

UEFA Champions League 2012 / 2013

Quarterfinals

(ESP) Málaga CF		0:0		Borussia Dortmund (GER)
03 April 2013, 20:45 CET – La Rosaleda, Málaga, Spain				

Match Officials	Name	Origin	Mark ¹	Mark ²	Difficulty ³
Referee	Jonas Eriksson	SWE	7.9	8.4	Normal
Assistant Referee 1	Mathias Klasenius	SWE	8.4	---	Normal
Assistant Referee 2	Daniel Wärnmark	SWE	8.7	---	Very Challenging
Additional AR 1	Stefan Johannesson	SWE	7.9	8.0	Normal
Additional AR 2	Markus Strömbergsson	SWE	8.0	---	Normal
Fourth Official	Stefan Wittberg	SWE	8.0	---	Normal
UEFA Referee Observer	Zdravko Jokić	SRB			
Blog-Referee Observer ⁴	Chefren	ITA			

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

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 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 first leg of 2012/13 CL quarterfinals, played at La Rosaleda, in Málaga, Spain, between the home team and Borussia Dortmund. One of the three matches in which a Spanish team is involved. The stadium presented an attendance of 28,548, almost a sold out. The atmosphere was intensive and the referee had to face the pressure of the crowd, in several situations. The weather conditions were acceptable, partly cloudy with a good temperature in order to play football.

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:

Jonas Eriksson had overall a not difficult match to handle, since the players were fair and it was a nice show to watch. Several mandatory situations in which he had to give a YC were correctly evaluated, especially in first half. He showed a good knowledge of the Laws of the Game. His disciplinary control was more than acceptable. The assistants often helped him. Nevertheless, in second half the whole crew missed a penalty, to be whistled in favor of Borussia Dortmund, at 62'. The situation was not easy to detect, by the way AAR1 Johannesson was close to action but he wasn't able to recognize the foul. This mistake affected the performance and we must evaluate it as crucial. Another remarkable situation at the beginning of second half was well evaluated (46', handball in penalty area). All the cards given were correct, especially the evaluation made at 30', no red card for DOGSO but yellow card. The assistants were almost faultless in their calls.

Minute	Description of the situation
9'	Game is stopped by referee after a contact involving Gündoğan (BOR), which suffers an injury. Correct decision to evaluate the situation as unintentional. Dropped ball.
13'	Lewandowski (BOR) commits foul on Weligton (MAL). Reported by AR2, good alertness.
14'	Superb NO FLAG by AR2, Daniel Wärnmark. One of the most difficult situations to evaluate ever.
17'	Grosskreutz (BOR) commits foul on Gámez (MAL). Infraction reported by AR1, and correct YC. Late attempt to reach the ball, totally reckless. Good alertness showed by assistant 1.
18'	Antunes (MAL) commits a blatant and tactical foul, trying to stop a counterattack by Borussia Dortmund. The referee tries to wait, giving a very good advantage, then a few seconds later he books the player. The best management of the situation. On the subsequent action, another remarkable NO FLAG by AR2.
30'	Weligton (MAL) irregularly stops Lewandowski (BOR), near the penalty area. Correct decision to give the YC and not a RC for DOGSO, since another Spanish defender was in a good position in order to take part in the action. Correct reading of the situation by the referee.
46'	Antunes (MAL) touches the ball with his arm in penalty area, correct decision by the referee to consider it as unintentional, because the ball at fist bounces on his body then hits the hand. There is also a minimal distance from the German shooter.
49'	Dangerous tackle by Saviola (MAL) on Felipe Santana (BOR). Borderline decision, if to give a YC or not, but still acceptable decision by the referee: no card. The player clearly tried to hit the ball, the opponent came later.
52'	The referee shows a good authority to players after a few complaints for a whistle.
54'	Demichelis (MAL) softly pulls and holds Lewandowski (BOR) in penalty area. Not enough for a penalty, the decision can be shared. The situation was not blatant.
55'	Missed foul by Toulalan (MAL) on Grosskreutz (BOR).
62'	Contact in penalty area between Weligton (MAL) and Götze (BOR). After having passed the ball, German player is clearly hit on the foot by the defender. A penalty might have been awarded, but Eriksson was very far from the action, the only possible help was by AAR1, Johannesson, which wasn't able to see, or maybe evaluated it as not enough for a penalty. Very often we have not the needed attention in these situations by the officials, since they tend to follow always the ball.
77'	Iturra (MAL) commits a foul from behind on Lewandowski (BOR). Correct YC.

