



## REFEREE ASSESSMENT REPORT 2015/16



### Match Details

FIXTURE	 Leicester City	4-2	Sunderland	
COMPETITION	Barclays Premier League			
DATE (KICK OFF TIME)	8/8/2015 (15:00)			
VENUE	King Power Stadium, Leicester			






### Appointed Officials

			MARK	BAND
	REFEREE	MASON, Lee	7.4	POOR
	ASSISTANT REFEREE 1	KIRKUP, Peter	7.7	SATISFACTORY
	ASSISTANT REFEREE 2	HUSSIN, Ian	8.2	GOOD
	4 <sup>TH</sup> OFFICIAL	DEAN, Michael	8.4	GOOD
	ASSESSOR			



## SECTION A – THE REFEREE

### 1 | IDENTIFICATION OF FOUL CHALLENGES

<b>ACCURACY</b> The referee's ability to accurately distinguish between fair and foul challenges.	     
<b>CONSISTENCY</b> The referee's consistency in identification & penalising of foul challenges.	     
<b>OVERALL MARK</b> An overall mark out of 10 in accordance with the guidelines for this category.	     
<b>COMMENTS</b> Brief comments by the assessor, applied to this category, with reference to specific incidents where appropriate.	<p>Lee Mason had a difficult game to handle with many crucial situations to call. He called the first crucial decision correctly in awarding Leicester City a penalty kick on 25 minutes for a foul committed by Lee Cattermole. However, on 65 minutes the referee failed to identify a clear foul on the edge of the Leicester penalty area as Wes Morgan impeded Sunderland's Steven Fletcher. The defender had no intention of playing the ball, grabbing the attacker to prevent him from gaining a shot on goal. This should have been a free kick in a promising position, accompanied with a red card for denial of an obvious goal scoring opportunity (see disciplinary sanctions section). Overall, Mason was generally consistent in terms of foul detection but unfortunately Mason incorrectly judged some crucial incidents.</p>

## 2 | POSITIONING & MOVEMENT

<b>READING OF THE GAME</b> The referee's ability to see play developing & adjust positioning & movement accordingly.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
<b>POSITIONAL AWARENESS</b> The referee's awareness of his surroundings, including position of the players & the ball.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
<b>OVERALL MARK</b> An overall mark out of 10 in accordance with the guidelines for this category.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
<b>COMMENTS</b> Brief comments by the assessor, applied to this category, with reference to specific incidents where appropriate.	Lee Mason's positioning was okay for large parts of the game, he was very well positioned to judge the penalty incident on 25 minutes and was also suitably positioned for the illegal foul on 65 minutes, despite failing to award it. At some points in the game, however, Mason was danger of getting in way of play. Mason's reading of the game is an aspect he should improve in order to prevent this from happening. He could have also got himself into a better position to see a clear handball by Sunderland goalkeeper Pantilimon on 69 minutes, which he failed to penalise, possible because he had two players in his line of vision.					

## 3 | MAN MANAGEMENT

<b>TECHNIQUES</b> The methods used by the referee to manage situations and cooperate with the players.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
<b>EFFECTIVENESS</b> The success of the methods used by the referee to manage players & situations.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
<b>OVERALL MARK</b> An overall mark out of 10 in accordance with the guidelines for this category.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
<b>COMMENTS</b> Brief comments by the assessor, applied to this category, with reference to specific incidents where appropriate.	The referee adopted a relatively lenient approach, especially early on in the game, and approached the players in a friendly manner whilst also ensuring he didn't become too chatty with them. The game was played at a high tempo and as the game progressed the referee found it more difficult to manage situations and instead resorted to showing cards.					

## 4 | DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS

<b>ACCURACY</b> The accuracy of the referee's identification of cautionable and dismissable offenses.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
<b>CONSISTENCY</b> The referee's consistency in identifying cautionable and dismissable offenses.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
<b>OVERALL MARK</b> An overall mark out of 10 in accordance with the guidelines for this category.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
<b>COMMENTS</b> Brief comments by the assessor, applied to this category, with reference to specific incidents where appropriate.	Unfortunately the referee made 2 major errors in this department. The first on 65' minutes when Wes Morgan should have been dismissed for illegally preventing Steven Fletcher a clear goal scoring opportunity and the second for Sunderland goalkeeper Costel Pantilimon for deliberate handball outside his penalty area, preventing an attacker from gaining possession of the ball and having an attempt on goal. Both of these should have been straight forward decisions but on both occasions the referee didn't even award a free kick. Furthermore, the referee missed a caution on 10 minutes for a cynical tackle by Billy Jones.					

## 5 | FITNESS

<b>OVERALL MARK</b>	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT			
<b>COMMENTS</b>	The referee demonstrated a very good level of fitness throughout, never showing signs of fatigue.					

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

<b>GAME MANAGEMENT</b> The referee's overall management of the occasion and handling of the match.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	<b>X</b> SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
<b>APPLICATION OF THE L.O.T.G</b> The referee's knowledge and accurate implementation of the L.O.T.G throughout.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	<b>X</b> SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
<b>OVERALL MARK</b> An overall mark out of 10 in accordance with the guidelines for this category.	UNACCEPTABLE	<b>7.4</b> POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
<b>COMMENTS</b> Brief comments by the assessor, applied to this category, with reference to specific incidents where appropriate.	It was a very challenging game for Lee Mason with many potentially game changing incidents to judge. As discussed above, unfortunately Mason only called one of 3 crucial decisions correctly. Had all been correctly taken the outcome of the game could have been very different. Minus the major errors the referee's performance was of a reasonably good level, however due to the above mistakes the referee unfortunately cannot receive a good mark.					

## 7 | OVERALL MARK

CATEGORY	MARK	BAND
1	7.8	SATISFACTORY
2	7.9	SATISFACTORY
3	8.2	GOOD
4	7.4	POOR
5	8.5	EXCELLENT
6	7.4	POOR
<b>OVERALL</b> 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.	<b>7.4</b>	<b>POOR</b>



## SECTION B – THE ASSISTANT REFEREES

### 1 | OFFSIDE ACCURACY

<b>ASSISTANT REFEREE 1</b>	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	<b>X</b> SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
<b>ASSISTANT REFEREE 2</b>	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	<b>X</b> GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
<b>COMMENTS</b>	Assistant referee 1, Peter Kirkup, made a crucial mistake in failing to flag Marc Albrighton offside as he scored on 66 minutes. Albrighton was offside a the ball was played into the box and following a touch from the defender Albrighton scored, gaining an advantage from being in an offside position and perhaps forcing the defender into an error.					

### 2 | TEAMWORK & COMMUNICATION

<b>ASSISTANT REFEREE 1</b>	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	<b>X</b> GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
<b>ASSISTANT REFEREE 2</b>	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	<b>X</b> GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
<b>COMMENTS</b>	AR1 could have communicated better with the referee to help the team reach the correct decision on 66 minutes.					

### 3 | OVERALL MARKS

ASSISTANT REFEREE 1	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	7.7 SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
ASSISTANT REFEREE 2	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	8.2 GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS	Assistant 1 had the more challenging game, unfortunately making a crucial mistake. Ian Hussin had a good game and performed to the standard expected.					



### SECTION C – THE 4<sup>TH</sup> OFFICIAL

#### 1 | CONTRIBUTION TO THE TEAM

OVERALL MARK	POOR	SATISFACTORY	8.4 GOOD	
COMMENTS	A positive team member who kept control of the dug outs and performed as expected.			