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REFEREE ASSESSMENT REPORT 2015/16



Match Details

FIXTURE	 Stoke City	0-1	West Bromwich Albion	
COMPETITION	Barclays Premier League			
DATE (KICK OFF TIME)	29/08/2015 (15:00)			
VENUE	Britannia Stadium, Stoke			



Appointed Officials

		MARK	BAND	
	REFEREE	OLIVER, Michael	9.0	OUTSTANDING
	ASSISTANT REFEREE 1	BURT, Stuart	8.8	EXCELLENT
	ASSISTANT REFEREE 2	BESWICK, Gary	8.8	EXCELLENT
	4 TH OFFICIAL	DUNCAN, Scott	8.4	GOOD
	ASSESSOR	DANIEL		



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 showed an excellent level of foul detection throughout the game. He and his fellow officials correctly identified the illegal challenges during the match and correctly distinguished between these and those which were legal. The referee also made excellent use of the advantage clause several times during the afternoon and he distinguished well between those challenges which were careless and more reckless in nature. Excellent levels of consistency were apparent in the referee's foul detection.					

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	8.9	OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS Brief comments by the assessor, applied to this category, with reference to specific incidents where appropriate.	The referees positioning and movement was notably excellent. His superb levels of fitness (see below) meant that he was able to make several strong sprints of varying levels of distance that enabled him to take up credible positions that enabled a good viewpoint of proceedings without interfering with play. This in turn helped him to make effective positions.					

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	9.2
COMMENTS Brief comments by the assessor, applied to this category, with reference to specific incidents where appropriate.	The referee demonstrated outstanding ability to man-manage situations effectively which could have potentially threatened his match control had they not been handled so correctly. When faced with a number of players trying to surround him before/ after the key red card decisions, he maintained positive, confident body language and used effective gestures to diffuse the situation and ensure they remained at a distance whilst he liaised with his colleagues. He then isolated the offenders away from the other participants to dismiss them from the field of play, meaning no further confrontation happened before they left the pitch and following this he preceded to further calm things down by using good verbal communication. In the moments after each red card, he maintained fully in control through his calm and authoritative style of managing the game. This continued throughout the remainder of the match with the referee using rebukes and sanctions were required to ensure that he remained in control of situations which could have potentially boiled over. This aspect of his performance must therefore be seen as outstanding.					

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	9.0
COMMENTS Brief comments by the assessor, applied to this category, with reference to specific incidents where appropriate.	The referee's use of disciplinary sanctions must also be deemed as outstanding. He was correct to dismiss Stoke #14 for Violent Conduct and the decision to caution West Brom #08 in the same incident was also correct, this showed a good distinction between what is Violent Conduct and what is an adoption of an aggressive attitude. He also was correct to dismiss the Stoke #16. All cautions issued were correct and in a number of instances such as the cautions of Stoke #03 and West Brom #23 contributed to his outstanding game management. The disciplinary sanctions were consistent with one another as the referee clearly determined what was worthy of a caution/dismissal and what could be dealt with via other means. The referee's distinction of what constituted to persistent fouling was also very clear.					

5 | FITNESS

OVERALL MARK	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	8.9 EXCELLENT	
COMMENTS	The referee's fitness was of the highest standard, he was able to make fast sprints of varying distances that allowed him to always maintain an excellent view of proceedings and his stamina levels remained high throughout the match.			

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	EXCELLENT	X 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	GOOD	EXCELLENT	X OUTSTANDING
OVERALL MARK An overall mark out of 10 in accordance with the guidelines for this category.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	9.1 OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS Brief comments by the assessor, applied to this category, with reference to specific incidents where appropriate.	The referee put in a performance of the highest calibre, at all times remaining decisive and consistent and maintaining control of what at times was potentially a difficult match to manage. The officials deserve credit for correctly identifying and then acting upon the two instances which resulted in dismissal of Stoke City players from the field of play. As stated, the referee's ability to diffuse the confrontations that arose from these incidents and subdue it in the moments after should be seen as commendable. His authoritative, positive body language and outstanding communication and management skills meant that he was able to keep the match firmly under his control for the rest of the game, correctly issuing cautions were required. A very commendable performance.					

7 | OVERALL MARK

CATEGORY	MARK	BAND
1	8.9	EXCELLENT
2	8.9	EXCELLENT
3	9.2	OUTSTANDING
4	9.0	OUTSTANDING
5	8.9	EXCELLENT
6	9.1	OUTSTANDING
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.	9.0	OUTSTANDING



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	All offside decisions made by both Stuart Burt and Gary Beswick were correct.					

2 | TEAMWORK & COMMUNICATION

ASSISTANT REFEREE 1	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	X EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
ASSISTANT REFEREE 2	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	X EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS	The communication between the three officials was excellent throughout the match. There was effective liaison between the referee Gary Beswick via the communication set in the lead up to the dismissal of Stoke City #14 and cautioning of West Brom #08. Mr Burt then did very well to spot the deliberate stamp by Stoke City #16 and enter the pitch quickly to stop a possible confrontation arising following this incident. The levels of communication and teamwork displayed here were excellent. This effective teamwork and communication continued throughout the match resulting in an enhanced performance by all officials.					

3 | OVERALL MARKS

ASSISTANT REFEREE 1	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	8.8 EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
ASSISTANT REFEREE 2	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	8.8 EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS	Both Stuart Burt and Gary Beswick had truly excellent performances.					



SECTION C – THE 4TH OFFICIAL

1 | CONTRIBUTION TO THE TEAM

OVERALL MARK	POOR	SATISFACTORY	8.4 GOOD
COMMENTS	Mr Duncan managed the dugouts well, even during potentially challenging moments. He also completed all other duties of the forth official to a good standard.		