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Match officials appointed for UEFA Cup final

French referee Gilles Veissière to handle Liverpool FC v Deportivo Alavés

UEFA has appointed the match officials for the UEFA Cup final between Liverpool FC and Deportivo Alavés, to be played on Wednesday 16 May at the Westfalenstadion in Dortmund, kicking-off at 20.45 CET.

41-year-old French referee Gilles Veissière has been assigned to the game and his team is completed by Serge Vallin and Vincent Texier, Assistant Referees, plus international referee Alain Sars, who will act as Fourth Official.

Gilles Veissière made his international debut at a UEFA Cup Winners' Cup in Dublin in February 1992 and his first major international tournament was the FIFA World Youth Championship in Malaysia in 1997.

At EURO 2000, Gilles Veissière handled the Romania v Portugal match in Arnhem and the thrilling Yugoslavia v Spain fixture in Bruges which ended as a 4-3 victory for the Spaniards after they had scored twice in the closing seconds.

In the meantime, on 3 November 1998, he had crossed paths with Liverpool FC, handling their 2-2 draw at Mestalla against next week's UEFA Champions League finalists, Valencia CF. The result meant that Liverpool qualified on the away goals rule.

This will be Gilles Veissière's first visit to Dortmund. Not surprisingly, bearing in mind that Deportivo Alavés have only played a dozen games in UEFA club competitions, this will also be his first contact with the Spanish club.