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:

Using his experience, Eriksson was able to control the match without problems. There were never a riot or remarkable complaints, the players accepted him and his decisions. He had also a good communication and a big authority on the pitch.

Positive Points	1.	Control of the game.
	2.	Able to be accepted by players.
	3.	Great communication and prevention prior to set pieces.

Points to improve	1.	Positioning, especially when the action is in penalty area. In the crucial situation of the match he was too far away.
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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
18'	Excellent awareness and use of the advantage.
62'	Missed a penalty due to his wrong positioning.

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 with both assistant was excellent, they helped the referee, reporting fouls, all match long, and they were always aware. It worked a bit less with the AAR1, Johannesson, which was less able to help him in the penalty situation.

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

Comments:

Eriksson showed a good performance, and his mark would be 8.4. Anyway, the penalty missed must be taken into account, even though almost impossible for him to detect it. He was in a wrong position. The mistake is shared with AAR1, Johannesson.

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:

Both assistants showed an excellent degree of cooperation with the main referee, helping him all match long, reporting fouls. The first assistant had two important offside situations to evaluate, and he correctly did it. There were also other minor situations, but easy and not difficult. Faultless, but not really challenged.

Minute	Description of the situation
7'	Saviola (MAL) is evaluated offside. Correct NO FLAG, anyway not difficult.
17'	Grosskreutz (BOR) commits foul on Gámez (MAL). Good alertness, infraction reported to the referee and subsequent YC.
34'	Joaquín (MAL) is evaluated offside. Very good NO FLAG.
57'	Götze (BOR) commits foul on Antunes (MAL). Correctly reported to the referee.
69'	Götze (BOR) commits foul on Weligton (MAL). Infraction reported to the referee.

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:

Both assistants showed an excellent degree of cooperation with the main referee, helping him all match long, reporting fouls. The second assistant had a heavy work, especially in first half. Three offside flags were raised, probably only the first was wrong, but still in a borderline and difficult situation to read. Then, other 3 ONSIDE situations correctly evaluated, and especially the first one, which happened at 14'. It was a masterpiece, in one of the most difficult situations that can happen on the pitch. Very good work! His mark might have been even higher without the first flag at 4'.

Minute	Description of the situation
4'	Schmelzer (BOR) is flagged offside. Borderline call, probably the player is onside. No blatant mistake, anyway.
13'	Lewandowski (BOR) commits foul on Weligton (MAL). Situation correctly reported to the referee. Good alertness.
14'	Götze (BOR) is evaluated onside in a crucial and very difficult situation. Superb NO FLAG by AR2.
18'	Götze (BOR) is correctly evaluated onside: another remarkable decision, not easy to take, on a counter-attack.
24'	Lewandowski (BOR) is flagged offside: correct decision.
36'	Lewandowski (BOR) is evaluated onside. Correct NO FLAG.
45'	Grosskreutz (BOR) is flagged offside: correct decision, even though he doesn't take part in the action, he affects a defender, after a save by the keeper.
88'	Felipe Santana (BOR) commits foul on Santa Cruz (MAL). Infraction correctly reported to the referee.

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 had to detect the penalty at 62', a crucial mistake since he was there but not able to help the referee. The situation was not difficult to see for him.

Minute	Description of the situation
62'	Penalty missed for a clear foul by Weligton (MAL) on Götze (BOR). No help to Eriksson.

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 for him, nothing happened in his penalty area.

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:

The fourth official was not involved in remarkable situations, he executed in a adequate manner all the duties about substitutions and added time. He also had several talks with Borussia Dortmund coach.