

UEFA Champions League 2012 / 2013

Quarterfinals

(TUR) Galatasaray Istanbul		3:2		Real Madrid (ESP)
09 April 2013, 20:45 CET – Ali Sami Yen Spor Kompleksi, Istanbul, Turkey				

Match Officials	Name	Origin	Mark ¹	Mark ²	Difficulty ³
Referee	Stéphane Lannoy	FRA	8.4	---	challenging
Assistant Referee 1	Frédéric Cano	FRA	8.4	---	normal
Assistant Referee 2	Michaël Annonier	FRA	8.7	---	challenging
Additional AR 1	Antony Gautier	FRA	8.1	---	normal
Additional AR 2	Ruddy Buquet	FRA	8.0	---	normal
Fourth Official	Laurent Stien	FRA	8.0	---	normal
UEFA Referee Observer	Neale Barry	ENG			
Blog-Referee Observer ⁴	Philipp S.	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:

This second leg of the CL quarterfinals did not promise a lot of tension, because Real had won the first leg 3-0 at home. Only 8 minutes in the game, when Ronaldo scored, it became even clearer, that Madrid would participate in the semifinal. In the rest of the first half, Real controlled the match and there were no big chances on both sides. In the second half Galatasaray could increase the pressure and scored three nice goals in 15 minutes. But in the end of the match, the Spanish side was more concentrated and could avoid more danger, in the final minute Ronaldo even scored again.

UEFA appointed the French referee Stephane Lannoy for this match, who was injured in the first part of the season and therefore had his first appearance in this year's competition. The fact, that he was selected after only one Europa League match in March, shows the big appreciation by the

referee committee. He could even be a candidate for the Europa League final in Amsterdam. In this match, he had to take many foul / no-foul decisions, and deal with the pressure of the extremely loud Turkish crowd. Together with the partly fast play and the rising tension after the 3-1, it was a *challenging* match for him.

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:
 In the area of foul detection he made a few mistakes, but related to the high number of free kicks, he had to award, this is not a big problem. He did not miss a necessary yellow card, while all his bookings had a good reason. Overall he did not show weaknesses concerning the LotG. Apart from some rather less serious penalty appeals, the biggest decision was the sending-off of Arbeloa, which was quite clear, but maybe should have been a straight red.

Minute	Description of the situation
19	Wrong free kick decision for Madrid
20	No penalty for Istanbul, but a free kick to Real after a duel between Eboue and Coentrao, decision is OK; Afterwards Sneijder correctly gets a yellow card for dissent.
45	YC to Eboue for a foul against Ronaldo combined with gestures , which suggested a dive, OK
52	Accidentally Kaya's foot hits Khedira's stomach, correct to play on
66	After a shoot Pepe hits Drogba's leg hard in the penalty area, but not enough for a penalty
89	YC to Arbeloa for a foul, maybe for persistent infringements.
90	2 nd YC to Arbeloa, strange situation: After all players went into position for the free kick following the foul, Lannoy told Arbeloa to come and then showed him yellow and red. The referee made clear, the reason was tipping against his forehead, what happened in the moment, he was shown the first card. Probably, Lannoy did not see it himself, but was informed by one of his assistants. It would have been better to issue a straight red card for insulting here, but a yellow card for dissent is not totally wrong after the rules and much better than ignoring it completely.
90	YC for Amrabat for a foul, correct

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: Lannoy chose not to be too lenient and was awarding many free kicks during the game. However, he was able to recognize fair tacklings and allowed a certain level of physical play. Having this as a basic line, he slightly adopted his approach to the needs of the game, i.e. a bit stricter, when it became hectically, and more lenient in calm times. Overall quite good in this area. Around minute 20, when there were some tight decisions against Istanbul, he had to deal with heavy protests. He reacted quite strict, shouting at the players and showing, who the boss is. Maybe it was a bit too much, but to be fair, later on, he showed, is also able to smile and communicate "normally" with the players. In these scenes, he set the basement for a very good match control, so he could calm upcoming protests quite quickly. Another good point is, that he was always ready, to be quick at the place of a foul to calm down everyone around, that helped a lot,

while he did not exaggerate and selected well the situations, when it was necessary. Furthermore he did not at all seem to be influenced by the noisy crowd, daring to take tight decisions against them without being unfair to one of the sides.

Positive Points	1.	Tactical approach, well-fitting to the match
	2.	Control of the match, dealing with protests
	3.	Not influenced by the spectators

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

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

Comments:

All his assistant seemed to be helpful in their respective areas and the referee could completely rely on them, because their decisions, especially concerning offside, were faultless.

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

Comments:

A very good performance regarding control and tactical approach as well as the handling of the atmosphere, but a number of minor mistakes and the not given straight red card do not allow a better mark than 8.4.

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 as much work as the other assistant, but reliable, when he was needed.

Minute	Description of the situation
23	Correct offside call

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:

A couple of close offside decisions, some of them important, everything correct. Also helping the referee in his area.

Minute	Description of the situation
8	Correct and difficult offside decision at the 0-1 goal
17	Offside Özil, close and correct
18	Free kick for Real, correctly signaled
45+1	Correct offside call
82	Correctly disallowed goal by Drogba due to an offside position

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:

Surprisingly, Terim and Mourinho kept calm during the match, so no challenges for him.

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:			
Minute	Description of the situation		
20	No penalty, but foul by the striker, correct decision, happened directly in front of him		

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:			
No special scenes, where he was involved			
Minute	Description of the situation		