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The Danish Superliga has chosen VAR technology suppliers

In about eight months, VAR will be introduced in Denmark's best football tier. The suppliers of the technology and operation have now been found - and training of the referees has begun.

It will be a partner with great knowledge of Danish football, that will deliver VAR to the 3F Superliga from the 2020/21 season and four years on. NEP is responsible for OB productions in more than 80 countries - and since 1998 the company's Danish division has produced most of the matches in the Superliga. The solution NEP will deliver to 3F Superliga will be in collaboration with EVS, whose VAR system is already used in, among others, La Liga, the Portuguese and Polish football leagues and by FIFA.

“We are really pleased that NEP and EVS will be delivering the VAR technology to 3F Superliga. We think it is an optimal combination with NEP, who knows Danish football the very best, in collaboration with EVS, which is FIFA authorized and has extensive VAR experience from abroad. It's going to be really good,” says Claus Thomsen, CEO of Danish League.

Work on getting ready for next season is in full swing. Here in November, the training of the referees and operators has begun, with both theoretical and practical training in simulators. It will be followed up at the end of January with a week's indoor training camp, where live training will be done in real match situations. In February the referees will train in full live test matches. Ultimately, everything should be ready for the July 2020 season start.

“We have now had the first meetings, and I can feel great enthusiasm from the referees. Both the experienced ones and the new people in the referee team, who besides the ones on the pitch will consist of the three people in the VAR van; VAR, AVAR and the replay operator. It will be an intense training course, but we have made a thorough and realistic plan and we are really excited to be in the process,” says Michael Johansen, chairman of the referee committee and VAR instructor.

EXPRESSIONS:

VAR - Video Assistant Referee. Assists the match referee in four defined situations. Goals, red card, penalties and mistaken identity. The task is to check for clear and obvious errors in the four situations.

AVAR - Assistant Video Assistant Referee. Helps VAR, especially keeping an eye on the game, while VAR is going through a situation.

RO - Replay Operator. Helps VAR find the best clips and angles to prove or disprove a decision.