

## UEFA Champions League 2012 / 2013

Round of 16

(SCO) Celtic Glasgow		0:3		Juventus Turin (ITA)
12 February 2013, 20:45 CET – Celtic Park – Glasgow – Scotland				

Match Officials	Name	Origin	Mark <sup>1</sup>	Mark <sup>2</sup>	Difficulty <sup>3</sup>
Referee	Alberto Undiano Mallenco	ESP	7.8	8.2	Challenging
Assistant Referee 1	Roberto Díaz Pérez Del Palomar	ESP	8.4	---	Normal
Assistant Referee 2	Jesús Calvo Guadamuro	ESP	8.2	---	Normal
Additional AR 1	Fernando Teixeira Vitienes	ESP	8.0	---	Normal
Additional AR 2	César Muñoz Fernández	ESP	8.2	---	Challenging
Fourth Official	Raúl Cabañero Martínez	ESP	8.0	---	Normal
UEFA Referee Observer	Uno Tutk	EST			
Blog-Referee Observer <sup>4</sup>	Nik Askitopoulos	ENG			

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

### Description of the match:

A feisty match but nothing too demanding in principle. A great atmosphere that turned hostile at times. Both teams seemed to play in good spirit, despite the odd altercation – especially at set pieces. Juve's tactics of sitting deep and counter attacking in a timely fashion worked a treat, which essentially meant that the referee was not continuously blowing for petty fouls had the away side dominated possession throughout. Normal to challenging.

## Referee

<p><b>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.</b> <b>(Crucial decisions, if available, have to be explicitly mentioned in the grid and highlighted).</b></p>
<p><b>Comments:</b> Text here...</p>
<p><b>Minute &amp; Description of the situation</b></p>
<p>2 Some pulling in the box, no word by Mallenco. Due to 'excess', perhaps could have spoken to players involved to make his mark.</p>
<p>3 Controversial goal in many ways. Mallenco and AR2 (far left) spot on with no foul call by Matri on RB Ambrose - who must be stronger in this scenario. Matri scored the goal, the ball slightly crossed the line which was hidden for (A)AR2. A further rebound was in then for sure. Following a later interview given by PI. Collina, AAR2 already detected the first ball as a goal. So a good decision.</p>
<p>11 Hooper and Lichsteiner now spoken to at this corner. Brief hand signal to state that no more would be tolerated.</p>
<p>23 Brown foul on Pirlo. Pirlo complains (excessively) but only because he cant get into the game. No persistent fouling on him to date.</p>
<p>24 Mallenco should perhaps have blown for foul tackle Brown on Pirlo just one minute after a similar altercation between the pair. Pirlo unhappy again, and a bit of agro between the pair ensues. Mallenco fails to isolate players when warning them about behaviour, could have made them shake hands in a 'public rebuke'. Improvement needed.</p>
<p>31 Missed foul on Vidal on the edge of Celtic penalty area. Seemed to be enough contact. Vidal requires physio treatment.</p>
<p>33 Missed foul on Celtic player on halfway line (HWL)</p>
<p>34 Correct offside from AR2 but Malleco could play on with space ahead of fullback. Crowd grow hostile.</p>
<p>34 Correct foul given on Vucinic on HWL, but why the extra whistle tones?</p>
<p>35 Poor defensive foul awarded after Wanyama shows excellent body strength to maintain possession.</p>
<p>37 Correct stepped approach by Mallenco. Hooper and Lichsteiner now <b>cautioned</b> for shirt pulling for 3<sup>rd</sup> time in game. Further pulling afterwards however. Hooper falls to the floor on next corner but playing for it. An argument that 2<sup>nd</sup> YC could be awarded but feel the uncertainty due to Hooper theatrics stops Mallenco from doing so. Benefit of the doubt. But overall could have been handled better.</p>
<p>40 Poor signaling, as Mallenco thinks the ball goes for a throw-in. Celtic keep possession so arm quickly put down. Play carries on as ball still in play.</p>
<p>42 Forrest cautioned for foul on Pirlo. Studs showing.</p>
<p>43 Mallenco doesn't help himself by negative body language and poor whistle tone. Gives attacking freekick but does not run to area to stifle dissent in a way most elite referees adopt. Lennon approaches referee team as they leave the pitch.</p>

46 Foul to Celtic. A Bit soft. Positioning for this freekick suspect, he is far too wide left and should trust his AR for offside decisions.

50 Calm demeanour as he speaks with players. Not letting the Lennon 'advice' get to him.

51 Foul to Celtic on HWL – Very close to the ball yet again for an experienced referee; can he get more wide and keep the ball between himself and the majority of players?

