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REFEREE ASSESSMENT REPORT 2015/16



Match Details

FIXTURE	 Arsenal	0-2	West Ham United	
COMPETITION	Barclays Premier League			
DATE (KICK OFF TIME)	09/08/15 (13:30)			
VENUE	Emirates Stadium, London			



Appointed Officials

			MARK	BAND
	REFEREE	ATKINSON, Martin	8.4	GOOD
	ASSISTANT REFEREE 1	CHILD, Stephen	8.4	GOOD
	ASSISTANT REFEREE 2	BURT, Stuart	8.4	GOOD
	4 TH OFFICIAL	OLIVER, Michael	8.4	GOOD
	ASSESSOR	ADAM		



SECTION A – THE REFEREE

1 | IDENTIFICATION OF FOUL CHALLENGES

ACCURACY The referee's ability to accurately distinguish between fair and foul challenges.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
CONSISTENCY The referee's consistency in identification & penalising of foul challenges.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
OVERALL MARK An overall mark out of 10 in accordance with the guidelines for this category.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS Brief comments by the assessor, applied to this category, with reference to specific incidents where appropriate.	Whilst it was not a particularly challenging game, the accuracy of the referee's foul detection was very high. Atkinson was consistent in terms of how much contact and physicality he allowed to go unpunished. He allowed the game to flow, playing some good advantages (49', 88' in particular). The referee could have pulled up a number of aerial challenges for both teams but instead took a lenient approach and was consistent in letting these go.					

2 | POSITIONING & MOVEMENT

READING OF THE GAME The referee's ability to see play developing & adjust positioning & movement accordingly.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
POSITIONAL AWARENESS The referee's awareness of his surroundings, including position of the players & the ball.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
OVERALL MARK An overall mark out of 10 in accordance with the guidelines for this category.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS Brief comments by the assessor, applied to this category, with reference to specific incidents where appropriate.	Overall, the positioning and movement of the referee was of a good standard. However, there were some notable areas for improvement. The referee was often far too static in fluid play, in some instances failing to follow the ball and leaving himself too far away from play. In minutes 24, 61, 68 and 81 the referee was in danger of the obstructing players or the ball. Notably, in the 68 th minute Atkinson awarded a foul from a poor viewing angle after attempting to get himself better positioned to avoid getting in the way. It was possible that he could have missed the incident. More thoughtful movement and, more importantly, staying on the move rather than remaining static could have helped prevent this.					

3 | MAN MANAGEMENT

TECHNIQUES The methods used by the referee to manage situations and cooperate with the players.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
EFFECTIVENESS The success of the methods used by the referee to manage players & situations.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
OVERALL MARK An overall mark out of 10 in accordance with the guidelines for this category.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS Brief comments by the assessor, applied to this category, with reference to specific incidents where appropriate.	The referee didn't have many opportunities to manage players or situations during the course of the match. However, there was regular communication between the players and the referee, with Atkinson willing to explain his decisions to players. As the Arsenal players grew frustrated towards the end of the game there were signs of dissent, but Atkinson handled this well, always attempting to make the communication 2 way. Despite this, there seemed to be mutual respect between referee and players, which can be partly put down to Atkinson's approach to the players.					

4 | DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS

ACCURACY The accuracy of the referee's identification of cautionable and dismissable offenses.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
CONSISTENCY The referee's consistency in identifying cautionable and dismissable offenses.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
OVERALL MARK An overall mark out of 10 in accordance with the guidelines for this category.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS Brief comments by the assessor, applied to this category, with reference to specific incidents where appropriate.	Atkinson issued 2 early cautions in the match (5', 7'), and on both occasions he was left with little choice. The early cautions perhaps helped somewhat in laying down the law, indicating to the players the threshold for a caution. In terms of consistency, the 4 cautions shown during the course of the game were for 4 reckless challenges that stood out in otherwise fairly contested match. In this sense Atkinson had a relatively easy job.					

5 | FITNESS

OVERALL MARK	SATISFACTORY	8.4	EXCELLENT
COMMENTS	As mentioned above in the positioning category, Atkinson strayed too far away from play on some occasions and could have jogged or sprinted to ensure he was always within a reasonable viewing distance. Despite not using his fitness capabilities to full capacity there were no problems to speak of.		

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	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	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	OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS Brief comments by the assessor, applied to this category, with reference to specific incidents where appropriate.	Atkinson applied the L.O.T.G to the expected level but was not challenged. He managed the game effectively, allowing the game to flow where possible but never shirking his duties to caution in accordance with the L.O.T.G.					

7 | OVERALL MARK

CATEGORY	MARK	BAND
1	8.7	EXCELLENT
2	8.0	GOOD
3	8.2	GOOD
4	8.7	EXCELLENT
5	8.4	GOOD
6	8.5	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.	8.4	GOOD



SECTION B – THE ASSISTANT REFEREES

1 | OFFSIDE ACCURACY

ASSISTANT REFEREE 1	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	X	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
ASSISTANT REFEREE 2	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	X	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS	Both assistant referees had very little to do throughout the afternoon. There were very few offside calls to make but when called upon they were accurate.					

2 | TEAMWORK & COMMUNICATION

ASSISTANT REFEREE 1	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	X GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
ASSISTANT REFEREE 2	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	X GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS	One particular incident stood out in terms of teamwork and communication between referee and assistants. On 88 minutes AR2 Stuart Burt flagged for an attacker free kick, with Atkinson seeing an opportunity to play an advantage. Burt lowered his flag as Atkinson signalled play on, leading to a good chance for Arsenal. This was good teamwork and was obvious the pair had made use of the communication kit. AR1 also flagged for a free kick for which he was in a much better position than the referee to judge. All round positive teamwork.					

3 | OVERALL MARKS

ASSISTANT REFEREE 1	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	8.4 GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
ASSISTANT REFEREE 2	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	8.4 GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS	A quiet afternoon for both assistants but they performed their duties to the level expected.					



SECTION C – THE 4TH OFFICIAL

1 | CONTRIBUTION TO THE TEAM

OVERALL MARK	POOR	SATISFACTORY	8.4 GOOD	
COMMENTS	Performed duties as expected. Had both managers questioning decisions and dealt with them calmly and effectively.			