

UEFA Champions League 2012 / 2013

Round of 16

(ITA) Juventus Turin		2:0		Celtic Glasgow (SCO)
06 March 2013, 20:45 CET – Juventus Stadium, Torino, Italy				

Match Officials	Name	Origin	Mark ¹	Mark ²	Difficulty ³
Referee	Firat Aydinus	TUR	8.3	---	Normal
Assistant Referee 1	Serkan Ok	TUR	8.4	---	Normal
Assistant Referee 2	Aleks Tascioglu	TUR	8.3	---	Normal
Additional AR 1	Bariş Simsek	TUR	8.0	---	Normal
Additional AR 2	Tolga Özkalfa	TUR	8.0	---	Normal
Fourth Official	Çem Satman	TUR	8.0	---	Normal
UEFA Referee Observer	Zdravko Jokić	SRB			
Blog-Referee Observer ⁴	Niclas E.	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 mistakes or a performance with two or more clear and important mistakes.
6.0 – 6.9	Unacceptable.

Description of the match:

As the only Champions League Round of 16 tie, Juventus – Celtic was more or less decided after the first leg, since Italian's current no.1 managed to reap a 3:0 victory in Scotland. The second leg played in good conditions did not reveal any form of suspense.

The match was totally fair throughout its entire length; also due to the fact that the Italians smoothed their path very early by scoring the leading 1:0 goal, adding the second one in the midst of the second half.

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: Firat Aydinus of Turkey showed no lack of knowledge with regards to the Laws of the Game and their situational application and interpretation. He sensibly controlled the game concerning disciplinary measures, having issued two cautions. The referee furthermore identified more severe fouls and showed ability to separate them from minor situations by either judging them with a yellow card or approaching the position where the foul occurred underlaid with a few verbal warnings. There was one exception in minute 63, when Juventus' Bonucci committed a scissor-like foul against his opponent Kayal, only entailing a free-kick, but no card. Yellow was actually mandatory, also keeping in mind that it was of tactical nature. On the other hand, his target to allow a quick execution of the free-kick underlined the referee's try to facilitate a quick match in the midfield. He was attentive at corner kicks marking more than four fouls after them in the match. Not always with reason. The advantage rule was sometimes deployed, no problem here.	
Minute	Description of the situation
17	Yellow Card – unsporting behaviour (holding): Juventus' Peluso is cautioned for a tactical foul in the midfield, impeding a quick counterattack. He held his opponent Matthews for more than a second. Matthews broke away and slightly pushed the offender, which should have been rewarded with a verbal warning, which did not happen.
65	Yellow Card – unsporting behaviour (tackle): Celtic's Izaquirre fouls his opponent in the midfield with medium to high intensity, correct booking.

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: As indicated in I., the referee basically acted in a manner that was not lenient but not totally pedantic either. He interrupted many corner kicks having detected infringements by strikers. He was sometimes right and sometimes wrong with that. That led to a couple of unnecessary stoppages. Not every contact is a foul. 29 fouls was a high but equally evitable number. Also in the midfield, he could have allowed more physical play. Despite that, he did not attract that much attention and hence seemed a bit hidden in the match. He did not want to be in the focus. Also based on the normal difficulty of the match, there were no bigger situations where personality could have played an important role. Thus, his personality was not visible in this match, which is however no criticism but just a match-specific finding. Verbal warnings appeared sometimes, as already said, he should have done that in minute 17, too. Mutual respect between teams, players and the referee was fully ensured.		
Positive Points	1.	Consistency in his tactical line
	2.	Sovereignty, focusing on his tasks and avoidance of unnecessary gestures
	3.	Determination in his calls, savoured total respect by the players, his decisions were (mostly) accepted.

Points to improve	1.	Unnecessary stoppages after corner kicks
	2.	Allow, in general, a bit more physical play
	3.	Use more verbal warnings in situations where they are needed

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:

+	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:
 Since the match did not yield more than a minimum number of tackles close to (additional) assistant referees, there are no special situations to concentrate on. But in general, the agreement within the team probably contributed to a smooth performance, too.

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

Comments:

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:

Remarkable involvement in Juventus' 2:0 goal, letting the flag down. No offside. Apart from that, only one very small error and moreover some good offside flags that revealed his concentration. If needed, one had the impression that he would be ready to take good decisions.

Minute	Description of the situation
5	The assistant missed Hooper's offside position after a long pass by the goalkeeper.
65	NO offside prior to the 2:0 goal, very tight decision that was specially difficult due to the contrary movements of defender and striker
80	Correct offside, very tight decision
90+4	Correct offside decision, the striker was in active offside by more than a metre.

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:

Rarely involved, seemed focused and concentrated. Only one correct offside decision (70')

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:

Normal match for this teammember, sensible movement on the goalline and concentrated posture.

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:

Normal match for this teammember, sensible movement on the goalline and concentrated posture.

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:

Nothing special to report, everything expected and normal for him. Added times' signalization came in time in both halves.