

# UEFA Champions League 2012 / 2013

## Quarterfinals

(ESP) FC Barcelona		1:1		Paris St. Germain (FRA)
10 April 2013, 20:45 CET – Camp Nou, Barcelona, Spain				

Match Officials	Name	Origin	Mark <sup>1</sup>	Mark <sup>2</sup>	Difficulty <sup>3</sup>
Referee	Bjorn Kuipers	NED	8.4	---	Challenging
Assistant Referee 1	Sander van Roekel	NED	8.4	---	Challenging
Assistant Referee 2	Erwin Zeinstra	NED	8.4	---	Challenging
Additional AR 1	Pol Van Boekel	NED	8.0	---	Normal
Additional AR 2	Richard Liesveld	NED	8.0	---	Normal
Fourth Official	Angelo Booman	NED	8.0	---	Normal
UEFA Referee Observer	Kyros Vassaras	GRE			
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
<b>9.0 – 10.0</b>	Excellent.
<b>8.5 – 8.9</b>	Very good. Important decision(s) correctly taken.
<b>8.3 – 8.4</b>	Good. Expected level.
<b>8.2</b>	Satisfactory with small areas for improvement.
<b>8.0 – 8.1</b>	Satisfactory with important areas for improvement.
<b>7.9</b>	One clear and important mistake, otherwise 8.3 or above.
<b>7.8</b>	One clear and important mistake, otherwise 8.0 – 8.2.
<b>7.5 – 7.7</b>	Below expectation, poor control, significant point(s) for improvement.
<b>7.0 – 7.4</b>	Disappointing. Below expectation with one and clear important mistake or a performance with two or more clear and important mistakes.
<b>6.0 – 6.9</b>	Unacceptable.

### Description of the match:

Second Leg of the clash between Barcelona and Porto with the first leg drawn at 2-2. So result was open for both teams and we anticipated a big match. Camp Nou was almost full of crowd (96022 spectators) and they created a very hot atmosphere by cheering and shouting at every moment of the match. Weather was very good with a clear night and with a temperature of 13°.

At the first half we witnessed many efforts on goal from both teams but none was successive. The second half began with PSG taking the lead (min. 50) and putting the match on fire. Barcelona started to attack more so the match became quite challenging for the referee. Barcelona scored the 1-1 and the match continued at the same rhythm until the final whistle.

UEFA Elite official Bjorn Kuipers from Netherlands was appointed at this match and he was observer by UEFA Committee member Kyros Vassaras from Greece. So an important test for the referee.

## 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:**

The referee similar to previous performances this season put an effort to let the game flow as much as possible and give the much a great rhythm which he succeeded. His foul detection was very good giving every team only the "legal" ones. His match strategy included talking to the players and issuing verbal warnings when necessary. His card management was very good since all his cards were justified.

There was a doubtful situation at min. 60' when Ibrahimovic and Pique tried to play the ball and collided about 5m outside the penalty area. Ibrahimovic asked for a foul but Kuipers was very close and waived play-on. Personally and without replay I am with the referee at this one.

Another weird situation happened at min. 68' when Villa fell when he was marked by 2 PSG players. Replay isn't enlightened at all but my feeling is that there wasn't anything illegal.

Overall I think since he displayed another convincing performance he may be a candidate for 1 of the 2 European Finals.

Minute	Description of the situation
25'	Dani Alves (BAR) fouls on Veratti (PSG). Verbal warning by the referee.
26'	Pedro Rodriguez (BAR) fouls on Lavezzi (PSG). No card given since there wasn't a promising attack.
31'	Referee doesn't let Dani Alves (BAR) re-enter the pitch after the received medical attention since Barcelona was making an attack at that moment. Frustration to the fans.
34'	After a Corner-kick Ibrahimovic fouls on Dani Alves. Not given.
36'	Stop play for an injured PSG player (Jallet). Referee thought he had hit his head.
42'	Yellow card to Adriano (BAR) for a foul to Lucas (PSG). 2 feet from behind and with speed. However it wasn't a red since both legs were at the ground.
80'	Lavezzi (PSG) is shown the yellow card for a foul on Jordi Alba (BAR). Very late challenge so correct card but the Barcelona player should be shown the yellow card as well for his reaction. AR1 could have helped.
85'	Thiago Silva (PSG) fouls on Lionel Messi (BAR) with a tackle from behind. Correct YC.
90'	David Beckham (PSG) is shown the yellow card for descent. The PSG player kept protesting to Kuipers at almost every decision he made.
93'	Van Der Wiel (PSG) fouls on Bartra (BAR) with a reckless challenge. Referee and AR1 didn't give anything.

**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:**

Control of the match was good. Kuipers had a clear line in foul detection and all his decisions were respected by the players. He talked a lot to the players and he issued some verbal warnings when he felt needed.

<b>Positive Points</b>	1.	Communication with the players.
	2.	Physical Condition
	3.	Consistency
<b>Points to improve</b>	1.	A little more alert especially at the last minutes of the game (added time). He could have given some more fouls just to low the match's temperature.
<b>Minute</b>	<b>Description of the situation</b>	

**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:**

<b>+</b>	<b>Expected</b>	<b>-</b>	
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

**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. Assistants helped him in some fouls and they seemed to be talking to him a lot. AAR's not involved in the match (at least visibly).

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

**Comments:**

Overall it was a pretty good performance equal of expected level.

## 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:**

He had a very good performance with 3 offside calls and all correct. He could however help the referee with Jordi Alba's reaction.

Minute	Description of the situation
05'	Pedro Rodriguez (BAR) is flagged for offside. Correct.
52'	Ibrahimovic (PSG) is flagged for offside. Again Correct.
78'	Lavezzi (PSG) is flagged for offside. Again Correct.

## 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:**

<b>+</b>	<b>Expected</b>	<b>-</b>	
	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 2 difficult situations and caught them both. However he did make 1 mistake in an offside. Expected level performance.

<b>Minute</b>	<b>Description of the situation</b>
27'	Jallet (PSG) is flagged for offside. Mistake since he is at least level with the second last defender. AR2 doesn't have a good position.
29'	Lavezzi (PSG) is flagged for offside after hitting the ball right in front of Valdez who makes a difficult save to corner. However AR2 was correct and very quick.
50'	Pastore (PSG) scores after beating the offside trap. Good reaction by AR2.
66'	Villa (BAR) is flagged for offside. Correct decision.

## 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. Substitutions and additional time were executed adequately.

## 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:**

No visible involvement for him. Just the usual.

Minute	Description of the situation

## 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
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