

# UEFA Europa League 2012 / 2013

Round of 16

(FRA) FC Girondins De Bordeaux		2:3		SL Benfica (POR)
14/03/2013, Time 21:05 CET – Stade Chaban-Delmas, Bordeaux, France				

Match Officials	Name	Origin	Mark <sup>1</sup>	Mark <sup>2</sup>	Difficulty <sup>3</sup>
Referee	Ovidiu Alin Hategan	ROU	8.3	-----	Challenging
Assistant Referee 1	Octavian Sovre	ROU	8.2	-----	Normal
Assistant Referee 2	Sebastian Georghe	ROU	8.2	-----	Challenging
Additional AR 1	Sebastian Coltescu	ROU	8.3	-----	Challenging
Additional AR 2	Istvan Kovacs	ROU	8.1	-----	Normal
Fourth Official	Radu Ghinguleac	ROU	8.0	-----	Normal
UEFA Referee Observer	Alfredo Trentalange	ITA			
Blog-Referee Observer <sup>4</sup>	Edward A.	GRE			

<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 mistake or a performance with two or more clear and important mistakes.
6.0 – 6.9	Unacceptable.

### Description of the match:

The match was played at Stade Chaban-Delmas and with an attendance of 26609. The crowd was too enthusiastic since with the score at 1-0 for Benfica from the first leg everything was open. However Benfica managed to score first (33' min.) and have a strong lead as for the qualification. The second half started with Bordeaux putting pressure to Benfica to equalize and managed to do so at min. 74. But their celebration didn't last for long since Benfica at the very next minute managed to take the lead again. Bordeaux then asked for another goal in order to at least secure the goal and achieved it (min. 90). However after a really dreadful defending the Portuguese team managed to score a third goal and take the win.

Romanian talented Referee Ovidiu Alin Hategan was in charge of this match and he did well overall.

## 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:**

Hategan is considered a big talent in UEFA refereeing. Since he is born in 1980 he has a bright future ahead of him. So naturally I had to expect big things from him. He had a good Application and Interpretation of the LOTG. Furthermore his foul detection was good and he had a clear line. Moreover he tried to let the game flow as much as possible and not to punish every little contact which he achieved in a pretty convincing way. His disciplinary Control was very good since he punished every cautionable offence.

He had to cope with 1 difficult situation. At min. 62 he had to deal with a penalty appeal by Bordeaux. After an air pass Roderick (BEN) tried to clear the ball but it hit Matic (BEN) who had his hand in an upper position. Hategan after consultation by AAR1 (Coltescu) waived play-on. It was a very difficult call since the defender (Matic) did a very reckless move when he raised his arm just the ball was coming to him. After watching the situation many times I think I will go with the referee on this one. So acceptable call.

Overall it was an expected level performance (of course there are areas for improvement).

Minute	Description of the situation
10'	Henrique (BOR) fouls on Enzo Perez (BEN) by stepping on his foot. Correct YC.
15'	Tone of whistle is too low.
20'	Missed foul for Benfica. Saivet (BOR) pulls Melgarejo (BEN) but the referee gives a Goal Kick.
25'	Roderick (BEN) fouls on Diabate (BOR). The referee could let the advantage since another Bordeaux player took the ball.
31'	Obraniak (BOR) is shown the yellow card for executing a foul before the whistle. The referee has informed the Bordeaux player that he has to wait for his whistle but the player didn't listen to the referee. Correct YC.
33'	Missed handball for Bordeaux near the center of the field.
37'	Diabate (BOR) fouls on Perez (BEN) by using his hands on the opponents face. The referee warned him verbally. An acceptable decision.
52'	Roderick (BEN) fouls on Diabate (BOR) by pulling him. Correct YC.
55'	Rodrigo (BEN) fouls with studs-up to Sane (BOR) and the ball goes to Bordeaux GK. The referee should bring game back since the foul is severe.
56'	Bordeaux's GK executes a goal-kick but there is a second ball inside the field of play.
62'	Penalty appeal by Bordeaux. After an air pass Roderick (BEN) tried to clear the ball but it hit Matic (BEN) who had his hand in an upper position. Hategan after consultation by AAR1 (Coltescu) waived play-on. It was a very difficult call since the defender (Matic) did a very reckless move when he raised his arm just the ball was coming to him. After watching the situation many times I think I will go with the referee on this one. So acceptable call.
73'	Perez (BEN) fouls on Plasil (BOR). The referee could caution the Benfica player but only warns him verbally.
77'	Ben Khalfallah (BOR) fouls on John (BEN). Correct YC.
78'	Altercation at a corner kicks between Poko (BOR) and Salvio (BEN). Hategan warns both of the players that he won't tolerate anything. Very good management.
83'	John (BEN) is shown a yellow card for time wasting before executing a corner.
89'	Maxi Pereira (BEN) goes inside the penalty area and falls without having contact with a defender. Correct Yellow Card for simulation.

**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:**

Hategan was consistent and had a good tactical approach. Match control was very good since the referee cautioned the offences needed. Furthermore the management of players was very good since the referee made clear to everyone that he was in charge. Some technical aspects need improving like his whistle (he needs to either change it or find a way to whistle louder) and the fact that he whistled in almost every corner-kick.

<b>Positive Points</b>	1.	Foul detection.
	2.	Consistency
	3.	Match control and Disciplinary Control.
<b>Points to improve</b>	1.	Usage of whistle (in some occasion I couldn't hear it) and he doesn't have to whistle to every single corner (when awarding it).

Minute	Description of the situation

**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:**

+	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
Full time	Always close to play, follows the diagonal system and has a good positioning at set pieces.

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

**Comments:**

Teamwork was very good. His AR's gave him some offences near them and his AAR's helped him a lot inside the penalty area and specifically in 2 occasions.

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

**Comments:**

Overall it was an expected level performance (of course there are areas for improvement).

## 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:**

The first assistant wasn't really challenged. He didn't have offside calls and 1 onside call which resulted in an effort on goal. However he did a mistake since he should signal 1 offside.

Minute	Description of the situation
22'	Onside call on Salvio (BEN) which resulted on an effort on goal.
50'	Sertic (BOR) is in offside position but is not signaled.

## 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:**

He had 4 offside calls (2 of them mistakes). He needs improvement in order to help Hategan for bigger matches.

Minute	Description of the situation
24'	Diabate (BOR) is flagged for offside. No replay but seems correct.
39'	Obraniak (BOR) is flagged for offside. Mistake since he is at least level.
47'	Rodrigo (BEN) is flagged for offside but the ball goes to Bordeaux GK. Mistake.
65'	John (BEN) is flagged for offside. Doubtful since there is no replay.
75'	Cardozo (BEN) scores. He is onside. Good reaction by AR2.
90+3'	Cardozo (BEN) is flagged for offside. Correct.

## 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:**

He helped the referee at the penalty appeal situation. Other than that no other major calls for him.

Minute	Description of the situation
62'	Penalty appeal by Bordeaux. After an air pass Roderick (BEN) tried to clear the ball but it hit Matic (BEN) who had his hand in an upper position. Hategan after consultation by AAR1 (Coltescu) waived play-on. It was a very difficult call since the defender (Matic) did a very reckless move when he raised his arm just the ball was coming to him. After watching the situation many times I think I will go with the referee on this one. So acceptable call.

## 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 also helped the referee with a simulation situation (min. 89'). Other than that no other major calls for him.

Minute	Description of the situation
89'	Maxi Pereira (BEN) goes inside the penalty area and falls without having contact with a defender. Correct Yellow Card for simulation.

## 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:**

Fourth official wasn't challenged at all. Substitutions and additional time were executed in an adequate time.