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REFEREE ASSESSMENT REPORT 2015/16




Match Details

FIXTURE	 Arsenal	1-0	Chelsea	
COMPETITION	FA Community Shield			
DATE (KICK OFF TIME)	02/08/15			
VENUE	Wembley Stadium, London			



Appointed Officials

			MARK	BAND
	REFEREE	TAYLOR, Anthony	8.7	EXCELLENT
	ASSISTANT REFEREE 1	BESWICK, Gary	8.7	EXCELLENT
	ASSISTANT REFEREE 2	BROOKS, John	8.4	GOOD
	4 TH OFFICIAL	EAST, Roger	8.4	GOOD
	RESERVE ASSISTANT	SALISBURY, Michael	-	-
	ASSESSOR	ADAM		



SECTION A – THE REFEREE

1 | IDENTIFICATION OF FOUL CHALLENGES

ACCURACY The referee's ability to accurately distinguish between fair and foul challenges.	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> <div style="width: 16.6%; background-color: red; color: white; text-align: center;">UNACCEPTABLE</div> <div style="width: 16.6%; background-color: orange; color: white; text-align: center;">POOR</div> <div style="width: 16.6%; background-color: yellow; color: black; text-align: center;">SATISFACTORY</div> <div style="width: 16.6%; background-color: lightgreen; color: black; text-align: center;">GOOD</div> <div style="width: 16.6%; background-color: green; color: white; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">X EXCELLENT</div> <div style="width: 16.6%; background-color: darkgreen; color: white; text-align: center;">OUTSTANDING</div> </div>
CONSISTENCY The referee's consistency in identification & penalising of foul challenges.	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> <div style="width: 16.6%; background-color: red; color: white; text-align: center;">UNACCEPTABLE</div> <div style="width: 16.6%; background-color: orange; color: white; text-align: center;">POOR</div> <div style="width: 16.6%; background-color: yellow; color: black; text-align: center;">SATISFACTORY</div> <div style="width: 16.6%; background-color: lightgreen; color: black; text-align: center;">GOOD</div> <div style="width: 16.6%; background-color: green; color: white; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">X EXCELLENT</div> <div style="width: 16.6%; background-color: darkgreen; color: white; text-align: center;">OUTSTANDING</div> </div>
OVERALL MARK An overall mark out of 10 in accordance with the guidelines for this category.	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> <div style="width: 16.6%; background-color: red; color: white; text-align: center;">UNACCEPTABLE</div> <div style="width: 16.6%; background-color: orange; color: white; text-align: center;">POOR</div> <div style="width: 16.6%; background-color: yellow; color: black; text-align: center;">SATISFACTORY</div> <div style="width: 16.6%; background-color: lightgreen; color: black; text-align: center;">GOOD</div> <div style="width: 16.6%; background-color: green; color: white; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">8.7 EXCELLENT</div> <div style="width: 16.6%; background-color: darkgreen; color: white; text-align: center;">OUTSTANDING</div> </div>
COMMENTS Brief comments by the assessor, applied to this category, with reference to specific incidents where appropriate.	<p>The referee's foul detection was of an excellent standard. Taylor allowed an element of physicality in the match, resulting in a more free flowing game, but ensured any illegal challenged were penalised. Where necessary, Taylor stepped up his involvement in proceedings, ensuring the match always remained under control. Taylor rejected a Chelsea penalty appeal in the 8th minute after Cesc Fabregas went to ground. The decision can be backed as replays showed it was more of a collision between the two players as opposed to a foul. The referee also rightly refused a free kick appeal just outside the penalty area for Chelsea on 44 minutes as Branislav Ivanovic went to ground under minimal contact.</p>

2 | POSITIONING & MOVEMENT

READING OF THE GAME The referee's ability to see play developing & adjust positioning & movement accordingly.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	X EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
POSITIONAL AWARENESS The referee's awareness of his surroundings, including position of the players & the ball.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	X EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
OVERALL MARK An overall mark out of 10 in accordance with the guidelines for this category.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	8.5 EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS Brief comments by the assessor, applied to this category, with reference to specific incidents where appropriate.	Taylor's reading of the game and subsequent movement allowed him to negotiate into excellent viewing positions, especially in and around the penalty area. The referee utilised the sprint to ensure he remained a close yet safe distance from play. As mentioned above, Taylor was in an excellent position to judge the penalty appeal in the 8 th minute, and this also allowed him to sell his decision to the players & spectators. At set pieces, Taylor's selected suitable positions and adjusted his position according to the movement of the players, ensuring he always had as much of the play as possible in sight. Once or twice, Taylor found himself in danger of potentially interfering with play, which was more down to lack of awareness of where the players were rather than his reading of the game, which was, in general, of a very high standard.					

