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CAS upholds UEFA Appeals Body decision

Ruling sends strong anti-violence message

UEFA has today received written confirmation from the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne that the appeal filed by Feyenoord on 26 January 2007 has been dismissed.

The decision of the UEFA Appeals Body of 19 January 2007 is therefore confirmed.

The decision of the UEFA Appeals Body, to exclude the Dutch club from all UEFA competitions for the current season 2006/07 following the crowd disturbances by its fans at the UEFA Cup group stage match between French club AS Nancy-Lorraine and Feyenoord on 30 November 2006, is therefore upheld. England's Tottenham Hotspur FC will receive a bye into the UEFA Cup Round of 16 as previously communicated.

Commenting on the CAS decision UEFA President, Michel Platini, said:

"I am very happy with the decision of CAS to uphold the UEFA Appeals Body judgement. This sends out a strong message that acts of violence by fans within the game will be heavily dealt with and punished by the relevant authorities. Recent tragic incidents have shown that we must work together to eradicate all forms of hooliganism or violence from our game."