

UEFA Champions League 2012 / 2013

Quarterfinals

(ITA) Juventus Turin		0:2		Bayern München (GER)
10 April 2013, 20:45 CET – Juventus Stadium, Turin, Italy				

Match Officials	Name	Origin	Mark ¹	Mark ²	Difficulty ³
Referee	Carlos Velasco Carballo	ESP	8.4	---	Normal
Assistant Referee 1	Roberto Alonso Fernández	ESP	8.3	---	Normal
Assistant Referee 2	Juan Carlos Yuste Jiménez	ESP	8.4	---	Normal
Additional AR 1	Carlos Clos Gómez	ESP	8.0	---	Normal
Additional AR 2	Carlos Del Cerro Grande	ESP	8.0	---	Normal
Fourth Official	Roberto Díaz Pérez Del Palomar	ESP	8.0	---	Normal
UEFA Referee Observer	László Vagner	HUN			
Blog-Referee Observer ⁴	Josh R.	GER			

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 second leg between Juventus Turin and Bayern Munich, which was announced as "war" by some Juve players before the match, was at the latest decided by the 0-1 scored by Mandzukic after 64 minutes but it could have been also just after 58 minutes when Robben hit the post.

There were not so many opportunities for both teams to score a early goal but the guest team profited by the advantage of a 2-0 in the first match. The 0-2 from Pizzaro at the very last minute wasn't noteworthy anymore.

For Referee Carballo from Spain it was a match under normal requirements at any time.

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:

Referee Carballo chose a line in his foul assessment which was a bit nit-picking compared with other CL matches but that wasn't a bad choice this night! Because of that all protagonists knew which type of duels were allowed and in which cases a freekick will be given by Carballo. Also the fact that some Juve players announced a "war" before the beginning of the match, a tightly and clear line was virtually the optimal way to handle this match. Two early yellow cards (6' and 13', explained below), although the first one was a bit exaggerated at the first glance, were the absolute basis for the full control of the match. In the observer's view the fact that the match was normal to manage just from the very beginning until the final whistle is also a merit of the predictable Referee performance.

Only one scene in the 26'min could have been solved in a better way concerning the card management (s. also below). Attention attracted the positive balance of free kicks: they were given enough two both teams so there was neither the home team nor the guests which fell disadvantaged by the Spanish Referee team. With many short whistles he controlled the large part of the duels and he often noticed well in which situations it was necessary to intervene so the game-feeling of the Ref was pretty good.

Minute	Description of the situation
6'	First YC against FCB - Mandzukic. Like mentioned above at the first glance it was a bit too hard to show a YC so early in the match because of such a foul play. Maybe it could have been handled also with a strongly verbal warning but the effect of this early YC was amazing in the following match. It was just one of two YCs in the whole match! Perfect choice by the Ref, the observer doesn't assesses this foul isolated and praises the effect of this signal card!
13'	First YC against Juve - Bonucci. In this case a YC is absolutely adequate and must be given by the Ref. The Juve player was punished for a clear jersey pull against T. Müller whereby he stopped an attack of the guest team. Well solved by Carballo. Also good support by AR2 in this situation because of the fact that the foul was in his vicinity. Second part of the optimal effect: Both teams got a YC in the first 15 min and they were the only ones just until the final whistle!
26'	Hard straddle by Martinez (FCB) near the center line. Showing a YC in this scene would have been absolutely accepted by the observer but if no YC is given, the Ref had to warn Martinez strongly in verbal way! Unfortunately Carballo missed this intervention and the observer couldn't notice a clear verbal warning. There were no obvious negative effects in the following match because of this missed intervention so Carballo's way to handle it wasn't clearly wrong but there was definitely a better way to solve this situation!
49'	Good advantage given to Pogba (Juve) after a double foul play against him. The Ref let the play on and made a promising attack on the right side possible for the home team. Well handled!
57'	Penalty scene in the box of the guests. Chiellini fell after he was contacted by Boateng. In a strictly view the Ref could have given a penalty in this situation but there were absolutely no protests by anybody! Well solved by the Ref who waited a second for the reactions of the protagonists and let the play on.
68'	Clear verbal warning No.8 Juve after two foul plays. In this situation the Ref said clearly that the 0-1 isn't a reason to get aggressive now and Carballo was absolutely right! In this case (but unfortunately only in this case) the style of verbal warnings was like a very good Referee should do it.

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:

This night Carballo was basically a Referee like a Referee should be. He interfered two times in the first 15 minutes in type of two YC and stayed at the background when there was no intervention really necessary. He used often his personality to calm down the tempers with a smile and was present when the players started to be more aggressive.

Room for improvement deliver his verbal warnings: More strictly and clearly in some situations, the skills for doing that exist without a doubt.

Positive Points	1.	Control of the match
	2.	Predictable line in the foul assessment
	3.	Present only if necessary, let the teams play the game
Negative Points	1.	Style of verbal warnings

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): basically **good**, but can be improved in cases of duels near the outside line. Sometimes it can be dangerous if the Ref counts only on the view of the ARs/ARR's to handle the situations in this area. It would be better to reduce the distance to some duels to be immediately present if e.g. a harder foul play happens.

He should lay his focus on improve his flexible diagonal system.

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
Again and again in the first and second half	Not rarely the Ref was a bit too far away in cases of duels near the outside line and the coaching zones. Nothing really important happened but this condition can change very fast sometimes. Advice: Reducing the distance to maybe 15m would be the optimal distance to assess a duel.

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 team work was optimal but there were no difficult situations to manage.

Only the good support to the Ref in the 13'min by AR2 has to be praised. If a foul play happens in the vicinity of the AR a support should always be important for the Ref. Exemplary solved in this situation.

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

Comments:

A good performance of the Ref on expected level under throughout normal requirements. If he would have managed the situation in the 26' in a better way (showing CY or clear, strong verbal warning), would have showed a even better positioning and a stronger style of verbal warnings in some cases, a very good mark would have been also possible.

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:

Performance on expected level. Only two offside calls, both were correct and easy to notice.

Minute	Description of the situation
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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:

Good performance on expected level. He gave a adequate and important support to the Ref after flagging in the YC situation (13'min) because the foul was directly in front of him. Also his two offside calls in important situations were correct.

Minute	Description of the situation
15'	Mandzukic is flagged offside. Totally correct flag, but why not earlier??
53'	Offside call against Quagliarella. A 2m offside situation but a great opportunity for the home team. It's important to flag in this case! Well done.

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; mandatorily 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: No difficult situations. Performance on expected level.			
Minute	Description of the situation		
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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; mandatorily 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: No difficult situations. Performance on expected level.			
Minute	Description of the situation		
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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: Managed all substitutions well. No difficulties. A job on expected level.