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REFEREE ASSESSMENT REPORT 2015/16



Match Details

FIXTURE	 Crystal Palace	0-1	Manchester City	
COMPETITION	Barclays Premier League			
DATE (KICK OFF TIME)	12/09/2015 (15:00)			
VENUE	Selhurst Park, London			



Appointed Officials

			MARK	BAND
	REFEREE	JONES, Michael	8.8	EXCELLENT
	ASSISTANT REFEREE 1	WEST, Richard	8.2	GOOD
	ASSISTANT REFEREE 2	NUNN, Adam	8.4	GOOD
	4 TH OFFICIAL	EAST, Roger	7.6	SATISFACTORY
	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.	Jones' contributed to what was a very exciting game of football, although it was also a difficult game to referee with several crucial decisions to make. He gave the game and players every chance, allowing as much physicality as possible and taking a back step in proceedings, which undoubtedly helped the match spectacle. It was a very physical game and Jones had many fouls to call, in which he generally did very well. He was consistent in allowing minor infringements to go, which worked to the benefit of both teams, and displayed a common sense approach when dealing with players. Jones had 2 penalty incidents to judge, the 1 st being a Crystal Palace penalty appeal when Yohan Cabaye went to ground. Jones was very well placed and was fully focussed on the incident and ruled that no foul had occurred. Slow motion replays show the right leg of the attacker stepping over the ball and into the path of the Manchester City defender, before tripping over his boot. Whilst there is a case for a foul					

and therefore penalty kick here, I think the attacker was looking for the contact given that he was losing possession of the ball, so the referee's decision can be backed. Manchester City also had an appeal for a penalty kick turned down for a tackle on Samir Nasri, but replays suggested the ball was won fairly.

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
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COMMENTS Brief comments by the assessor, applied to this category, with reference to specific incidents where appropriate.	Jones demonstrated excellent positional awareness throughout, adjusting his positioning by sidestepping & jogging backwards where appropriate in order to maintain a good view of play whilst not in danger of interfering or getting too close. He ran diagonally across the pitch, especially when long balls were played, which ensured he always had a good angle in which to judge situations. Jones was in a good position to judge both penalty appeals and also some bad tackles in which he was forced to take action.					

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
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COMMENTS Brief comments by the assessor, applied to this category, with reference to specific incidents where appropriate.	It was clear from very early on that Jones favoured a more pro-active approach, talking to players whenever he could and opting to warn them before resorting to showing cards. The best example of this is with Yaya Toure, who Jones spoke to on 9 minutes following a trip on a Crystal Palace player. Had Jones opted to caution, it is possible that Toure would have been dismissed given his late challenge on a Crystal Palace player later on in the match, but Jones' man management approach helped to prevent this, resulting in a very competitive and enthralling game.					

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
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COMMENTS Brief comments by the assessor, applied to this category, with reference to specific incidents where appropriate.	There were 2 tackles in particular for Jones to judge, although the match saw many more poor challenges. The first came on 18 minutes, just moments after a Crystal Palace penalty appeal, when Scott Dann fouled Sergio Aguero as he broke away for Man City. Jones judged the tackle to be reckless and was quick to produce a yellow card. The challenge was very poor and given the nature of the tackle it could have been deemed serious foul play and therefore a dismissal, but as the caution was not an obvious mistake, Jones' interpretation can be accepted. The second tackle for Jones to judge was committed by Yaya Toure on 26 minutes. The challenge was poorly timed but was not malicious, perhaps looking worse than it was due to the size of Toure. Again, Jones decided the tackle warranted a caution which was a fair judgement. On a separate note, for the Dann tackle in particular, Jones was very quick to					

	sprint over and show the card which perhaps defused the situation and prevented a bigger deal being made of the incident from the players. There were no Man City players surrounding the referee and players from both teams seemed to accept the decision. Equally, following the Yaya Toure tackle, Jones showed little hesitation in issuing the caution, selling the decision to the players & crowd.
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5 | FITNESS

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COMMENTS	Jones demonstrated an excellent level of fitness, always up with play and fully capable of sprinting end to end.			

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

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COMMENTS Brief comments by the assessor, applied to this category, with reference to specific incidents where appropriate.	With a different referee we may have seen a very different game that the enjoyable spectacle we had. Jones deserves some praise for allowing players to 'get on with it' and timing his interventions well. He remained calm under pressure and, despite many talking points, didn't make any obvious errors. It was a well fought, tough match which was handled very well by Jones.						

7 | OVERALL MARK

CATEGORY	MARK	BAND
1	8.7	EXCELLENT
2	8.8	EXCELLENT
3	8.8	EXCELLENT
4	8.6	EXCELLENT
5	8.7	EXCELLENT
6	8.9	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.	EXCELLENT	8.8



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	Assistant 1 incorrectly ruled a Crystal Palace player outside which could have resulted in a goal, but other than the assistants did a good job on offsides & were always in line with play.					

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 were a couple of occasions where the referee was helped out by his assistants, in particular assistant 1 on the touchline. There was one blip in which Assistant 1 awarded a throw in to Crystal Palace at the same time the referee signalled it to go to Manchester City, which looked a bit messy.					

3 | OVERALL MARKS

ASSISTANT REFEREE 1	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	8.2 GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
ASSISTANT REFEREE 2	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	8.4 GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS	Assistant 1 attempted to defuse the conflict between both managers on 26 minutes before the 4 th official intervened. Overall a good performance by both assistants.					



SECTION C – THE 4TH OFFICIAL

1 | CONTRIBUTION TO THE TEAM

OVERALL MARK	POOR	7.6 SATISFACTORY	GOOD	
COMMENTS	East did not maintain full control of the technical areas, with the Crystal Palace manager exiting his technical area on several occasions, including on 26 minutes when he actually entered the opposition manager's technical area and almost entered the pitch to complain to the referee about a decision. East was far too late with his intervention here, with the assistant referee left to try to calm the Manchester City manager down.			

