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Match officials appointed for Milan final

Dutch referee Dick Jol to handle Wednesday's UEFA Champions League final

UEFA has appointed the match officials for the UEFA Champions League final between FC Bayern München and Valencia CF, to be played on Wednesday 23 May at the Stadio Giuseppe Meazza in Milan, kicking-off at 20.45 CET.

45-year-old Dutch referee Dick Jol has been assigned to the game and his team is completed by Jaap Pool and Jan-Willem van Veluwen, Assistant Referees, plus international referee Jan Wegereef, who will act as Fourth Official.

Dick Jol made his international debut at a World Cup qualifier between Latvia and the Republic of Ireland in Riga in June 1993 and has since handled over 50 international matches, including three at last year's FIFA Club World Championship in Brazil.

At EURO 2000, Dick Jol handled the Sweden v Turkey match in Eindhoven, Portugal's 3-0 win over Germany in Rotterdam and Portugal's 2-0 quarter-final victory over Turkey.

In the meantime, Dick Jol had made his UEFA Champions League debut during FC Porto's 2-0 away win over IFK Göteborg on 4 December 1996. He made his first contact with FC Bayern München on 9 December 1998, when the German side drew 1-1 with Manchester United FC at Old Trafford. Last season, he handled FC Bayern's 4-1 victory over Real Madrid CF in Munich during the second group phase and, during the current campaign, he witnessed a less brilliant performance by Ottmar Hitzfeld's side – the 3-0 defeat in Lyon during the second group phase.

His first meeting with Valencia CF was the 3-0 UEFA Champions League victory over FC Girondins de Bordeaux on 23 November 1999, followed by the Spanish club's 1-0 defeat against S.S. Lazio in Rome in the second leg of the quarter-final. During the current season, he has handled Valencia CF's 0-0 second group phase draw with Manchester United FC at Mestalla and the 2-1 defeat by Arsenal FC at Highbury in the first leg of the quarter-final.

At the Stadio Giuseppe Meazza, Dick Jol will become the first Dutch referee to officiate at a final of the Champion Clubs' Cup since Charles Corver handled Liverpool FC's 1-0 victory over Club Brugge KV at Wembley in 1978.