3 | MAN MANAGEMENT

TECHNIQUES The methods used by the referee to manage situations and cooperate with the players.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	X EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
EFFECTIVENESS The success of the methods used by the referee to manage players & situations.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	X EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
OVERALL MARK An overall mark out of 10 in accordance with the guidelines for this category.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	8.5 EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS Brief comments by the assessor, applied to this category, with reference to specific incidents where appropriate.	The referee clearly took into account the occasion in his management of the players, giving the game as much chance as possible and only producing the first caution in the 64 th minute. The referee demonstrated good man management skills on 7 minutes, formally rebuking Arsenal's Coquelin rather than resorting to cautioning at an early stage in the match. This approach worked and the players seemed to respect Taylor's empathy for the match and the occasion. Taylor perhaps missed opportunities to at least speak to Chelsea's Ramirez, who approached the game very physically, injuring opponents with careless challenges. Furthermore, the referee did very well to break up opposing players following a foul on 88 minutes, which could have resulted in a fight had Taylor not intervened as quickly as he did.					

4 | DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS

ACCURACY The accuracy of the referee's identification of cautionable and dismissable offenses.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	X EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
CONSISTENCY The referee's consistency in identifying cautionable and dismissable offenses.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	X EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
OVERALL MARK An overall mark out of 10 in accordance with the guidelines for this category.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	8.7 EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS Brief comments by the assessor, applied to this category, with reference to specific incidents where appropriate.	Taylor only produced 2 cautions during the course of the match, one for Chelsea's Azpilicueta for illegally breaking up a promising attack and one for Arsenal's Coquelin, who despite having been formally warned by Taylor, continued conceding free kicks. Taylor made it clear to the player that the caution was for persistent infringement. The referee did very well to keep the game under control without brandishing many cards, especially considering it was a derby match with a trophy at stake.					

5 | FITNESS

OVERALL MARK	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	8.7 EXCELLENT	
COMMENTS	Taylor demonstrated an excellent level of fitness and, as such, was always fully up with play to judge incidents. He utilised the dynamic sprint, as well as sidestepping in order to move whilst keeping play in sight.			

6 | OVERALL GAME MANAGEMENT & APPLICATION OF THE L.O.T.G

GAME MANAGEMENT The referee's overall management of the occasion and handling of the match.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	X EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
APPLICATION OF THE L.O.T.G The referee's knowledge and accurate implementation of the L.O.T.G throughout.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	X EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
OVERALL MARK An overall mark out of 10 in accordance with the guidelines for this category.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	8.8 EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS Brief comments by the assessor, applied to this category, with reference to specific incidents where appropriate.	The referee's overall handling of the game was excellent. The referee approached the game appropriately, considering the occasion and what was at stake. As a result, he managed the players and the game as a whole effectively, resulting in a fair, well fought match. Taylor was able to stay out of the limelight throughout, only getting involved when he was required to, although he never looked in danger of losing control of the game. The L.O.T.G were applied to the standard expected. The referee made use of the advantage clause where appropriate, and in the 11 th minute this led to a promising attack. All other minor decision from the referee, such as throw-ins, were accurately called.					

7 | OVERALL MARK

CATEGORY	MARK	BAND
1	8.7	EXCELLENT
2	8.5	EXCELLENT
3	8.5	EXCELLENT
4	8.7	EXCELLENT
5	8.7	EXCELLENT
6	8.8	EXCELLENT
OVERALL Add the above marks together and divide by 6. Round up or down to the first decimal place. In instances where the referee has made 1 or more major errors, this mark is limited to 7.9.	8.7	EXCELLENT



SECTION B – THE ASSISTANT REFEREES

1 | OFFSIDE ACCURACY

ASSISTANT REFEREE 1	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	X EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
ASSISTANT REFEREE 2	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	X GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS	Assistant 1, Gary Beswick, had several offsides to call in the 1 st half. In particular, decisions in the 15 th minute, the assistant correctly judged a very tight offside call. In comparison, assistant 2 did not have many offsides to judge but still performed his duties as expected.					

2 | TEAMWORK & COMMUNICATION

ASSISTANT REFEREE 1	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	X GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
ASSISTANT REFEREE 2	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	X GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS	The assistants were always up with play and on hand to assist the referee over the telecommunication when required.					

3 | OVERALL MARKS

ASSISTANT REFEREE 1	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	8.7 EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
ASSISTANT REFEREE 2	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	8.4 GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS	The assistant referee's performed their duties as expected, with assistant 1 doing particularly well in testing circumstances.					



SECTION C – THE 4TH OFFICIAL

1 | CONTRIBUTION TO THE TEAM

OVERALL MARK	POOR	SATISFACTORY	8.4 GOOD	
COMMENTS	The 4 th official performed his duties as expected and made a positive contribution to the officiating team's performance.			