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Match Details

FIXTURE	 Newcastle United	2-2	Southampton	
COMPETITION	Barclays Premier League			
DATE (KICK OFF TIME)	09/08/15 (13:30)			
VENUE	St James' Park, Newcastle			





















Appointed Officials

		MARK	BAND
 REFEREE	PAWSON, Craig	7.9	SATISFACTORY
 ASSISTANT REFEREE 1	BRYAN, David	8.4	GOOD
 ASSISTANT REFEREE 2	LEDGER, Scott	8.4	GOOD
 4 TH OFFICIAL	MARRINER, Andre	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.	     
CONSISTENCY The referee's consistency in identification & penalising of foul challenges.	     
OVERALL MARK An overall mark out of 10 in accordance with the guidelines for this category.	     
COMMENTS Brief comments by the assessor, applied to this category, with reference to specific incidents where appropriate.	<p>Pawson demonstrated an excellent level of foul detection, barely putting a foot wrong in this department. The first half in particular was niggly with several minor fouls. Had Pawson let these go we could have seen an escalation of fouls and misconduct, but getting to grips with these early on significantly helped with match control. Where appropriate, Pawson played some good advantages. One incident in particular stood out as a superb piece of refereeing on 55 minutes. Jack Colback of Newcastle had hold of a Southampton player as he broke forward, with the Southampton player attempting to break free. Pawson waited and waited to see if an advantage could develop and only when Colback cynically tackled the player from behind did Pawson stop the game and administer a caution. Very good officiating.</p>

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.	The referee was generally suitably positioned but there were some clear areas for improvement in this department. Firstly, bearing in mind that the match was played on a large pitch, the referee needed to follow the ball more to ensure he was a reasonable distance from play. On quite a few occasions when the ball was passed between defenders the referee found himself on the other half of the pitch after failing to at least jog to follow the ball back (first noticeable on 5 minutes). Pawson is leaving himself vulnerable here as, should a player make a mistake, he is almost solely relying on the assistant to make a decision for him. Positioning at set pieces was generally suitable, however at the corner kick on 46 minutes Pawson was a little too close to the players and was almost struck by the ball as it was cleared.					

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.	This was another aspect of Pawson's game that was particularly impressive. There was constant dialogue and communication with the players, who showed Pawson respect throughout, with virtually none of his decisions disputed. 10 minutes into the game the referee demonstrated excellent man management skills, speaking to a player and gesturing to 'calm down' following a clumsy challenge rather than resorting to showing a yellow card when it was not required in law.					

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.	Up until the 75 th minute, the referee judged every tackle perfectly. The referee showed 2 cautions for breaking up a promising attack, one for both teams, and was consistent in deciding when to go to his pocket. However, on 75 minutes, Newcastle's Mitrovic was only cautioned for an extremely poor and dangerous tackle on Southampton's Targett. Mitrovic launched himself into the tackle with excessive force and could have seriously injured Targett. Fortunately the Southampton player managed to jump out of the tackle and no damage was caused. Unfortunately for Pawson this should have been a dismissal so this must be considered a major error. Pawson perhaps should have also issued a caution for simulation on 36 minutes to Newcastle's Papiss Cisse.					

5 | FITNESS

OVERALL MARK	SATISFACTORY	8.4	EXCELLENT
COMMENTS	Pawson demonstrated a good level of fitness but could have utilised the dynamic sprint much more than he did.		

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	X	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
OVERALL MARK An overall mark out of 10 in accordance with the guidelines for this category.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	7.9	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS Brief comments by the assessor, applied to this category, with reference to specific incidents where appropriate.	Minus the incident on 75 minutes, this was an accomplished performance. Pawson approached the game very well and handled the occasion excellently. The referee had two handball penalty appeals to deal with, both for Newcastle. The first (20') could be interpreted as ball to hand and struck the player's arm from less than a yard away, so no way intentional. Replays concluded the second appeal struck the player's side rather than arm, so both penalty appeals were correctly called by the referee. Pawson always remains calm even when situations are at risk of boiling over – the Mitrovic tackle could have sparked a much stronger reaction to Southampton players than it did but Pawson's calm & collected approach undoubtedly transmitted to the players, who respected his decision to only caution. Had Pawson dismissed the player, this performance would have comfortably been in the 'excellent' bracket overall.					

7 | OVERALL MARK

CATEGORY	MARK	BAND
1	8.9	EXCELLENT
2	8.0	GOOD
3	8.9	EXCELLENT
4	7.9	SATISFACTORY
5	8.4	GOOD
6	7.9	SATISFACTORY
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.	7.9 (due to major error)	SATISFACTORY



SECTION B – THE ASSISTANT REFEREES

1 | OFFSIDE ACCURACY

ASSISTANT REFEREE 1	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	X GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
ASSISTANT REFEREE 2	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	X GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS	A regular afternoon for both assistant referees who performed their 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	There was visibly good teamwork between referee and assistants, with the assistant clearly under instruction to help the referee out when better positioned to do so. This was clear with several flags for fouls.					

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	Good all round performance by both assistants.					



SECTION C – THE 4TH OFFICIAL

1 | CONTRIBUTION TO THE TEAM

OVERALL MARK	POOR	SATISFACTORY	8.4 GOOD	
COMMENTS	Performed as expected and was seen speaking to both managers to explain decisions.			

