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REFEREE ASSESSMENT REPORT 2015/16



Match Details

FIXTURE	 Sunderland	1-1	Swansea City	
COMPETITION	Barclays Premier League			
DATE (KICK OFF TIME)	22/08/2015 (15:00)			
VENUE	Stadium of Light, Sunderland			





















Appointed Officials

		MARK	BAND
	REFEREE SWARBRICK, Neil	7.9	SATISFACTORY
	ASSISTANT REFEREE 1 BRYAN, David	8.3	GOOD
	ASSISTANT REFEREE 2 SCHOLES, Mark	8.2	GOOD
	4 TH OFFICIAL TAYLOR, Anthony	8.4	GOOD
	ASSESSOR EDWARD		



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>The referee had a good foul detection in general favouring the match when it was needed. He whistled 28 fouls in total, a number quite normal for such a passionate match. Despite his intention to favour the match and allow physical play (11', 19', 90+1'), the referee missed a couple of clear infractions (03', 15') and also gave some fouls out of his line (most notably the foul at 16'). The referee had to deal with a couple of interesting scenes. The first one occurred at min. 47'. A foul was whistled for SWA when #22 SUN held his opponent from his jersey right outside the penalty area and from the left side. The foul and caution is a correct decision despite the fact that the attacker falls inside the penalty area. Holding was clearly outside. The next scene occurred at min. 66'. After a pass outside SWA penalty area #08 SUN makes a strong shot that is directed to goal. #06 SWA gets his body on the way of the shot and blocks the ball with his hand. The hand is stretched enlarging the defender's body. Moreover the</p>

	defender makes a move and punches the ball to the ground. According to this observer, all the criteria for handball are fulfilled. Missed penalty. Finally at min. 69' #26 SUN tried to win a penalty kick by the referee when he got into the penalty area and was challenged by #22 SWA for the ball. Replay is clear, no infraction took place but it's a clear case of dive. The referee didn't caution the attacker.
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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	8.5 EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS Brief comments by the assessor, applied to this category, with reference to specific incidents where appropriate.	The referee was very good in this area. His positioning was always the appropriate one in order to avoid being caught in play and ensure that the correct decision will be taken (1 exception min. 03').					

3 | MAN MANAGEMENT

TECHNIQUES The methods used by the referee to manage situations and cooperate with the players.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	X GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
EFFECTIVENESS The success of the methods used by the referee to manage players & situations.	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	8.0 GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS Brief comments by the assessor, applied to this category, with reference to specific incidents where appropriate.	The referee tried to be friendly with the players from the beginning. He used mostly small talk in order to control them and started with warning straight away (06'). However from min. 15' and on the referee started losing control a bit. His non reaction in a couple of incidents gave the impression that players didn't respect him (16', 21'). In both cases, players completely ignored the referee when he was talking to them. Moreover the referee wasn't proactive in terms of pushing/pulling in set-pieces (24', 80'). The only case that he took action was late in the additional time (90+3').					

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	SATISFACTORY	X GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
OVERALL MARK An overall mark out of 10 in accordance with the guidelines for this category.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	8.4 GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS Brief comments by the assessor, applied to this category, with reference to specific incidents where appropriate.	The referee performed really well in this section. He produced 6 cautions in total (18', 21', 47', 53', 82', 90+2') and all can be described as mandatory. Especially the first caution to #17 SUN was issued for Persistent Infringement. The referee explained very well with a gesture the reason behind the caution. Very good approach. However there was 1 cautioned missed at min. 69'. #26 SUN dives in a quite obvious manner in order to gain the penalty from the referee. Missing caution here.					

5 | FITNESS

OVERALL MARK	SATISFACTORY	8.4	EXCELLENT
COMMENTS	Good fitness through the whole match. The referee was able to run up and down the field of play and even used his sprints in order to ensure that he would be close to the action.		

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	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	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
OVERALL MARK An overall mark out of 10 in accordance with the guidelines for this category.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	7.9	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS Brief comments by the assessor, applied to this category, with reference to specific incidents where appropriate.	<p>The performance can be described as good in general. The referee experienced some issues in some sections but as well had some positive points. However the match is spoilt by his mistake not to award a penalty for Sunderland (handball 66'). Especially if we consider that this penalty could affect the final outcome.</p> <p>1 final observation: The referee entered the match with a grey shirt which was quite close to the shirt worn by Sunderland. At the second half, they changed to yellow shirt but at the same time SWA Goalkeeper wore also yellow. Since we are talking about a PL match, the referee should have ensured that his shirt colour wouldn't clash with anyone involved in the match.</p>					

7 | OVERALL MARK

CATEGORY	MARK	BAND
1	7.9	SATISFACTORY
2	8.5	EXCELLENT
3	8.0	GOOD
4	8.4	GOOD
5	8.4	GOOD
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 1 major error)	SATISFACTORY



SECTION B – THE ASSISTANT REFEREES

1 | OFFSIDE ACCURACY

ASSISTANT REFEREE 1	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	X	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
ASSISTANT REFEREE 2	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	X	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS	Both AR's had mostly good offside calls and in tight situations. In total the match presented 6 offside calls with a couple of them being too interesting. At min. 53' AR2 flagged #17 SUN when afterwards scored. However the SUN defender was clearly offside. Good call even					

	though not that difficult. At min. 72' AR2 flagged #10 SUN for offside. A good chance for goal could have come. However replay (including a line) suggests that the attacker is level with the second last defender. Mistake. AR1 missed a tight offside at min. 59'. #10 SWA receives the ball by a long pass and makes a header on goal. He is offside at the time of the pass. The call is very tight. Mistake however.
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2 | TEAMWORK & COMMUNICATION

ASSISTANT REFEREE 1	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	X GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
ASSISTANT REFEREE 2	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	X GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS	Good teamwork and communication in general. However AR1 missed a clear foul at min. 01' 2-3m from him. Later on at min. 15' they didn't co-operate well with the referee. AR1 signalled for an attacker's foul but the referee gave a goal-kick. Better communication was needed.					

3 | OVERALL MARKS

ASSISTANT REFEREE 1	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	8.3 GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
ASSISTANT REFEREE 2	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	8.2 GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS	Overall both AR's did good but with some smaller problems. AR1 missed 1 clear foul in front of him and should have communicated better with the referee. Moreover he missed a tight offside at min. 59'. AR2 had some tight correct offside calls and a disallowed goal but at min. 72' he should have kept his flag down since #10 SUN was onside.					



SECTION C – THE 4TH OFFICIAL

1 | CONTRIBUTION TO THE TEAM

OVERALL MARK	POOR	SATISFACTORY	8.4 GOOD	
COMMENTS	The Fourth Official executed correctly his technical duties. Substitutions and additional time were displayed properly and on time. He had mostly small talk with both coaches when it was required. Good and active performance.			