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## REFEREE ASSESSMENT REPORT 2015/16








### Match Details

FIXTURE	 Aston Villa	2-2	Sunderland	
COMPETITION	Barclays Premier League			
DATE (KICK OFF TIME)	29/08/2015 (15:00)			
VENUE	Villa Park, Birmingham			






### Appointed Officials

			MARK	BAND
	REFEREE	MADLEY, Robert	8.4	GOOD
	ASSISTANT REFEREE 1	SMART, Edward	8.4	GOOD
	ASSISTANT REFEREE 2	WEST, Richard	8.4	GOOD
	4 <sup>TH</sup> OFFICIAL	MARTIN, Stephen	8.4	GOOD
	ASSESSOR	ADAM		



## SECTION A – THE REFEREE

### 1 | IDENTIFICATION OF FOUL CHALLENGES

<b>ACCURACY</b> The referee's ability to accurately distinguish between fair and foul challenges.	
<b>CONSISTENCY</b> The referee's consistency in identification & penalising of foul challenges.	
<b>OVERALL MARK</b> An overall mark out of 10 in accordance with the guidelines for this category.	
<b>COMMENTS</b> Brief comments by the assessor, applied to this category, with reference to specific incidents where appropriate.	<p>Madley's foul detection was of a very good standard, and he was consistent in allowing a lot of physical play which suited both teams (25' in particular). The referee had a couple of big foul/non foul decisions to make during the match, the first being the award of a penalty kick to Aston Villa on 10 minutes for a foul committed by Lee Cattermole. This was the correct decision as the defender had his arms all over the attacker, preventing him from gaining possession of the ball. Just moments before, Madley was seen speaking to players in the penalty area before the taking of a corner yet the Sunderland player still chose to illegally stop the attacker. The second crucial decision was to refuse a second penalty claim for Aston Villa on 78 minutes, instead cautioning the attacker for simulation. I am prepared to back the referee's decision here as no replay picked up any contact between the two players. Madley attempted to let the game flow where possible &amp; played some good advantages, but was not afraid to pull the play back when required (13').</p>

## 2 | POSITIONING & MOVEMENT

<b>READING OF THE GAME</b> The referee's ability to see play developing & adjust positioning & movement accordingly.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
<b>POSITIONAL AWARENESS</b> The referee's awareness of his surroundings, including position of the players & the ball.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
<b>OVERALL MARK</b> An overall mark out of 10 in accordance with the guidelines for this category.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
<b>COMMENTS</b> Brief comments by the assessor, applied to this category, with reference to specific incidents where appropriate.	The referee's reading of the game was very impressive and he was able to see a situation developing and adjust his position to get the best possible viewing angle. Notably on 29 minutes he was very well placed to judge a penalty area incident involving the goalkeeper and this was down to his anticipation that the goalkeeper would challenge the ball. He was superbly placed to judge both penalty incidents discussed above & his positioning at the corner on 10 minutes no doubt helped him to see the incident clearly and reach the correct decision. There were a few minor blips in his positional awareness, including on 9 minutes when he obstructed a Sunderland player as he attempted to run towards the ball.					

## 3 | MAN MANAGEMENT

<b>TECHNIQUES</b> The methods used by the referee to manage situations and cooperate with the players.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
<b>EFFECTIVENESS</b> The success of the methods used by the referee to manage players & situations.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
<b>OVERALL MARK</b> An overall mark out of 10 in accordance with the guidelines for this category.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
<b>COMMENTS</b> Brief comments by the assessor, applied to this category, with reference to specific incidents where appropriate.	Madley took a lenient approach to the players and decided to manage situations where possible. This was effective for large parts of the game but there were some instances when a card would have been more appropriate. For example, after playing an excellent advantage on 26 minutes for a reckless tackle by Lee Cattermole, the referee only went back to speak to the player when, by law, this should have been a caution. He spoke to players regularly, including at set pieces. On 34 minutes he halted the taking of a free kick in order to speak to a few players who were grappling each other. While this was a good piece of man management, the referee could have perhaps intervened earlier as when he blew his whistle to speak to them the kick had already been taken.					

