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Referee appointed for semi-final in Eindhoven

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The UEFA Referees Committee today announced that Norwegian referee Terje Hauge will officiate at the second leg of the 2004/05 UEFA Champions League semi-final between PSV Eindhoven and AC Milan to be played at the Philips Stadion in Eindhoven on Wednesday 4 May, kicking-off at 20.45 CET.

His assistant referees will be Steinar Holvik and Ole Hermann Borgan, while the 4th Official will be Tom Henning Øvrebø. All four members of the team are from Norway.

Terje Hauge, 39, has been a referee for 23 years; made his first division debut in 1990; and won his FIFA badge in 1993. Although his curriculum vitae includes 80 international fixtures, this will be his first visit to Eindhoven.

He was selected as a 4th Official for the EURO 2000™ finals; officiated at the FIFA World Youth Championship in Argentina in 2001; and handled the Cameroon v Saudi Arabia match in Saitama during the 2002 FIFA World Cup. During UEFA EURO 2004™, he was appointed as referee for two matches in Lisbon: Portugal's 2-0 group win over Russia (Rui Costa came on as substitute in the 63rd minute and scored his side's second goal after 89) and the Czech Republic's 2-1 win against Germany. In both matches he was assisted by his team for this match - Steinar Holvik and Ole Hermann Borgan.

Despite his long track record, Terje Hauge has never officiated at a match involving PSV Eindhoven and his only previous encounter with AC Milan was in a UEFA Champions League guarter-final played in the Netherlands - when the Italian team held AFC Ajax to a goal-less draw at the Amsterdam ArenA on 8 April 2003.