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REFEREE ASSESSMENT REPORT 2015/16



Match Details

FIXTURE	 Leicester City	1-1	Tottenham Hotspur	
COMPETITION	Barclays Premier League			
DATE (KICK OFF TIME)	22/08/15 (15:00)			
VENUE	King Power Stadium, Leicester			





















Appointed Officials

			MARK	BAND
	REFEREE	ATKINSON, Martin	7.9	SATISFACTORY
	ASSISTANT REFEREE 1	MULLARKEY, Michael	8.4	GOOD
	ASSISTANT REFEREE 2	CHILD, Stephen	8.4	GOOD
	4 TH OFFICIAL	MASON, Lee	8.4	GOOD
	ASSESSOR			



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>Atkinson's foul detection was generally strong, but he made some clear errors during the match. The first was not awarding a penalty kick to Leicester City for a foul on Riyad Mahrez on minute 41. The attacker initially had his shirt pulled from behind, and then was caught on the back of his legs by the Tottenham player, causing him to fall to ground. This should have been a penalty and therefore this is a major error. There were a few other dubious foul/non-foul decision. On minute 18 Atkinson awarded a free kick to Tottenham, but the foul should have gone the other way for a clear push in the back of the Leicester player. On minute 78, upon awarding a free kick, Atkinson appeared hesitant and there was a long delay before the foul was awarded, which made the decision unconvincing.</p>

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
OVERALL MARK An overall mark out of 10 in accordance with the guidelines for this category.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	8.4 EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS Brief comments by the assessor, applied to this category, with reference to specific incidents where appropriate.	Atkinson got himself into some excellent viewing angles throughout, always close to play to call incidents. He was superbly placed to judge the penalty appeal on minute 41 so it is especially surprising that he did not award the penalty. The one exception being on minute 84 when Atkinson was too close to play on the edge of the penalty area and as such did not have an appropriate viewing angle.					

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	8.2 EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS Brief comments by the assessor, applied to this category, with reference to specific incidents where appropriate.	Atkinson took a lenient approach and it was clear that he favoured using man management techniques rather than showing cards. However, it was surprising that Atkinson did not at least speak to players guilty of fouls early on, in particular one committed by Ryan Mason near the penalty area early on. Mason was later booked for a reckless challenge, perhaps this could have been prevented had Atkinson spoken to Mason following his early foul.					

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
OVERALL MARK An overall mark out of 10 in accordance with the guidelines for this category.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	8.0 EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS Brief comments by the assessor, applied to this category, with reference to specific incidents where appropriate.	The 5 cautions issued by Atkinson were all fully justified. In particular he did well to spot a nasty tackle by Lamela on minute 31 who stood on his opponent's boot as the ball was played away. The referee missed an act of simulation on minute 75 by Harry Kane, replays suggesting he went to ground under no contact whilst running towards goal. The referee also missed a caution for Tottenham's Davies on minute 88, which should have been issued in line with what the referee had cautioned for previously in the match.					

5 | FITNESS

OVERALL MARK	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	8.5 EXCELLENT	
COMMENTS	Atkinson's fitness levels were very high. He was always up with play until the final whistle.			

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	X GOOD	EXCELLENT	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 SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
OVERALL MARK An overall mark out of 10 in accordance with the guidelines for this category.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	7.9 SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS Brief comments by the assessor, applied to this category, with reference to specific incidents where appropriate.	Unfortunately Atkinson can only score 7.9 due to the major error. Atkinson put in a good refereeing performance overall but there were some noticeable areas for improvement. Something of note on minute 25 and then minute 70 was the referee's decision to allow the players to take a drinks break due to the temperature. This is rarely seen in the Premier League but the referee was within his right to allow this.					

7 | OVERALL MARK

CATEGORY	MARK	BAND
1	7.9	SATISFACTORY
2	8.4	GOOD
3	8.2	GOOD
4	8.0	GOOD
5	8.5	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

ASSISTANT REFEREE 1	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	X GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
ASSISTANT REFEREE 2	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	X GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS	Both assistant referees have few offside decisions to make but were always correctly positioned to call offsides.					

2 | TEAMWORK & COMMUNICATION

ASSISTANT REFEREE 1	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	X EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
ASSISTANT REFEREE 2	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	X EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS	On a few occasions there was noticeably good teamwork between referee & assistants. On minute 8 assistant 2 correctly flagged for a foul and then on minute 15 assistant 1 also correctly flagged for a foul. There may also have been communication over the headset on 76 minutes when there was a delay before Atkinson awarded the free kick.					

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	Strong performances by both assistant referee who greatly benefitted the referee.					



SECTION C – THE 4TH OFFICIAL

1 | CONTRIBUTION TO THE TEAM

OVERALL MARK	POOR	SATISFACTORY	8.4 GOOD	
COMMENTS	Lee Mason performed the duties of the 4 th official to a good standard and was always on hand to help the referee out on the touchline.			