

MATCH REPORT

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UEFA CHAMPIONS-LEAGUE Matchday 3

BASEL  **0:2**  **BENFICA**
Bruno César 20', Óscar Cardozo 75'



LINE-UPS

Yann Sommer (GK)	1	1	Artur (GK)	■
Park Joo Hoo	3	3	Emerson	■ ■
Aleksandar Dragovic	6	4	Luisao (C)	
(-85') ■ Benjamin Huggel	8	6	Javi García	
■ Marco Streller (C)	9	8	Bruno César	
■ Alexander Frei	13	10	Pablo Aimar	
■ Xherdan Shaqiri	17	14	Maxi Pereira	
David Abraham	19	19	Rodrigo	
(-66') Fabian Frei	20	20	Nicolás Gaitán	
Markus Steinhöfer	27	24	Ezequiel Garay	
(-80') Granit Xhaka	34	28	Axel Witsel	

SUBSTITUTIONS

Massimo Colomba (GK)	23	47	Eduardo (GK)	
(+85') Scott Chipperfield	11	7	Óscar Cardozo (+70')	
Taulant Xhaka	16	9	Nolito (+67')	
Genséric Kusunga	21	21	Nemanja Matic	
(+80') Cabral	24	27	Miguel Vitor (+78')	
Radoslav Kovác	29	30	Javier Saviola	
(+66') Jacques Zoua	31	36	Luís Martins	

HEAD COACHES

Heiko Vogel (GER)

Jorge Jesus (POR)

MATCH FACTS

Tuesday, 18/10/2011, 20:45 CET

COMPETITION

UEFA Champions-League, Matchday 3, Group C

VENUE

St. Jakob-Park
Basel

ATTENDENCE

35.831



MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee

Viktor Kassai (HUN)



Assistant Referees

Gábor Erős (HUN), György Ring (HUN)

Additional Assistant Referees

Sandor Ando-Szabo (HUN), Mihaly Fabian (HUN)

Fourth Official

Zsolt Szabo (HUN)

UEFA Referee Observer

Georgios Bikas (GRE)

Blog Referee Observer

Filipe Taveira (POR)

FINAL MARK

Control (25%) : 7,0

Calls (25%) : 7,5

Neutrality (20%) : 8,0

Style (20%) : 7,0

Match importance/difficulty (10%) : 5,0

7,23

MATCH OFFICIAL'S EVALUATION

„Just one more for the curriculum vitae”

In a match in which both teams had the opportunity to escape more from Man United, the UEFA refs board nominated Kassai, last year CL final ref. The match was interesting with periods of dominance by both teams. Some good moves and good saves by the GKs. Benfica was the fair winner today but we need to mention the great potential of Basel. A mix of experience and high talented young players that could get far in the near future.

First Half

Kassai started the game the way he always does: he avoided using the whistle as often he could. But this made some players unhappy. Why? two reasons: 1) Kassai missed some fouls (as usual) and 2) mainly in the first 15min he took 1/2 sec to whistle a foul...sometimes the players looked at him and then he called the offense. However in first half he did a good job. In my opinion just missed a YC to Witsel (16')

Second Half

In the second half he had some more work to do. He entered more active, calling players' attention in some harder tackles. During this half Kassai did an ok job. The hardest period of the game were the last 10 min (86-96). The second yellow to Emerson for me at first seemed to be harsh, but he stopped the opponent in a reasonable attacking move.

Later the case of the game. He sent-off Benfica's coach because protests against his decision of punishing Shaqiri with a YC and not a RC. In my opinion Kassai did the wright thing because what happened was a unsportive behavior and not agrission.

General perfomance

Kassai's team was not really challenged today. They didn't have big calls to judge, both line and goal line assistants had a good evening.

After this match I keep my old image for the Hungarian. He is a good referee, not great. He accomplished many things already but in tougher moments Kassai is not enough.

STATS

BAS		BEN
0	Goals	2
13	Attempts	7
2	Corners	4
12	Fouls	19
5	Offside	2
4	Yellows	1
0	Reds	1

DISCIPLINE

- Marco Streller (35')
- Emerson (41')
- Benjamin Huggel (74')
- Emerson (86')
- Artur (90')
- Xherdan Shaqiri (90+1')
- Alexander Frei (90+3')