

Chapter 814 Bribery Exposed

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The umpire looked sharply at the big screen showing a clip of the ball falling in bound and felt his authority was being put in line.

Adding to his agitation was seeing Trevor and Cecelia talking to each other and ignoring him.

Unable to hold his emotions, the umpire lashed out at the two, but neither one of them paid him any attention.

"How can you just talk among yourselves while I'm talking here? You have no manners! Now I declare—"

Trevor and Cecelia didn't even look at the umpire.

Before the umpire could finish his words, Cecelia stood up and waved at someone from the gym's entrance.

A group of people in suits strode over after seeing Cecelia's signal.

The umpire squinted his eyes at the group, who were obviously not bodyguards.

"We are from the investigation team of the umpire committee. You've been suspected of accepting bribery for this game. Please come with us for investigation."

The investigation team was responsible for overseeing the umpire team's work to ensure fair judgment and unbiased penalties in the matches.

The color drained from the umpire's face, and his arrogance instantly disappeared. He didn't expect the investigation team to show up so

soon.

He rushed to deny the allegation.

"No, I didn't do such a thing! There must be some misunderstanding!"

One of the members of the investigation team pointed at the big screen. The clip clearly showed the ball falling inbound, but the umpire vehemently insisted otherwise. It was the most convincing evidence of his biased and malicious judgment.

"Uh, well... It's just an error in judgment! We can be mistaken sometimes!"

The veins on the umpire's neck stood out as he exclaimed to defend himself.

The man from the investigation team sneered.

"You can call me Lachlan Faulkner. If you have anything to say, you can do so in front of the committee."

After that, the umpire and the rest of the umpire team got temporarily suspended.

The incident caused the audience to burst into an uproar.

The umpire slid down from the chair, his face pale and gaze vacant.

Fear swept over him at that moment, knowing

that his career would be over once the bribery was proven true.

As the umpire was being taken out of the court, some of the audience hovered to condemn him. Because of the commotion, his phone fell from his hand.

Seeing it, Joshua stiffened. His communication with the umpire about the bribery was through chat. Once the investigation team got hold of the phone, he would be doomed.

"No, don't look at that!" Joshua ran over to grab the phone.

His sudden reaction and the flustered look on his face gave him away.

Even his makeup couldn't cover the guilty look on his face.

The image he had worked so hard to maintain could be ruined in a snap the moment the bribery got exposed in front of everyone. Even his die-hard fans would surely denounce him.

If that happened, he wouldn't be able to stay in Hurley University.

"Give it to me now!" Joshua roared, completely losing his manner.

The investigation team was quick to control the

situation. Seeing Joshua's reaction, they immediately took hold of the umpire's phone. They scanned the message history and found evidence of the bribery.

Lachlan turned to Cecelia and nodded an acknowledgment before announcing with a sneer, "As seen here in the message history from the umpire's phone, Joshua Hobbes of Hurley University bribed him to manipulate the result of the match. With this irrefutable evidence, he and his partner are disqualified from the competition. In this match, the winner is Bella University!"

The audience burst into an uproar once again.

On the other hand, Joshua's die-hard fans looked very unhappy. The man they once adored and worshipped turned out to be a bad person. Almost instantly, their love for him was replaced with hatred.

"How could he do such a thing? He's supposed to be a role model, the Prince of Tennis!"

"He finally showed his real self. How disgusting!"

Hearing the crowd's hurtful words for him made Joshua's legs weak and face even paler. He fell on his knees behind the umpire, trembling in disbelief.

Then he started to wail with tears and snot.

Looking at Joshua, Trevor and Cecelia exchanged a high five and laughed.

"Good job!"