission stated: "When I seen my teammate, Arg 15, go to ground and become isolated, I accelerated my approach to the breakdown. As I identified the jackal position of England's Number 8, I tried to lower my body height in order to contest the ball. At that moment, I was unable to use my left arm to properly wrap and remove the player who was in the jackal position"

Argentina 12 fairly accepts that his actions constituted foul play and merited a red card.

We find that the clean out was dangerous and that there was no evidence of an attempt to wrap.

We find that Arg 12 used poor technique.

We find that Arg 12's shoulder contacted the head of Eng 8.

We find that Eng 8 was in a vulnerable position when the collision occurred.

We find that Eng 8 was not injured.

In those circumstances we find that this was a mid-range offence at 6 weeks as there was contact with the head. Applying the full 50% reduction, given the player's young age, his acceptance of the charge, and his good previous record the sanction is one of 3 weeks.

We consider that the player is suitable for the coaching intervention.

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| Foul Play Review Committee Members | Richard Cole (Wales) Leon Lloyd (England) Ofisa Tonu'u (New Zealand) | | |
| Signature Chair | RICHARD COLE | Date | 8/7/2026 |

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| Proposed sanction | Accepted by Player <input type="checkbox"/> Not accepted by Player <input type="checkbox"/> |
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