

## UEFA Champions League 2012 / 2013

Round of 16

(UKR) Shakhtar Donetsk		2:2		Borussia Dortmund
13 February 2013, 20:45 CET – Donbass Arena, Donetsk, Ukraine				

Match Officials	Name	Origin	Mark <sup>1</sup>	Mark <sup>2</sup>	Difficulty <sup>3</sup>
Referee	Howard Webb	ENG	7.8	8.2	Challenging
Assistant Referee 1	Michael Mullarkey	ENG	8.3	----	Normal
Assistant Referee 2	Darren Cann	ENG	8.4	----	Challenging
Additional AR 1	Michael Oliver	ENG	8.0	----	Normal
Additional AR 2	Andre Marriner	ENG	8.0	----	Normal
Fourth Official	Stephen Child	ENG	8.0	----	Normal
UEFA Referee Observer	Jean Lemmer	LUX			
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
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:

First Leg of the Round of 16 match between Shakhtar Donetsk and Borussia Dortmund. Both teams wanted a positive result ahead of the second leg to be played at 05 March. Crowd was very enthusiastic with singing and cheering for their teams creating a very good atmosphere in an almost full stadium (49050 spectators). Match was quite fair without many hard challenges but the referee had to deal with 3 penalty appeals and some other situations that needed his attention.

## Referee

<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>	
<b>Comments:</b> Howard Webb is a very experienced referee with many big games and important ones. He has a good knowledge of the LOTG and applies his own style to each game. At this match he chose to apply the Premier League style which means he wasn't whistling every contact and letting the game flow as much as possible. This helped the game to have a good rhythm and to produce 4 goals. However he should be stricter with the Application of the LOTG meaning that he should issue at least 4 yellow cards more for tactical fouls mostly. He correctly rejected 3 penalty appeals by the 2 teams but he had to deal with a difficult situation when Fernandinho (SHA) hit Błaszczykowski in the face with his hand deliberately. It was a straight red card but Webb didn't notice the infringement.	
Minute	Description of the situation
03'	Kehl (BVB) fouls on Mkhitarian (SHA). First of the match and verbal warning by Webb.
05'	Lewandowski (BVB) is being pulled slightly by Rakitskiy (SHA) and falls inside the penalty area. Webb waives play-on correctly.
11'	Again Lewandowski (BVB) being inside the penalty area falls after a challenge shoulder to shoulder with Srna (SHA). Again a correct no penalty by Webb
12'	Rakitskiy (SHA) fouls on Reus (BVB) very close to the penalty area and being in potentially dangerous position. Webb should have issued the YC.
37'	Chygrynskiy (SHA) fouls on Götze (BVB) by blocking him just outside the penalty area and in front of AR1. The Shakhtar player doesn't have any intention on playing the ball and just wants to stop his opponent. A YC would have been appropriate.
44'	Again No penalty by Webb and probably AAR2. After a header of Alex Teixeira on goal the ball hits Marcel Schmelzer on his chest and is cleared away.
50'	Another missed YC when L. Adriano (SHA) fouls on Bender (BVB) after pulling and holding him.
56'	Again a missed YC when Hummels (BVB) fouls on L. Adriano (SHA) at the center of the field when he was going into a promising attack. The fell is a little theatrical and easy but the YC was appropriate.
59'	M. Mullarkey gives a goal-kick for BVB correctly and Srna (SHA) protests to the assistant. Webb should have a word with him.
63'	Excellent advantage given to Shakhtar since Douglas Costa escapes from 3 opponents and is heading for the penalty area.
69'	The only YC to Fernandinho (SHA) for a reckless challenge on Bender (BVB) at the center of the field. Correctly evaluated by Webb.
74'	Fernandinho (SHA) hits with his elbow Błaszczykowski (BVB) in his face. Webb is 5 meters from the incident but misjudges it. It was a clear violent conduct and it should have been a straight red card.
<b>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.</b>	
<b>Comments:</b> Control of the match was good. Webb 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.	Control of the match.
	2.	Communication with the players.
	3.	Physical Condition
<b>Points to improve</b>	1.	Positioning at set pieces.
	2.	Management of the cards, especially in cases of tactical fouls, when the players have not chance to get the ball and they commit a foul just to stop the action. Here a YC is appropriate.
<b>Minute</b>	<b>Description of the situation</b>	
12-37-50-56	4 situations were the YC would have been appropriate.	

**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
30'	1-0 by Shakhtar when Srna scored after a free kick. Webb is very far from the penalty area about 15 meters and even behind the ball.
62'	Another foul for BVB. Webb again is far from the penalty area.
63'	Excellent advantage given to Shakhtar since Douglas Costa escapes from 3 opponents and is heading for the penalty area.

**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 Webb in several situations and both had a faultless performance. Furthermore his AAR's helped him in 2 penalty situations.

**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 satisfactory performance with a small area of improvement but with 1 crucial mistake (missed red card to Fernandinho at 74').

## 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:**  
 No major involvement for him. No offside calls and an expected level performance.

Minute	Description of the situation
59'	M. Mullarkey gives a goal-kick for BVB correctly and Srna (SHA) protests to the assistant. Webb should have a word with him.

## 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:**  
 The second assistant had a good co-operation with the referee. He had 2 correct offside calls and other 2 onside calls. A very good performance.

Minute	Description of the situation
01'	Onside call on Mkhitaryan (SHA). Correct
08'	Mkhitaryan (SHA) is flagged for offside. Correct decision.
10'	Fernandinho (SHA) is flagged for offside. Correct decision.

## 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:**

His only involvement seems to be the first rejected penalty. He appeared attentive, as needed.

Minute	Description of the situation
05'	Lewandowski (BVB) is being pulled slightly by Rakitskiy (SHA) and falls inside the penalty area. Webb waives play-on correctly.

## 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:**

He was involved at the incident at 44' when he correctly informed Webb that the ball hit the defender's chest. He appeared attentive, as needed

Minute	Description of the situation
44'	Again No penalty by Webb and probably AAR2. After a header of Alex Teixeira on goal the ball hits Marcel Schmelzer on his chest and is cleared away.

## 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.