

## UEFA Champions League 2012 / 2013

Round of 16

(GER) FC Schalke 04		2:3		Galatasaray (TUR)
12 March 2013, 20:45 CET – Veltins Arena, Gelsenkirchen, Germany				

Match Officials	Name	Origin	Mark <sup>1</sup>	Mark <sup>2</sup>	Difficulty <sup>3</sup>
Referee	Jonas Eriksson	SWE	7.8	8.1	Normal
Assistant Referee 1	Mathias Klasenius	SWE	8.2	---	Normal
Assistant Referee 2	Daniel Wärnmark	SWE	8.3	---	Normal
Additional AR 1	Stefan Johannesson	SWE	8.0	---	Normal
Additional AR 2	Markus Strömbergsson	SWE	7.9	8.0	Normal
Fourth Official	Stefan Wittberg	SWE	8.0	---	Normal
UEFA Referee Observer	Charles Agius	MLT			
Blog-Referee Observer <sup>4</sup>	Josh R.	GER			

<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:

Second leg of the clash between Schalke 04 and Galatasaray Istanbul in the full crowded Veltins Arena. Many Turkish viewers living in Gelsenkirchen came to see this amazing and very emotional match which wasn't decided yet after the first leg last week. S04 could take advantage of the better starting position with the 1:1 in the first match although the guests had the better beginning with opportunities in the initial phase but the home team scored after 17'min by No.33 Neustädter.

Not really shocked because of the disadvantage Gala played courageously forward and so they have turned the match in only five minutes from 1:0 to 1:2 witch goals scored by Altintop after a great shot from 30m distance and Burak Yilmaz by reason of a defense mistake from Höwedes and keeper Hildebrand. The second half was dominated by the home team whereby they scored the 2:2 in the 62'min and almost the 3:2 by Draxler, but he couldn't use a great chance in the 66'min. The home team needed one goal to reach the quarter final but in the end it was Galatasaray who

scored the last goal in the stoppage time just a few seconds before the Referee blew the final whistle. An exciting match for Referee Jonas Eriksson and his team from Sweden under normal requirements.

## 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:**  
 Jonas Eriksson, who is Sweden's most experienced referee and normally well known for very good performances in the last couple of years, takes the match in my view a little bit too relaxed. From the beginning on until the final whistle there are some situations where the ref doesn't have a clear and obvious line in his foul assessment. Both foot tackles and header duels sometimes aren't solved in optimal way. Also his card management contains some mistakes and particularly missing yellow cards in some contradictory situations. Further a clear mistake in the 17'min before the 1:0 diminishes the performance of the referee team (s. below). His entry to show yellow cards after 14'min is acceptable but it doesn't match with the further foul play interpretation and yellow card level. There are two scenes where a yellow card should have been given: on the one hand the clear foot offense from Höwedes (S04) in the 26'min and on the other hand the obvious jersey pull from Amrabat (Gala) in the 88'min. If Eriksson choses his level for showing YCs in type of the foul in the 14'min from Höger, he has to show without a doubt a YC in these two situations. His interpretation of handballs in the box was very good, e.g. in the 55', 68' and 73'min where there is three times no real intention to detect. Also the stoppage time of 5 minutes at the end of the match is well chosen by the referee team and absolutely adequate. To add is unfortunately another mistake from the referee team which happens in the 75'min. Another clear infringement which isn't penalized with a yellow card. During a free kick execution Amrabat (Gala) reduces the distance to the ball down to only 4 meters. Neither the ref nor the AR1/AAR1 interfere in this situation, but it should have been absolutely necessary.

Minute	Description of the situation
5'	<b>Penalty appeal by Gala.</b> Burak Yilmaz falls way too easy in the box. No penalty given by the Eriksson. A correct decision in my view. Well done.
14'	<b>First YC given against S04</b> after a tactical foul from Höger near the center line. Isolated, showing a yellow card is okay, but it doesn't really match with the following scenes.
17'	1:0 S04 scored by Neustädter. <b>Before:</b> Clear shove from Höwedes against Drogba in the header duel. In the view of the observer this is a doubtless foul play and the ref and also AAR2 must see that offense. Unfortunately a obvious mistake of the team which causes the first goal.
23'	Foul play from S04 No.35 Kolasinac against Melo near the center line and adequate verbal warning by Eriksson. Well underlined with a good gesture and perfect preparation for the yellow card in the stoppage time of the second half.
26'	Obvious foot offense from Höwedes and <b>no YC given by the ref.</b> In this situation <b>it's a must to show a yellow card</b> and the ref mustn't miss that. Showing a yellow card in the 14'min and miss it in the 26' is solved in the wrong way.
35'	Clear foul play from Altintop (Gala) against Kolasinac. The home player suffers a serious shove in the back and needs even a treatment thereafter but no foul call by Eriksson. Just a example for his contradict interpretation of some duels.

50'	Verbal warning against Bastos (S04) and Altintop because of a wrangle after a throw in. Well solved to calm the tempers. Before: Drogba hits Fuchs seriously and
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	obviously on his feet near the center line after the ball was already passed. Referee Eriksson stands directly next to that scene but he doesn't interfere. Unfortunately I have no idea why.
62'	2:2 scored by Bastos but before that, <b>Eriksson and his AAR1 noticed well that there was no foul from Pukki (S04)</b> against goalkeeper Muslera. The scene happened outside the 5m-box and there wasn't an infringement. Well done, a legitimate goal.
82'	Melo from the guest team fouls Matip in a foot offense approx. 20 m. Again no foul call although the ref stands 3 m next to it. Why he doesn't notice this evident offense isn't explainable for the observer.
84'	<b>First YC against the guests.</b> After a straddle from Drogba a clear yellow card is given by Eriksson. Correct decision because of a tactical foul play.
90+4'	Another foul play from No.35 Kolasinac (S04), this time a jersey pull near the coaching rooms against Drogba. He was warned verbal by Eriksson in the first half and now <b>the ref shows correctly a yellow card</b> . Well done! But it remains one unsolved question: Where is the YC against Amarabat just 6 minutes ago? The offense was even harder than this one here.

