



Africa Cup of Nations 2013 – South Africa Group Stage

(ANG) Angola		0:0		Morocco (MAR)
Group A – 19 January 2013, 18:00 – Soccer City – Johannesburg (RSA)				

Match Officials	Name	Origin	Mark ¹	Mark ²	Difficulty ³
Referee	Badara DIATTA	SEN	8.3	---	Normal
Assistant Referee 1	Djibril CAMARA	SEN	8.3	---	Normal
Assistant Referee 2	El Hadji Malick SAMBA	SEN	8.4	---	Normal
Fourth Official	Koman COULIBALY	MLI	8.1	---	Normal
Blog-Referee Observer ⁴	Chefren	ITA			

¹ Final mark according to evaluation scale! (Expected level for fourth official is 8.0!)

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 second match of group A in AFCON 2013. It was played at Soccer City Stadium in Johannesburg, a few hours after the first match between the home team (South Africa) and Cape Verde. The stadium presented an attendance of 25,000. There was a light rain. The atmosphere was absolutely calm and the referee was in the condition to work without any pressure.



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:

Badara Diatta and his assistants had overall an easy match, without crucial decisions or controversial situations. Both teams tried to play a decent football, but very often it resulted in many fouls. The foul detection was good and the referee, especially in first half, was helped by his first assistant Djibril Camara in several situations. The card management was acceptable, he decided to give 3 cards in mandatory situations. Probably there were other occasions in which he could have shown a card, but overall it was an acceptable choice. He also paid attention reading the game, and trying to give advantage when possible.

Minute	Description of the situation
5'	Good advantage given to Morocco
15'	Free kick in favor of Morocco, reported correctly by Djibril Camara.
22'	Free kick in favor of Morocco, reported correctly by Djibril Camara.
24'	Free kick accorded to Angola. YC was possible, late kick on the leg of the opponent.
25'	Advantage given to Angola, then whistle for a subsequent foul. Correct. Still no card.
31'	Free kick in favor of Morocco, reported correctly by Djibril Camara.
33'	Unintentional hand on the face of the opponent by an Angola player, correct decision to let the game flow.
34'	Late and reckless tackle by Manucho (ANG). Mandatory YC, correctly given.
39'	Well evaluated situation close to penalty area. No free kick for Angola.
45+1'	Raised leg hitting the face of the opponent by Mateus (ANG) on Benatia (MRC). A YC might have been given.
48'	Geraldo (ANG) commits a handball, trying to control the ball. Amrabat (MRC) has a nervous reaction against the opponent, after the whistle of the referee. Correct warning.
56'	Benatia (MRC) commits foul on Manucho (ANG). Reckless tackle from behind. YC correctly given.
71'	Verbal warnings to the players in penalty area prior to a free kick in favor of Angola.
77'	Belhanda (MRC) is booked after a foul committed on Pirolito (ANG). Correct decision, blatant holding.

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:

Badara Diatta used his experience to handle an easy match. He controlled the match without problems, managing each situation in the best possible way. The consistency was acceptable, he decided to follow a clear line, whistling fouls. He gave correctly 3 YC. Again, I want to underline his cooperation with first assistant, very good, and his calm approach (several times he smiled after having whistled a foul). Players accepted each decision.

Positive Points	1.	Calm and firm approach.
	2.	Cooperation with assistants.



	3.	Communication with players.
Points to improve	1.	Based on this match, I can't find important points to improve for the referee. More challenging tests are needed.
	2.	
	3.	

Minute	Description of the situation
48', 71'	Verbal warnings to players in different situations, good communication.

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

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
5', 25'	Good advantages given.
All match long	Diatta showed a good fitness and he was always able to find the right positioning on the pitch.

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 cooperation, in a easy match, was excellent especially with the first assistant, which showed to be very helpful, signaling at least 3 situations in first half. There weren't important offside calls. The work of fourth official Coulibaly has also to be underlined. Very good.

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

Comments:

The trio is ready to handle more difficult matches, also in k.o. stage.



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:
 Djibril Camara was never challenged in offside decisions, he had just to evaluate easy and blatant onside positions. In the first half, he helped the referee, signaling at least 3 fouls by Angola players. Very good cooperation.

Minute	Description of the situation
15', 22', 31'	Reporting fouls to Diatta.

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:
 El Hadji Malick Samba had to raise the flag in the 28' minute of first half, reporting correctly a offside position by Mateus (ANG). The call was neither easy nor difficult. He had also to evaluate easy and blatant onside positions, all match long. Expected level in a match of normal difficulty for him, with just one call to do.

Minute	Description of the situation
28'	Mateus (ANG) is flagged offside. Correct call.



Fourth Official

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

Comments:

Koman Coulibaly performed well his role of fourth official in this match, being very busy. He appeared several times in the cameras, both in first and second half. The substitutions were executed in a adequate manner, and he also signaled the additional time in the right way. Furthermore, he was busy in checking the shoes of substitutes players and in giving a identification document to someone.