

# Small Match Report

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MATCH INFORMATION			
Date	19-SEP-2012	Venue	Fußball Arena München
Tournament: Champions League 2012/13, Group F, Matchday 1			
BAYERN MÜNCHEN	2-1	VALENCIA CF	

REFEREE TEAM		ORI	MARK
Referee	Firat Aydinus	TUR	7,3
Assistant Referee #1	Serkan Ok	TUR	8,1
Assistant Referee #2	Alek Tascioglu	TUR	8,4
4 <sup>th</sup> Official	Tarik Ongun	TUR	8,2
Additional assistant ref #1	Halis Özkahya	TUR	7,4
Additional assistant ref #2	Baris Simsek	TUR	8,2

Yellow Cards	2 <sup>nd</sup> Yellow Cards	Red Cards	Penaltys
3(0-3)	1(0-1)	--	1(1-0)

## Comment on the match

This match between the runners-up of last season's campaign and Spain's "best of the rest" saw the two favourites in this group. Eleven years ago, this duel was the final, but nowadays, Valencia does not belong to Europa's top teamy anymore, so Bayern was the favourite for the match. Through the whole game, they could satisfy these expectations, had more ball possession and more chances, but not many clear ones. After the 2-0 the match seemed to decided, tension came back with the 2-1 in injury time, but in the end the better team won a decent first match. The *difficulty* for the *referee* was *medium*, because there were some penalty situations and an open result for most of the time, but fair behaviour by the players.

## Comment on the Referee Performance

The appointment of Firat Aydinus was probably the biggest surprise on the first match day. Not the fact, that he is appointed for CL, but that they chose this match for him, where one could expect an Elite referee. So, it was a big chance for him to show his abilities and maybe apply for promotion.

In the first half, it was an easy match for him, he had no problems at all. The only interesting situation was a penalty appeal by München (43'), which he correctly denied. He was quite lenient about sliding tackles and stricter about pushing and pulling. With this style, he was consistent through the whole game.

In 53', there was the crucial scene for his performance. Kroos was brought down in the penalty area by a sliding tackle. There was a contact and Kroos did not fall voluntarily, so it should have been a penalty, but it was not. From this moment on, the home side and their supporters were quite critical with Aydinus' decisions, e.g when he

interfered with play two minutes later. The referee seemed a bit unsettled now and made some doubtful decisions and smaller mistakes till the end. In 75' he issued a *yellow card* to *Tino Costa* for a tactical foul. Correct decision, but he should have used the advantage clause here. The *yellow card* to *Rami* (82') for a bodycheck was OK, but not compelling, the *card* to *Ricardo Costa* (85') was correct for a foul near the box. After the Valencia goal, there was a small conflict between Neuer and Valdez, which he could solve just by running to them. In the very last minute of additional time he gave a penalty for München and the *second yellow card* for *Rami*. Both decisions were correct, although the penalty was not as clear as the Kroos situation earlier. He should have extended the injury time for more than 30 seconds, because of a goal and a penalty in it. The control of the match was no problem, he showed, he can do it without cards for 75 minutes. In the last 30 minutes there came up some protests, but no real doubts about his authority. Communication with the players was on a low level, he can improve here. Altogether, it was expected level until 53', afterwards slightly below expected level. The not given penalty was a crucial mistake, although it did not influence the result. It was not an application for promotion, but it is possible, he gets a second chance this year, because he did not show big weaknesses.

#### **Comment on the first Assistant Referee Performance**

Very little work for him, no difficult offside situations, so *low match difficulty*. In the penalty situation, he could have seen it, but it was not mainly his fault, because the other two referees had the better view.

#### **Comment on the second Assistant Referee Performance**

Two good offside calls (23', 57') and a correctly given free kick in front of him (47'), so expected level and *medium match difficulty*.

#### **Comment on the second Additional Assistant Referee Performance**

The penalty situation was also his fault, because it happened in front of him.

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