**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 mentioned the ref has some problems with the interpretation of some offenses in this exciting match. Although his assessment of the penalty situations was very good, his predictability suffers enormous under his contradictory style. He keeps control at any time, that's no question, but not infrequent the players on the field and also the two coaches were dissatisfied about some decisions, even if those decisions weren't crucial (except: 17'min). He induces a couple of protests because of his inconsistent decisions. His style in cases of necessary verbal warning gains the appreciation of the observer. In these scenes he uses his personality connected with his presence very well. Also the preventive interventions before a corner or free kick execution pleased the observer. Unfortunately matches his self-confident appearance this night in some cases not to his performance.

<b>Positive Points</b>	1.	Self-confident personality
	2.	Convincing style of verbal warnings
	3.	Preventive interventions
<b>Points to improve</b>	1.	Missing consistent interpretations of offenses
	2.	Faulty card management
	3.	No clear predictability

Minute	Description of the situation
24'	Perfect preventive intervention after a correct foul call. Before the free kick was taken, Eriksson stops the execution and goes into the box to warn the players not to pull anyone's shirt while the free kick is taken.
Last ten minutes	The Swedish ref often slows down the game to calm down the tempers. Because of the fact that S04 had to score a goal, the last minutes were marked by much fighting. Eriksson solved these situations with convincing appearance, although he missed the YC against Amarabat in 88'min.

<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 “-“.</b>			
<p><b>Physical Condition (very good, good, average, poor):</b> good.                  The Referee was often well placed in some foul situations near the centerline (also in the 17'min when the foul in the box happened), but he didn't always use that optimal position to take the right decision.                  His presence in cases of fast attacks was adequate and made a good impression.</p>			
<b>Further Aspects:</b>			
+	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
<b>Minute</b>	<b>Description of the situation</b>		
50' / 82'	Two times when Eriksson had a very good position to decide (s. above): It's a pity, that both timest he foul call was missed by the experienced referee.		

<b>IV. Teamwork (co-operation with (A)ARs and fourth official with reference, if needed, to special situations and the minutes when they occurred)</b>
<p><b>Comments:</b>                  The teamwork had two faces in this match. On the one hand there were some situations which were solved very well together, e.g. in the 67'min correct goal kick after a close scene with Farfan (well solved by R/AR1/AAR1) or the correct corner decision in the 68'min which wasn't a handball penalty and correctly noticed by AAR1. Also the scene with Pukki and keeper Muslera before the 2:2 (which was no foul play!) was solved adequate by the Ref and the AAR1.                  On the other hand there were two important situations in the teamwork where there is definitely room for improvement. The first one was the obvious foul play from Höwedes against Drogba before the 1:0 was scored. If the ref cannot see this situation, the AAR2 has to notice it! The other one was the mistake which happened during the free kick execution in the 75'min. The ref stood some footsteps away from this scene, but AR1 and AAR1 had it clear in front of their eyes.                  A intervention is absolutely necessary, not to mention the unavoidable yellow card for Amrabat for reducing the distance down to 4m.</p>

<b>V. If needed: General comments or advices for improvement; explanation of the chosen mark; further matters (can be let empty).</b>
<p><b>Comments:</b>                  Referee Eriksson had on the one hand some positive points which were just mentioned above. His personality, the communication with the players and his self-confident appearance often convinced the observer from the very beginning. Unfortunately the performance of the referee team contains several mistakes. One clear one in the 17'min and some smaller ones connected with 3 missed yellow card situations.                  The Elite Class Referee Jonas Eriksson from Sweden has thus disappointed the observer in some points, not to forget the positive aspects which were mentioned.                  In this certain match, the negative points outweigh unfortunately whereby the mark has to be chosen accordingly.</p>

## 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:**

Satisfactory with small areas for improvement. The missed support in the 75'min diminishes the performance.

Minute	Description of the situation
72'	Foul play from Farfan against Amrabat, clear shove from behind in a header duel. Flag is correct.
75'	Amrabat reduces the distances during a free kick down to 4m. Missed interfering, either via micro or flagging.

## 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>			
<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
<b>Comments:</b>			
AR2 was a little bit more demanded but still under normal requirements. His offside calls were mostly correct, except from the 82'min. All in all a performance on expected level.			
<b>Minute</b>	<b>Description of the situation</b>		
49'	Correct offside call against Yilmaz after pass from Sneijder. Close Situation well solved.		
82'	No offside position from Umut Bulut. This time it was a mistake.		
90+5'	No offside call before the 2:3 was scored. Correct decision, well done!		

## 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:**  
 AAR1 had two situations to solve. (s. below). He was normal demanded and thus it's performance on expected level.

Minute	Description of the situation
62'	No foul play from Pukki against Muslera before the 2:2. Brilliant!
75'	Missed intervention when Amrabat reduces the distance. Deminishes the upscale performance down to expected level.

## 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:**  
 AAR2 had one important situation in the match. He didn't noticed the clear foul before the 1:0 was scored in the 17'min. The fact that because of this missing intervention a goal resulted, the mistake becomes a crucial one. Under normal requirements a performance with one clear mistake, otherwise expected level.

Minute	Description of the situation
17'	Missed to notice the obvious foul from Höwedes against Drogba before the 1:0. Crucial mistake.

## 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 did his job on expected level. All actions well done.

**Josh. R.**