



OFFICIAL DENUNCIATION FOR THE FALSIFICATION OF THE GREEK CHAMPIONSHIP OUTCOME

Dear Handball friends,

A lot of things were written about the 2nd Final Match of the Greek Championship here in Greece...it is written about the Match of the Century, the best game ever during the 38 years of history of handball in Greece... and other such - epic - words. And it truly had the potential specifications for all the above: (match progress- two extra times, penalties- scoring variation and agony till the very last second). Unfortunately, the reality was cruel and the myth was brought down. The only thing which was NOT written by anyone, concerning this game, was the TRUTH. And the truth is that the ONLY first place this 2nd Final in the PAOK Sports Arena really claims is that of the biggest Arbitration rape in handball history in Greece - which may seriously be nominated for a European or even International such shameful title!

We have always considered arbitrary faults as an unavoidable part of sports, acceptable up to a point, bearing in mind the human factor. In the present case, though, the mistakes made in the PAOK Sports Arena against Diomidis, due to their enormous number, to the way they were committed (in front of the eyes of the referees) and, mainly, to the nature of the violations, surpassed (to be more precise, they did not even touch) the boundaries of any human mistake. They are mistakes of no such precedent and conform obvious violation, so that they could shape the result of the game, and thus, the results of the Championship. The 27th May 2015 will be held in History as the day of the biggest arbitration "crime" in a game and, thus, the biggest game theft in the 38 years of Greek Handball.

Unfair expulsions, invalid goals, non-existing penalties, unpunished unsportsmanlike hitting, regulation violations and many more compose the setting of shame. We counted more than 38 unfair referee decisions against Diomidis, an inconceivable number for only one game. In the video we prepared and accompanies the present File of Complaint, we chose only the most howling injustices (26 in number) which flagrantly wronged our team and shaped the final result 100%. Especially during the last 5 minutes with a score of 24-29 (Diomidis lead), what happened in the court was really unbelievable!

It is our aim, through the video, to present in public whatever took place in the PAOK Sports Arena, so that each and every one has a clear view of what really happened that day. We may have lost the title of the Championship but those who helped set this shameful event are about to lose much more. The night of May 27th will be haunting them forever.

It must be noticed that all the above happened in front of the eyes of the President of Hellenic Handball Federation, the General Secretary of the committee organizing the Greek Championship and many more members of the HHF Board. Moreover, apart from the

arbitrary mistakes, serious athletic violence incidents also happened in the field. As you can see from the attached photos, the "Security Group" of the home team vituperated athletes and coaches of Diomidis.

Thus, as a consequence of having this video-document in our hands, we place an OFFICIAL & PUBLIC DENUNCIATION FOR THE FALSIFICATION OF THE RESULT OF THE GAME and -since the Game aforementioned was the Final one of the Greek Championship - THE FALSIFICATION OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP ITSELF. At the same time, we ask for the final deletion of the referees named Tsakonas and Chaskis not only from their duties but from the Sport itself.

The issue, unfortunately, is not a simple one: it has great parameters and we will pursue its final solution and reach the edges, no matter the costs. If the field in Greek Handball is not cleared, if all the incompetents are not sent home, this fight will not stop, even if this means the complete destruction of Diomidis as a team. Anyway, we cannot think of anything worse to happen after what we experienced in the PAOK Sports Arena.

This is all we have to say for the time being, dear friends. Please enjoy the video!

Best regards,

The team of Diomidis Handball Club

PS: The scene concerning the Red Card given to our player Dacevic Luka, comprises the biggest violation of regulations, obviously exposes the malpractice of both referees and, even on its very own, it composes our accusation for the falsification of the result. We would just like to remind you of the text written on the Match Notes by referees Tsakonas and Chaskis : "At the 30th min we sent the player Luka Dacevic out of the game after giving him a Red Card because, during a free toss of the ball in dead time, he deliberately threw the ball against the face of an opponent who was standing unmoving at the moment. His Professional Card was confiscated." A simple re-tossing of the ball, just because the defensive wall moved solidly (jumped), was transformed into a Red Card... The referees probably had a better sight than we, all of us, do. Meanwhile, our player showed unique knowledge on Physics, since he could estimate the velocity of the moving body and its distance from the ground so that he could succeed on a precise hit against the head of the opponent. There is only one word fit here: SHAME!! Just for the record, we must say that the specific player was, completely by chance, one of the top players of the game, in both the defense and the attack. As far as the reaction of the bench athletes and the rest ones on the side of PAOK (factors and security "responsible") against our player and the assistant coach of DIOMIDIS are concerned, we should congratulate all! They are behavioral examples to follow! It was a SHAME, too!