53 Missed foul on the edge of the penalty area (2<sup>nd</sup> time) on Izaguirre. Mallenco signals that the ball was won. Poor awareness, the 'feel' for this was obvious. **Potential penalty missed.**

57 Good decision to wave away pen claim from a deep Celtic cross. Crowd try to assert pressure.

67 Missed foul throw by referee team (AR2). Raised foot by Juve left back.

70 min. Lich living dangerously by pushing Brown. Not seen by referee team though, perhaps spoken about on system. Nothing there but Lich must be careful.

74 Good advantage to Celtic HWL but the signal is poor. Only one arm raised.

76 Brown and Padoin booked for similar offences at a corner. Padoin continues to hold. Mallenco should either blow whistle again immediately (once ball is in play) for a penalty, or stop play before the corner is taken, and have a very stern final word. So actually a **crucial mistake.**

77 Juve score on the counter. Excellent non-offside again by AR1 who has had a good game. 2-0

85 Corner instead of a goal kick given.

88 Pogba fouls Wanyama. No caution (probably correct) but no word given to Frenchman either. Resulting freekick poor left side position again. Must be more central to gain more strategic view of field.

89 Caution for Marchiso. Allows him to run away. Repeated whistles to keep ball stationary whilst writing name. Easily avoided simply by isolating the player and cautioning using the correct procedure.

90 Wanyama foul. Potentially a YC? No word with player either.

93 Foul on Celtic midfielder on HWL, was going to blow – decided not to as Celtic maintained possession, but actually does not signal advantage. Poor body language too; very nonchalant.

93 Foul on Pogba in defensive third. Gives the advantage, signals, but arms low and together, no verbal shout. Blows for full time.

**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:**

Appeared over confident and too relaxed. His approach was good on the whole and waved away most appeals in a confident manner.

<b>Positive Points</b>	1.	Stepped approach to cautioning
	2.	Confidence and positive mindset – unflustered.
<b>Points to improve</b>	1.	Player management and isolating in order to caution or discuss
	2.	Positioning on the field during play and at set pieces which hinders his ability to detect clear fouls
	3.	When to play advantage and associated advantage signal
<b>Minute</b>	<b>Description of the situation</b>	
76	Perhaps a crucial mistake in not awarding a penalty after cautioning Padoin for shirt pulling and then proceeding to allow the same altercation. This was at 0-1, and Juve score pretty soon after this incident.	

**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. However, got caught far behind play at times, in particular with two Juve counter-attacks in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half and one Celtic attack late in the game.

**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
52	Too slow to sweep up play on the Juve counter, far away from ball in attacking third as a result.

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

**Comments:**  
 Good for the most part. Could perhaps have acknowledged the AR in the first half in order to play the advantage.

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

**Comments:**  
 Good positioning in the first 30 mins then deteriorated. Signaling very erratic, not only in the poor call for throw in first half but in the consistent poor arm positioning in throw signaling per se (with arm often diagonal in direction) – as is common from Mallenco. Positioning at freekicks and corners also suspect. Stays very wide and left and does not move towards the centre as ball played in. Cannot possibly see the overview of key penalty area occurrences.

Is Mallenco becoming complacent with experience?

## 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)

<b>Relevant Aspects:</b>			
+	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:**  
 Excellent signaling and positioning in particular. Did not flag needlessly. Assisted Mallenco well.

**Description of the situation**

16 AR1 active  
 20 AR1 not conned by foul appeal by Brown. Good work.  
 46 AR1 assisting referee with correct foul given.  
 60-63 mins, four good offside calls, flagged very well.

## 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)

<b>Relevant Aspects:</b>			
+	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

<b>Comments:</b> Poor relaxed posture throughout the whole match. Must show more enthusiasm for the nature and glamour of the tie.
<b>Description of the situation</b>
3 Shows no reaction in the first goal situation, perhaps was in fact unable to see it 28 Good offside detection. First of the game. 34 Offside, but could have delayed.

## Additional Assistant Referee 1

<b>Assistant referee's performance</b> (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)			
<b>Relevant Aspects:</b>			
+	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
<b>Comments:</b> Not really involved, relatively easy game for this official.			
<b>Minute</b>	<b>Description of the situation</b>		

## Additional Assistant Referee 2

<b>Assistant referee's performance</b> (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)			
<b>Relevant Aspects:</b>			
+	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
<b>Comments:</b> He had his main involvement in the first goal situation. While it was not visible in TV, Collina claimed that AAR2 had seen the first ball having crossed the line...			
<b>Minute</b>	<b>Description of the situation</b>		
3	Saw the first ball crossing the line, at least according to Collina.		

## 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:**

Subs spoken in correct manner and clear as to correct procedure.  
Dealt with Lennon very well.