





REFEREE ASSESSMENT REPORT 2015/16




Match Details

FIXTURE	 Manchester City	2-0	Watford	
COMPETITION	Barclays Premier League			
DATE (KICK OFF TIME)	29/08/2015 (15:00)			
VENUE	Etihad Stadium, Manchester			



Appointed Officials

			MARK	BAND
	REFEREE	CLATTENBURG, Mark	8.6	EXCELLENT
	ASSISTANT REFEREE 1	BECK, Simon	8.4	GOOD
	ASSISTANT REFEREE 2	COLLIN, Jake	8.4	GOOD
	4 TH OFFICIAL	ADCOCK, James	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.	The referee demonstrated excellent foul detection throughout and was very consistent in his judgement on foul challenges. Whilst it was not a match that needed a high level of involvement from the referee, he set his tolerate levels to allow the match to flow as much as possible, allowing small fouls to go and only stopping the game when absolutely necessary. In the second half it was nice to see the referee award a free kick for a foul on Man City #7 despite the player not going to ground. He was clipped from behind and attempted to stay on his feet, but was dispossessed and the referee pulled it back for the free kick. The referee also made use of the advantage clause on several occasions; in particular he played an outstanding advantage on 71 minutes, resulting in a promising attack for Man City.					

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 struck by the ball on 66 minutes from close range. While there was not a lot the referee could have done to get out of the way, he perhaps shouldn't have been as close to the players as he was. A few steps back and the referee could have perhaps been able to avoid being struck by the ball. However, this was a one off situation, the referee's overall movement and positioning was very good. He moved across the pitch effortlessly; always up with play and getting himself into excellent viewing angles.					

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.	Clattenburg clearly had the respect of the players from the 1 st minute. His body language alone acted as a communication tool with the players, and combined with effective gestures, formal rebukes and informal chats with the players, it is very difficult to fault the referee in this department. On 4 minutes the referee showed a willingness to give the game & players a chance by only speaking to Yaya Toure following a trip on a Watford player. Clattenburg would have been within his rights to show a yellow card here, but given that the game was only a few minutes old, he spoke to Toure, gesturing that he would allow no more cynical tackles from him. He did the same on 15 minutes, allowing a Watford player to get away with a tackle that typically would have seen a caution banished. There was an incident on 12 minutes in which a Man City player was caught in the chest following an aerial challenge. Clattenburg dealt with this superbly, explaining to the player that it was accidental and the Watford player only had eyes for the ball.					

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.	The referee issued 3 cautions in the match, all for reckless challenges. As mentioned above, he let both teams get away with their first cynical foul with just a talking to. Other referees may have cautioned and would have been correct in the L.O.T.G to do so, but Clattenburg took a lenient approach which worked well overall.					

5 | FITNESS

OVERALL MARK	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	8.9 EXCELLENT
COMMENTS	Clattenburg demonstrated excellent fitness levels, in particular when there was a counter attack the referee could be seen sprinting to keep up with the players and had no problems in doing so.		

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 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	SATISFACTORY	X GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
OVERALL MARK An overall mark out of 10 in accordance with the guidelines for this category.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	8.7 EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS Brief comments by the assessor, applied to this category, with reference to specific incidents where appropriate.	Overall, Clattenburg delivered an excellent refereeing performance. He kept a low profile throughout, only intervening when necessary and allowing the game to flow at every opportunity. His approach suited the game well as it was not a match that required a lot of cards to keep control of.					

7 | OVERALL MARK

CATEGORY	MARK	BAND
1	8.5	EXCELLENT
2	7.9	SATISFACTORY
3	9.2	OUTSTANDING
4	8.4	GOOD
5	8.9	EXCELLENT
6	8.7	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.	8.6	EXCELLENT



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	It was a very quiet afternoon for both assistants who had very few offside decisions to call. However, they were both well positioned and always up with play to assist when required.					

2 | TEAMWORK & COMMUNICATION

ASSISTANT REFEREE 1	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	X GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
ASSISTANT REFEREE 2	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	X GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS	Both assistant referees were on hand to advise the referee. The officiating team worked well as a unit overall but they were never challenged.					

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	Both assistant referees performed as expected, but there were no notable decisions to speak of in which they were involved.					



SECTION C – THE 4TH OFFICIAL

1 | CONTRIBUTION TO THE TEAM

OVERALL MARK	POOR	SATISFACTORY	8.4 GOOD
COMMENTS	James Adcock performed his duties as 4 th official as expected. There were no incidents to deal with on the touchline.		