

UEFA Champions League 2012 / 2013

Group Stage

(UKR) Shakhtar Donetsk		0:1		Juventus Turin (ITA)
05 December 2012, 20:45 CET – Donbass Arena – Donetsk – Ukraine				

Match Officials	Name	Origin	Mark ¹	Mark ²	Difficulty ³
Referee	Jonas ERIKSSON	SWE	8.2		Normal
Assistant Referee 1	Mathias KLASENIUS	SWE	8.4		Normal
Assistant Referee 2	Daniel WÄRNMARK	SWE	7.9	8.4	Challenging
Additional AR 1	Stefan JOHANNESSON	SWE	8.2		Challenging
Additional AR 2	Markus STRÖMBERGSSON	SWE	8.0		Normal
Fourth Official	Stefan WITTBERG	SWE	8.0		Normal
UEFA Referee Observer	Rodger GIFFORD	WAL			
Blog-Referee Observer ⁴	Turan O	USA			

¹ Final mark according to evaluation scale

² Mark if the final mark had not been influenced by a crucial mistake (only in case of a crucial mistake, to be held empty if no crucial mistake occurred).

³ Difficulty has to be integrated into the final mark. Levels of difficulty are: "normal", "challenging" and "very challenging".

⁴ Blog-Referee Observer =Inofficial referee observer appointed by our blogs' community

Evaluation scale	Description of the Marks
9.0 – 10.0	Excellent.
8.5 – 8.9	Very good. Important decision(s) correctly taken.
8.3 – 8.4	Good. Expected level.
8.2	Satisfactory with small areas for improvement.
8.0 – 8.1	Satisfactory with important areas for improvement.
7.9	One clear and important mistake, otherwise 8.3 or above.
7.8	One clear and important mistake, otherwise 8.0 – 8.2.
7.5 – 7.7	Below expectation, poor control, significant point(s) for improvement.
7.0 – 7.4	Disappointing. Below expectation with one and clear important mistakes or a performance with two or more clear and important mistakes.
6.0 – 6.9	Unacceptable.

Description of the match:

The match was played in Donetsk, Ukraine under good weather conditions and in a stadium full of enthusiastic Spectators. With Shaktar already guaranteeing the next round, it was Juventus who needed to play harder and Push all they had. They needed at least 1 point from this match and at the end they got all three possible points With a controversial goal.

Referee

I. Knowledge, Application and Interpretation of the Laws of the Game, Disciplinary Control and Technical Management of the game with special reference to the situations and the minutes when they occurred. (Crucial decisions, if available, have to be explicitly mentioned in the grid and highlighted).	
Comments: The referee generally had an average foul recognition however he sometimes doesn't see players just leaving themselves to the ground. He called two very easy fouls on the same player as he just threw himself. Overall, good advantage application with staying close to the play. But he should see the players' intents and whether they are faking a foul or just falling down.	
Minute	Description of the situation
7 th	A correct yellow card issued to Arturo Vidal after he committed a tactical foul.
21 st	Another yellow card for Shaktar this time, as the player came in cleats up. The referee considered this as reckless play and issued a caution. He could have gotten away by warning but he chose the yellow.
21 st	After the freekick was crossed inside the penalty area, the ball hit Fernandinho's hand, inside Shaktar's penalty area. As this was an unintentional move and his hand was in natural position, I agree with the referee by saying no penalty.
37 th	A yellow card for Kucher for Shaktar. The player had the ball dribbling and when Juventus player got the ball, he just swung his leg to him after the position. Replay showed it was a correct call.
72 nd	The referee issued a yellow card for a dive for Shaktar, 22. From the camera it looked like with a small touch from behind the player just let himself down. The referee was sure about the dive and immediately issued yellow. But again, card mechanics aren't that good. The player is still on the ground and there are 5 more players around the referee and he was holding the card up in the air.
87 th	A yellow card for Chiellini, Juventus. Too easy to my mind.

