

Law 5 - The Referee

REFEREE OBSERVATION REPORT

2019 U20 FIFA World Cup U20, Match 40,
Łublin, 3 June 2019, 17:30 CET, **Uruguay – Ecuador 1 – 3** (1 -1)

Referee: Michael Oliver (ENG)
Assistant Referee 1: Simon Bennett (ENG)
Assistant Referee 2: Stuart Burt (ENG)
Fourth Official: Ivan Kružliak (SVK)
Video Assistant Referee: Alan Kelly (IRL)
Assistant Video Assistant Referee: Paweł Raczkowski (POL)
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Presentation of the match:

At this stage of the competition, to eliminate, both teams played a match more restrained. Uruguay scored early (11 ') against the current of the game. The Ecuador team controlled the game, kept the ball in their possession (40% vs 60%) and created more chances of goal (3 vs 6) throughout the game. The goal of the tie was obtained by penalty kick (30 ').

In the second half the players played the bids with more intensity, the number of fouls increased, and the referee had to impose himself to maintain control of the game. At 75 minutes the Ecuador team turned the result. A few minutes later, through a new penalty kick, the result was consolidated. This bid dictated the expulsion, with direct Red card, to the #2 URU.

In view of the above, I consider the degree of difficulty of the game as normal for the entire referee team.

Referee performance (Personality, LotG application, disciplinary control, physical condition, cooperation, VAR management):

The good English style interrupted as few times as possible. It delayed the whistle and when justified it attributed the law of advantage (52 ', 53', 61 ', 81') contributing to the fluidity of the game.

It was proactive, avoiding minor conflicts rushing to immediately towards the players (16 ', 90 + 4').

In this first situation publicly warned the players (#4 URU, #9 ECU). Warned correctly player #4 URU for preventing a promising attack (55'). However, it did not always maintain that criterion.

It is important to emphasize their excellent physical condition. He followed the moves very closely, used a very flexible diagonal (13 ', 20') and stretched to the penalty areas (1', 7', 39', 85'). Good recoveries in counterattack rolls (14', 76').

The two most relevant bids took place in the second half (30', 81').

Inside his penalty area the # 4 URU pushes the # 11 ECU backwards unbalancing it and preventing the shot. Well signaled the penalty kick that was converted into a goal (30').

Good sprint ability with a fast attack after a correct charge Law of the Vantage ended with a penalty point and ejection penalty of #2 URU. The shot is done in the direction of goal, but it was not in a natural position to prevent a clear goal. Good decision once again validated by VAR. Goal kick for the penalty kick.

Of note is the excellent teamwork (76 ') between the referee and the AR2 who saw the offside, let the game follow and when the ball entered the goal marked offside the ECU.

it can improve your performance if you take more care in the disciplinary area and make better management of the extra time.

It was left to show two yellow cards. In the first half # 16 ECU entered reckless, out of time, on # 8 URU (40 '). Almost at the end of the game (90 '+ 3') did not show yellow card to # 11 URU by grabbing ostentatiously, without ball, the # 15 ECU.

With regard to extra time, for example in the second half there were 6 substitutions, 2 stops for assisting players (47 ', 57') and interruption time in the VAR review. It should have been 7 minutes.

Good VAR performance in supporting and analyzing the most difficult bids.

A potential candidate for the final with a very good performance.

Assistant Referee 1 performance (Please mention the minutes of important / crucial situations):

He remained attentive and focused without having made significant mistakes. correctly nullified a goal at 31 '. He used the wait technique and sees with success. Expected performance.

Assistant Referee 2 performance (Please mention the minutes of important / crucial situations):

He remained attentive and focused without having made significant mistakes. He made good decisions in offside situations (52 ', 69', 76 '). He entered the field in his zone of action avoiding small conflicts (10 '). Good teamwork with the referee signaling the offside correctly after the ball has entered the goal (10 '). Excellent performance.

Fourth Official performance:

Nothing to report. Performance on expected level.