## 4 | DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS

<b>ACCURACY</b> The accuracy of the referee's identification of cautionable and dismissable offenses.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
<b>CONSISTENCY</b> The referee's consistency in identifying cautionable and dismissable offenses.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
<b>OVERALL MARK</b> An overall mark out of 10 in accordance with the guidelines for this category.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
<b>COMMENTS</b> Brief comments by the assessor, applied to this category, with reference to specific incidents where appropriate.	As mentioned above, Madley tried to keep his cards in his pocket where he could, instead opting to manage incidents. This was generally appropriate given that it was not a particularly challenging game. He issued 3 cautions in total; the first was an excellent piece of refereeing as he played an advantage following a poor tackle from Ciaran Clark, before returning to the offender once the ball had gone out of play to issue the caution. He should have done the same for the tackle on 26 minutes. As discussed above, I will back the referee on the caution for simulation as no camera angle proves the decision wrong. Madley also cautioned Pantilimon in the final minute for delaying the restart of play, although I thought this was unnecessary as Pantilimon had already cleared the ball when Madley decided to blow his whistle and show the yellow card.					

## 5 | FITNESS

<b>OVERALL MARK</b>	<b>SATISFACTORY</b>	<b>GOOD</b>	<b>8.5</b> <b>EXCELLENT</b>	
<b>COMMENTS</b>	Madley demonstrated a very high level of fitness. He made several end-to-end sprints (especially 37') and was always a good distance from play.			

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

<b>GAME MANAGEMENT</b> The referee's overall management of the occasion and handling of the match.	<b>UNACCEPTABLE</b>	<b>POOR</b>	<b>SATISFACTORY</b>	<b>X</b> <b>GOOD</b>	<b>EXCELLENT</b>	<b>OUTSTANDING</b>
<b>APPLICATION OF THE L.O.T.G</b> The referee's knowledge and accurate implementation of the L.O.T.G throughout.	<b>UNACCEPTABLE</b>	<b>POOR</b>	<b>SATISFACTORY</b>	<b>X</b> <b>GOOD</b>	<b>EXCELLENT</b>	<b>OUTSTANDING</b>
<b>OVERALL MARK</b> An overall mark out of 10 in accordance with the guidelines for this category.	<b>UNACCEPTABLE</b>	<b>POOR</b>	<b>SATISFACTORY</b>	<b>8.4</b> <b>GOOD</b>	<b>EXCELLENT</b>	<b>OUTSTANDING</b>
<b>COMMENTS</b> Brief comments by the assessor, applied to this category, with reference to specific incidents where appropriate.	There were a few incidents of note regarding throw-ins. In my opinion, the throw-ins taken in minutes 6 and 44 were foul throws – both were taken by the same Aston Villa player but the referee allowed them to go. Whilst it is only a minor issue, other referees would have perhaps picked up on this. Madley's overall game management was good. He called the key match incidents correctly and in general delivered a strong performance.					

## 7 | OVERALL MARK

CATEGORY	MARK	BAND
1	8.7	EXCELLENT
2	8.5	EXCELLENT
3	8.4	GOOD
4	8.1	GOOD
5	8.5	EXCELLENT
6	8.4	GOOD
<b>OVERALL</b> 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.	<b>GOOD</b>	<b>8.4</b>



## SECTION B – THE ASSISTANT REFEREES

### 1 | OFFSIDE ACCURACY

<b>ASSISTANT REFEREE 1</b>	<b>UNACCEPTABLE</b>	<b>POOR</b>	<b>SATISFACTORY</b>	<b>X</b> <b>GOOD</b>	<b>EXCELLENT</b>	<b>OUTSTANDING</b>
<b>ASSISTANT REFEREE 2</b>	<b>UNACCEPTABLE</b>	<b>POOR</b>	<b>SATISFACTORY</b>	<b>X</b> <b>GOOD</b>	<b>EXCELLENT</b>	<b>OUTSTANDING</b>
<b>COMMENTS</b>	Neither assistants had many offside calls to make but were always up with play and on hand 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	Assistant 1, Edward Smart, effectively gestured to the players that the ball was on the line in the first half following a close decision in front of him & the players respected that. Overall both assistants were on hand to assist the referee although Madley didn't necessarily require them for standard calls such as free kicks & goal kick/corners.					

## 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	Overall a good performance by both assistants, but neither were challenged.					



## SECTION C – THE 4<sup>TH</sup> OFFICIAL

### 1 | CONTRIBUTION TO THE TEAM

OVERALL MARK	POOR	SATISFACTORY	8.4 GOOD
COMMENTS	Stephen Martin performed his duties as expected and made small talk with the players before the entered the pitch.		