

UEFA Champions League 2012 / 2013

Round of 16

(FRA) Paris S.G.		1:1		Valencia CF (ESP)
06 March 2013, 20:45 CET – Parc des Princes, Paris, France				

Match Officials	Name	Origin	Mark ¹	Mark ²	Difficulty ³
Referee	Milorad Mažić	SRB	8.3	---	Normal
Assistant Referee 1	Milovan Ristić	SRB	8.7	---	Very Challenging
Assistant Referee 2	Igor Radojčić	SRB	8.5	---	Challenging
Additional AR 1	Danilo Grujić	SRB	8.0	---	Normal
Additional AR 2	Milenko Vukadinović	SRB	8.0	---	Normal
Fourth Official	Dalibor Djurdjević	SRB	8.0	---	Normal
UEFA Referee Observer	David R. Elleray	ENG			
Blog-Referee Observer ⁴	Çagatay I.	TUR			

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 of Champions League Round16 match between PSG and Valencia which is played in France is handled by Serbian Elite Development (ED) referee Milorad Mazic. There is a remarkable decision that should be noted in this appointment. It is the first time in UEFA referee categorizes system that an ED referee is assigned to a knock-out stage match of Champions League. Although the tie is not obviously decided in the first leg, UEFA with a big courage has appointed the referee to this match which requires high level of concentration and good understanding of LOTG.

The match was played under light rain. However, the pitch was convenient for a football match. The winner of tie is not decided until final whistle of the match. That also contributes a lot in the performance of the referee team.

As a hot Elite candidate, Milorad Mazic has passed another important test without big problem.

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: There were many physical and tactical duels through the game. Referee has set his standards and kept it for entire match. One may argue that he managed to have an equilibrium between the flow of the game and foul detection. For my taste, it was a pretty ok performance with the following positions and explanations. Disciplinary measures of referee are quite tight which is very good to have a fair game and less fouls. He very-well managed to control the game with his obvious authority and self-reliance which I fully appreciate.	
Minute	Description of the situation
Min 4	Correct free-kick for PSG is given. Since, there is no ball-aim by #20 of Valencia, referee has correctly warned the player for further involvements.
Min 6, 34	Good move-on for Valencia attack, the attempt is to ball
Min 7	No handball in Valencia attack, positioning of referee is flexible which brings him the ability to consider different positions more accurately.
Min 10	Good injury management. However that would be better to stop the game immediately after the hit since it is to head.
Min 11	Good advantage attempt. There is an obvious foul to PSG player, he let the game flow. However, referee should have signaled for advantage.
Min 15	Correct foul whistle on PSG goalkeeper. He lets some physical plays in-box encounters.
Min 15	Indirect free-kick should have been given to PSG since Valencia #20 uses his leg in a dangerous way.
Min 21	Good advantage play in PSG attack.
Min 22	A totally correct YC to #6 of Valencia. The quick counter-attack of PSG is prevented with a tactical foul.
Min 30,31	Two missed foul calls in a row. Second one was clear.
Min 35	The no-ball tackle from the behind. YC should have been issued to #7 of Valencia. It is missed.
Min 38	Correct YC to #18 of Valencia for another critical tactical foul in an important goal attempt.
Min 45+1	A totally wrong foul is given. Referee doesnt see about PSG #18's arm preventing #8 of Valencia to act to ball. An offense foul should have been given.
Min 48	Since lack of replays, there is a controversion whether the position is foul for Valencia or not in a quick attack. To my taste, referee should have whistled it.
Min 49	Very good advantage play in PSG attack.
Min 53	Correct foul on PSG defender in corner kick.
Min 54	Some UEFA Elite/ED referees may give a foul before goal of Valencia, Foul attempt done on #18 of PSG. (#18 PSG) hits the ball before Valencia #24, and the ball reaches in the air in vertical direction. However, #24 leg hits #18 which makes him slightly down. But, the foul standards that referee has set for this match dont require to whistle it. So, I accept the decision by referee.
Min 59, 61, 65	Good go-ons for soft shoulder preventions, and an ok foul call
Min 64	A remarkable foul detection by AR1.

Min 67	Match deciding call comes by AR1: Great outside decision on PSG goal
Min 69	Correct foul call, extensive use of body in a row
Min 76	A brutal foul, and an obvious YC is missed to #13 of PSG. It is obvious that the ball can not be kept in play. But still, the tackle is very dangerous for player health. YC should have been issued.
Min 79,80	Good go-on out-of box for Valencia attack, Good go-on on-ball attempt
Min 86,88	Both foul calls are ok with LOTG.

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:
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Positive Points	1.	Fitness
	2.	Positioning
	3.	Advantage application
	4.	Mental alertness
Points to improve	1.	Foul detection
	2.	Anticipation

Minute	Description of the situation
Min 5	Very early in the game, referee stops the corner the kick and warns the two players for in-box interactions. The referee gives the message of prevention of such series for further involvements. Correct.
Min 57	#3 of Valencia tries to contest AR1 on a given free-kick. Referee is very quick to be involved, and do not let any interaction. That's very important, remarkable.
Min 67	YC for removing his shirt whilst celebrating after the goal, ok with rule book.
Min 81	YC for Soldado for continuing arguments of given foul call. Correct.
Min 84	YC to #21 of Valencia for tactical foul to prevent counter attack of PSG, correct.

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

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

Comments:

Well constructed, bilateral reliance.

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

Comments:

Text here, if needed ...

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:

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Minute	Description of the situation
Min 7	Correct, expected onside decision in Valencia attack.
Min 33	A very tight, and correct onside decision in Valencia attack
Min 48,49	Sequential correct throw-in, inside the play decisions
Min 57, 60	Correct foul detection on PSG #8, and offense-foul
Min 64	A remarkable foul detection by AR1.
Min 67	Match deciding call comes by AR1: Great onside decision on PSG goal
Min 90	Half-of body is offside for PSG. Another important and correct flag.

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:

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Minute	Description of the situation
Min 3	Relatively important onside decision of PSG attack, correct decision
Min 9	A very tight onside decision for PSG. There is no replays but snap-shots proves the AR right.
Min 38, 40	Good onside decisions in PSG attacks
Min 87	Correct tight offside for Valencia #14

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.

Minute	Description of the situation
Min 28	Involvement in an outside-Goal kick decision correctly
Min 74	Positioning is wrong to detect whether the ball full in/out as a corner or go-on. But the result is ok (Although, not %100 of ball crosses the line)

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 remarkable involvement.

Minute	Description of the situation

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:
All according to the common practices.