II. Tactical approach and its Degree of Consistency, Personality, Match Control and Management of the Teams and Players with special reference to the situations and the minutes when they occurred.		
Comments: Referee was generally consistent through the game but he sometimes didn't seem to be calling same fouls. His strategy was to card the players who were playing hard. Instead of talking to them, or warning them at first, he immediately chose to give out yellows. This strategy seemed to be working for him for this match.		
Positive Points	1.	Positioning, awareness of play.
Points to improve	1.	Card issuance. Should communicate better with players through his cards instead of just showing them.
	2.	Shouldn't turn his back to the player who is about to take the freekick. The player may misplace the ball and the ball may hit him unexpectedly. Instead should see the ball and players, not just focus on penalty area. (Ex, 8 th min, Shaktar Freekick)
	3.	Foul selection.
Minute	Description of the situation	
8 th	The referee's back was turned to the player who was about to take kick in Shaktar's attack.	

III. Physical Shape, Stamina, Positioning, Movement as well as Mental Awareness, if needed, with reference to the minutes when they occurred, always in case of a “-“.

Physical Condition (very good, good, average, poor): Good. Although the referee has good fitness and stamina, he is not as aesthetical as a referee should be. His movements and positioning was sufficient for this match. However, He seemed to stay behind the play sometimes on counter attacks.

Further Aspects:

+	Expected	-	
	X		Always close to play, follows play at all times with a flexible diagonal system and impedes interference with play
	X		Efficient positioning (at set pieces e.g.) and movement to be ready to take a (crucial) decision (specially in the box; be able to enter the box in some cases when it is necessary)
	X		Shows awareness and is able to anticipate the action

Minute	Description of the situation

IV. Teamwork (co-operation with (A)ARs and fourth official with reference, if needed, to special situations and the minutes when they occurred)

Comments:
 The referee team communicated well during the game and this led no crucial delays in the game.

V. If needed: General comments or advices for improvement; explanation of the chosen mark; further matters (can be let empty).

Comments:
 The referee should really work on his foul selection and card mechanics. Having being a FIFA for last 10 years should have given him enough experience and education on this.

Assistant Referee 1

Assistant referee's performance (please mention some important decisions either by integrating them into a coherent comment or mentioning them in the grid below; mandatory if a "-" (negative point) is selected)

Relevant Aspects:

+	Expected	-	
	X		Correct offside decisions by means of a good application of the "wait and see"-technique
	X		Good positioning and movement
	X		Mental alertness and reaction to incidents in his area of vicinity
	X		Reasonable degree of co-operation with referee (not flagging too much/too little; being able to support referee in crucial decisions)
	X		Efficient control at set pieces

Comments:
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Minute	Description of the situation
27 th	Correct no offside call. (tight)
37 th	Correct no offside call.

Assistant Referee 2

Assistant referee's performance (please mention some important decisions either by integrating them into a coherent comment or mentioning them in the grid below; mandatory if a "-" (negative point) is selected)

Relevant Aspects:

+	Expected	-	
		X	Correct offside decisions by means of a good application of the "wait and see"-technique
	X		Good positioning and movement
	X		Mental alertness and reaction to incidents in his area of vicinity
	X		Reasonable degree of co-operation with referee (not flagging too much/too little; being able to support referee in crucial decisions)
	X		Efficient control at set pieces

Comments:
Although the assistant referee has called many correct offside-no offside positions, the fact that he missed the Offside in the goal that decided match lowered his score.

Minute	Description of the situation
56 th	Missed offside prior to the Juventus' match winning goal.

Additional Assistant Referee 1

Assistant referee's performance (please mention some important decisions either by integrating them into a coherent comment or mentioning them in the grid below; mandatory if a "-" (negative point) is selected)			
Relevant Aspects:			
+	Expected	-	
	X		Good positioning and movement
X			Mental alertness and reaction to incidents in his area of vicinity based on a reasonable degree of co-operation with referee
X			Efficient control at set pieces
Comments: The assistant referee provided correct information in the most important position of his side.			
Minute	Description of the situation		
21 st	Correct hand ball decision. No penalty on Fernandinho's position.		

Additional Assistant Referee 2

Assistant referee's performance (please mention some important decisions either by integrating them into a coherent comment or mentioning them in the grid below; mandatory if a "-" (negative point) is selected)			
Relevant Aspects:			
+	Expected	-	
	X		Good positioning and movement
	X		Mental alertness and reaction to incidents in his area of vicinity based on a reasonable degree of co-operation with referee
	X		Efficient control at set pieces
Comments: Expected level.			
Minute	Description of the situation		

Fourth Official

Fourth official's performance (reference to technical management like substitutions or signalling of additional time, dealing with benches in case of conflicts)

Comments:

Fourth official wasn't challenged in this match.
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