

## UEFA Champions League 2012 / 2013

Round of 16

(ENG) Arsenal FC		1:3		Bayern Munchen (GER)
19 February 2013, 20:45 CET – Emirates Stadium – London – England				

Match Officials	Name	Origin	Mark <sup>1</sup>	Mark <sup>2</sup>	Difficulty <sup>3</sup>
Referee	Svein Oddvar Moen	NOR	7.9	8.3	Challenging
Assistant Referee 1	Kim Thomas Haglund	NOR	8.3		Normal
Assistant Referee 2	Frank Andås	NOR	8.3		Normal
Additional AR 1	Sven Erik Midthjell	NOR	8.0		Normal
Additional AR 2	Ken Henry Johnsen	NOR	7.9		Normal
Fourth Official	Dag Vidar Hafsås	NOR	8.0		Normal
UEFA Referee Observer	Vítor Melo Pereira	SCO			
Blog-Referee Observer <sup>4</sup>	Turan Oz.	USA			

<sup>1</sup> Final mark according to evaluation scale. Expected level for AARs and fourth official is 8.0, crucial mistake 7.9 as usual!

<sup>2</sup> 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).

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

<sup>4</sup> Blog-Referee Observer = Inofficial referee observer appointed by the blog administrator.

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 Arsenal's beautiful Emirates stadium. The atmosphere was intense and the referee had to deal with couple of intensive situations under the high pressure from Arsenal fans. It was good weather to play football and overall the level of football played by both teams was satisfying. The referee contributed to good football by enforcing laws of the game and mostly the advantage where needed.

## 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:**

Obviously Mr. Moen is one of the best talents that UEFA has. He has good foul selection and knowledge of the laws of the game. He was mostly able to keep the match and players under control and wasn't affected by the atmosphere and pressure. His disciplinary decisions were good in most cases good for the situation.

Minute	Description of the situation
11 <sup>th</sup>	Referee was able to recover his position quickly on an Arsenal counter attack. Very good speed and running style. He takes advantage of his long legs by opening them wide and forward.
14 <sup>th</sup>	Dangerous foul by Arsenal. The referee had a public word with the player.
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Good sense of urgency after a hard foul by Sagna (ARS). The referee ran to the spot and issued a correct yellow card. (He could isolate Sagna and talk to him before giving the yellow card. Sagna would have calmed down instead of walking away with eyes in disbelief.)
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Two consecutive advantage calls. One for Bayern and one for Arsenal. In my opinion, since the level of frustration was going up he could have called the foul for Arsenal and calm the game down a little bit.
24 <sup>th</sup>	The level of frustration is at the top level now. Arteta jumped to the opponent with a little or no intention to play the ball. The referee understood the nature of the foul and made his decision immediately, reaching his yellow card. It is a foul that could go either red or yellow. For the atmosphere of the match he decided to go with yellow. It's understandable.
33 <sup>rd</sup>	Foul for Arsenal. It looked like, it should have been a dangerous play by Arsenal player.
36 <sup>th</sup>	Correct yellow card to Schweinsteiger for having complaint after a free-kick to Arsenal.
46:50	Referee added 2 minutes of stoppage time and ended the first half at 46:50.
49 <sup>th</sup>	Good awareness of intent of player. Podolski tried to go for the ball hard but couldn't manage. Referee was close to play and warned him while in dynamic play.
54 <sup>th</sup>	An obvious wrong corner kick awarded to Arsenal. The kick was taken and Arsenal scored their only goal from it. It's a game decisive mistake in my opinion. <b>Important area to improve for the referee.</b>
66 <sup>th</sup>	Correct yellow card to Podolski for reckless tackle.
67 <sup>th</sup>	Another good advantage call followed by an immediate foul. Ramsey is cautioned for Dissenting. Good call.

**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:** He is confident and knows what he is doing. Mostly persistent with his calls throughout the game and able to keep the game under control.

<b>Positive Points</b>	1.	Very good dvantage.
	2.	Fitness.
	3.	Anticipation.
	4.	Side stepping and back pedaling when needed.
<b>Points to improve</b>	1.	When cautioning the players he should be able to calm the situation down as well. Just flashing cards didn't help for further play.
	2.	Needs to give some time to his assistants to decide whether it is a goal kick or corner kick. Too quick to call.
	3.	
	4.	

Minute	Description of the situation
5 <sup>th</sup>	Beginning of the game. Good advantage play for Arsenal. It shows the referee's preparation level and concentration.
78 <sup>th</sup>	Very, very good example of fitness. The referee was well positioned when he signaled the third Bayern Munich goal. Almost closer than AAR1.

**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):** Very good.

**Further Aspects:** Referee's anticipation and awareness level is quite good. As mentioned couple times, he only needs to take some time before issuing cards and communicate with players to slow the motions down.

+	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 (especially 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
59 <sup>th</sup>	Referee in the way of play. Couldn't jump over the ball therefore it almost led to a counter attack.

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

**Comments:**

Good teamwork between the crew. No flags were missed and couple of times AARs were talking to the players while corners were being taken. Good communication. Only one corner was missed by AAR2 or I should say Mr. Moen called it very quickly.

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

**Comments:**

The referee is well talented and has a good future, in my opinion. If slows down a little bit before making important calls he can be more effective. He seems to be in a rush when calling the fouls and issuing cards. Sometimes waiting for his assistants is much more efficient than giving a fast but wrong decision.

## 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:**  
 Not so many challenging positions for assistants.

## 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

## 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:** Good concentration and movement on the goal line. Is able to talk to players on set pieces.

Minute	Description of the situation
32 <sup>nd</sup>	Very good movement on an Arsenal attack.

## 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:**

He had one golden chance to help the referee and shine but didn't do anything about the situation. The referee mistakenly awarded a corner kick to Arsenal and he didn't bother to correct it although it should have been pretty obvious to him.

Minute	Description of the situation
54 <sup>th</sup>	Wrong corner kick awarded to Arsenal and they scored their match goal from the corner kick.

## 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. Neither by the coaches nor by the players.