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Match Details

FIXTURE	 Aston Villa	0-1	Manchester United	
COMPETITION	Barclays Premier League			
DATE (KICK OFF TIME)	14/08/15 (19:45)			
VENUE	Villa Park, Birmingham			



Appointed Officials

			MARK	BAND
	REFEREE	DEAN, Michael	7.9	SATISFACTORY
	ASSISTANT REFEREE 1	BENNETT, Simon	8.6	EXCELLENT
	ASSISTANT REFEREE 2	LONG, Simon	8.4	GOOD
	4 TH OFFICIAL	MASON, Lee	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.	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> UNACCEPTABLE POOR X GOOD EXCELLENT OUTSTANDING </div>
CONSISTENCY The referee's consistency in identification & penalising of foul challenges.	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> UNACCEPTABLE POOR SATISFACTORY X EXCELLENT OUTSTANDING </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%;"> UNACCEPTABLE POOR 7.9 GOOD EXCELLENT OUTSTANDING </div>
COMMENTS Brief comments by the assessor, applied to this category, with reference to specific incidents where appropriate.	<p>The referee generally did a good job in distinguishing between legal and illegal challenges and was consistent in his interpretation of what constituted a foul. However, Dean made one crucial mistake in this department – failing to award Aston Villa a penalty kick on 37 minutes for a clear holding offense within the Manchester United penalty area. Micah Richards of Aston Villa attempted to head the ball as it was played in from a corner kick, only to be continually grabbed, including around the shoulder area, impeding him and denying him the opportunity to have a good attempt on goal. Disappointingly, replays suggested Dean was looking directly at the offense but still failed to penalise the defender. It is understandable for the referee to allow physicality in the penalty area, especially when both players are responsible, but the only guilty party here was the defender, who illegally prevented the attacker from challenging for the ball. Had the penalty kick been awarded the outcome of the</p>

match could have been very different given that the game was decided by a single goal. This must be considered a major error.

2 | POSITIONING & MOVEMENT

READING OF THE GAME The referee's ability to see play developing & adjust positioning & movement accordingly.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	X GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
POSITIONAL AWARENESS The referee's awareness of his surroundings, including position of the players & the ball.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	X GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
OVERALL MARK An overall mark out of 10 in accordance with the guidelines for this category.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	8.2 GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS Brief comments by the assessor, applied to this category, with reference to specific incidents where appropriate.	Overall, Dean's positioning and movement was good. For most parts of the match he was suitably positioned to judge incidents, including the aforementioned penalty incident. There was, however, the occasional blip where Dean found himself in danger of interfering with play. Notably on 71 minutes, the referee was very poorly placed when awarding a free kick, attempting to get out of the way of the path of the ball. Furthermore, on 29 minutes the referee took a huge risk by not following the ball and instead choosing to watch an unfolding incident off the ball. The referee could have missed a crucial decision, even in the few seconds that he wasn't looking at play. Perhaps he could have alerted his assistant, who was well placed, to the unfolding off the ball incident, whilst Dean followed play to ensure nothing was missed.					

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.	Dean's man management was very strong throughout. Even before the match had begun, Dean was seen speaking to both captains in the tunnel, getting them 'on side' at the earliest opportunity. This approach worked as the players largely showed him respect, with the exception being in the closing minutes as the game as Aston Villa searched for an equaliser. The referee managed situations where he could, only producing cards when they were necessary (such as for simulation on 71 minutes). Dean's approach suited the game, which was not particularly competitive or physical and was a relatively easy game to keep control of.					

4 | DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS

ACCURACY The accuracy of the referee's identification of cautionable and dismissable offenses.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	X GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
CONSISTENCY The referee's consistency in identifying cautionable and dismissable offenses.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	X SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
OVERALL MARK An overall mark out of 10 in accordance with the guidelines for this category.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	8.1 GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS Brief comments by the assessor, applied to this category, with reference to specific incidents where appropriate.	Dean kept his cards in his pocket until the 71 st minute, opting to manage situations instead. It was not a match that required cautions; both teams were tame in their approach with very few tackles that could be considered bookable offenses. The first caution (71') was for simulation, which was well spotted by Dean who was suitably positioned to judge. However, Dean missed what should have been a caution for Luke Shaw on 60 minutes for blocking an opponent, preventing him from getting the ball and potentially running at the Man United defence. Then, on 83 minutes, the referee did show a yellow card for a blocking offense to Matteo Darmian, who, like Shaw, illegally obstructed an opponent, preventing them from					

	gaining possession of the ball. Why a caution for Darmian but no caution for Shaw for virtually identical offenses?
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5 | FITNESS

OVERALL MARK	<table border="1"> <tr> <td style="background-color: #ff8c00;">SATISFACTORY</td> <td style="background-color: #90ee90;">GOOD</td> <td style="background-color: #00ff00; text-align: center;">8.7</td> </tr> </table>	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	8.7
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COMMENTS	The referee demonstrated an excellent level of fitness and chose when to sprint, jog, sidestep and jog backwards very well.			

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.	The lack of action for the clear holding offense in the Man United penalty area prevents Dean from achieving a mark higher than 7.9 as it could have affected the outcome of the match. The game was managed well overall, but it was not a difficult match to referee and Dean was not challenged.						

7 | OVERALL MARK

CATEGORY	MARK	BAND
1	7.9	SATISFACTORY
2	8.2	GOOD
3	8.5	EXCELLENT
4	8.1	GOOD
5	8.7	EXCELLENT
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

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COMMENTS	Assistant referee 1, Simon Bennett, was very impressive in this department, calling several tight offside calls correctly in the first half. Crucially, he judged Man United's Januzaj to be onside for the goal. A close decision which was called correctly. AR2 also had a few offside decisions to make with no obvious errors.						

2 | TEAMWORK & COMMUNICATION

ASSISTANT REFEREE 1	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	X GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
ASSISTANT REFEREE 2	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	X GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS	Assistant referee 1 demonstrated good teamwork on 47 minutes, identifying a foul and alerting the referee to it, who subsequently awarded the free kick. Overall good teamwork was evident from both assistants.					

3 | OVERALL MARKS

ASSISTANT REFEREE 1	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	8.6 EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
ASSISTANT REFEREE 2	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	8.4 GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS	Assistant referee had a crucial offside decision to make and called it correctly, along with a few other very tight calls. Assistant 2 had a routine night.					



SECTION C – THE 4TH OFFICIAL

1 | CONTRIBUTION TO THE TEAM

OVERALL MARK	POOR	SATISFACTORY	8.4 GOOD	
COMMENTS	Lee Mason performed his duties as expected, assisting the referee when required and maintaining good control of the dug outs.			