



CANADIAN LACROSSE ASSOCIATION DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

JUNE 7, 2011, 8PM EST

IN THE MATTER OF AN INCIDENT INVOLVING AN ALA PLAYER  
AT THE 2010 FOUNDERS CUP NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

**Memorandum of Decision**

Panel:

John Doherty (Chair), President, Ontario Lacrosse Association  
Marisa DiBari, CLA Women's Field Sector Chair

In Attendance:

Jordan Renaud – Defendant  
Rod Payne – Renaud counsel  
Rony Materi – Manager  
Rod Pruden – Head Coach  
Chris Chysyk – Potential Witness  
Kevin Chysyk – Father of Chris Chysyk  
Chris Britton – Potential Witness  
Curtis Britton – Father of Chris Britton  
Doug Luey – Witness, 2010 Founders Cup Convenor  
Bill Sucha – Witness  
Rob Davidge – ALA President

**Hearing Process:**

1. The hearing was not recorded.
2. The Hearing lasted approximately 45 minutes and was held on June 7, 2011 at 8pm est time.
3. Chris Britton was asked to speak as a witness.
4. Rod Payne spoke on behalf of the defendant.
5. Doug Luey spoke to the process used to investigate the incident at the Founders.
6. The Committee asked questions of Mr. Renaud and Mr. Pruden to further establish facts in the case.

**Background:**

The incident in question took place on a TTC streetcar before the start of the 2010 Founders Cup National Championship. Jordan Renaud, along with additionally named players participating in the Championship with Team Alberta, was on board the streetcar. A passenger on the streetcar had urine poured on him as the players left the streetcar. A charge of assault was brought against Mr. Jordan Renaud and a civil case for damages was brought forward by the victim.

**Summary of Evidence and Arguments:**

1. Mr. Chris Britton was called as a witness as he was with the group of players on the street car prior to the incident.
2. Mr. Payne commented that he had a concern with what Chris Britton may say as he had not been privy to what the testimony would be.
3. The Chair noted Mr. Payne's concern and allowed Mr. Britton to proceed.



4. Mr Britton was asked what instructions they received from the team management after the team dinner. He stated that they were told by Team Management “not to go out.”
5. Mr. Britton stated that they had a few drinks but no one was intoxicated. He stated that he did do most of the talking with Mr. Clifford on the street car and it was a amicable conversation. They asked where a good bar was that they could go to in the area. Mr. Clifford recommended the Horseshoe Tavern and the players left the street car at the appropriate stop. Mr. Britton stated that he left the street car with the other players and he had not heard any commotion or shouting from the street car at that time when the incident was supposed to have taken place. He was the 1st or 2nd person off of the street car.
6. Mr. Payne stated that the letter from Mr. Clifford was hearsay and was a direct attempt by Mr. Clifford to extort money from Mr. Renaud. Also Mr Payne stated that as Mr Clifford was not in attendance to be cross-examined, the hearing was not being run under the principles of Natural Justice as Mr. Renaud could not face and question his accuser.
7. The Criminal charges were withdrawn by the Crown as they stated that the evidence that they had was not likely to result in a conviction.
8. Mr. Payne stated that the Criminal charges were withdrawn prior to the terms of the Civil suit being agreed to.
9. It was mentioned that the Civil proceedings had been agreed upon but the final documentation was not complete and signed at this time. This agreement contained no admission of guilt.
10. The Chair mentioned that with the Civil proceedings being as they were and the fact that if Mr. Clifford was in attendance, the agreement that finalized the Civil suit would prevent him from speaking of the incident or answering any questions that related to it.
11. Mr Leuy went through the paper that documented the interview process him and Mr. Sucha went through with the players (Sterparn and Just) that were also with the group of players on the street car. They did not see anything happen.
12. When questioned on who was the last to get off of the street car, Jordan Renaud stated that he was.
13. Mr Pruden mentioned that he did not get a chance to talk to Jordan after the incident as he was sent home to Alberta immediately. This was done by the ALA.
14. Immediately after the incident, Mr. Renaud was suspended by the ALA. His suspension was lifted by the ALA and he has been playing Sr. B Lacrosse in Alberta since May 7th.

**Decision:**

The Discipline Committee decided that Mr. Jordan Renaud did in fact pour urine onto Mr. Ryan Clifford that evening as he got off of the street car. There was drinking of alcohol involved but as Mr. Renaud was 21 years old at the time he was of age to drink. It did not seem that Mr. Renaud or anyone involved was fully intoxicated at the time of the incident.

The Discipline Committee felt that Mr. Jordan Renaud by his actions that evening did contradict the CLA Code of conduct item 6.1.12.5 Act in such a manner to dishonor, embarrass, or disgrace the CLA or any of its members or participants. We are suspending Mr. Jordan Renaud from all sanctioned lacrosse activities, including practice and competition play, officiating and coaching, effective immediately upon the publication of this decision, for the remainder of the 2011 season and all of the 2012 season.

**Reasons for Decision:**

We felt that Mr. Clifford did not bring forth these allegations and charges to profit financially from a civil proceeding. There was no loud arguing or noises when the players left the street car as at that time Mr. Clifford thought that the player had only poured water on him as he left the street car. It was only later that Mr. Clifford realized that it was urine that was poured on him. This is why none of the players said they heard anything when they left the street car. Jordan Renaud was the last player to leave the street

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car. The fact that there was a pending settlement in the civil suit further confirmed our suspicions that Jordan Renaud perpetrated the incident.

Dated This 13<sup>th</sup> Day of June 2011

**CLA Discipline Committee**

Per:

**John Doherty, Committee Chair**