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Ibe goal ensures Liverpool maintain momentum under Klopp
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Three draws followed by three victories: Liverpool are settling nicely into the Jurgen Klopp era, their sixth match under the German last night featuring arguably their most accomplished performance.

A win at home to Bordeaux in their next Europa League match in three weeks' time will earn Liverpool qualification from group B with a game to spare, and they will be optimistic of reaching the latter stages of the competition on this form.

Organised enough to ensure Rubin Kazan provided absolutely no threat to Simon Mignolet's goal until the final quarter of an hour, Liverpool attacked with incision and fully deserved their first away win in Europe for nearly three years, which came via Jordon Ibe's strike early in the second half.

Liverpool, who face Crystal Palace at Anfield in the Barclays Premier League on Sunday, made four changes from the victory over Chelsea, with Ibe and Christian Benteke impressing on their returns to the side.

Ibe, 19, produced a highly mature display, running at defenders and linking well with Nathaniel Clyne on the right, while Benteke, the striker, forged a good understanding with Roberto Firmino, who played just behind him.

"He is a good lad and a big talent, a very skilled player," Klopp said of Ibe. "He has a really good base and he feels good at this moment but he has to work on things and he has a lot to learn."

Chelsea and Tottenham Hotspur have been beaten by Rubin in Russia in the past four years but there was little chance Liverpool would suffer the same fate as they dominated almost from start to finish.

Rubin had a remarkable let-off in first-half stoppage time when Ibe cut through the centre of the defence and saw his flighted pass headed towards his own goal by Solomon Kverkvelia.

Sergei Ryzhikov, the goalkeeper, made a brilliant stop and then, flat on his stomach, did equally well to paw the ball away as Emre Can prepared to score. Soon after the break Alberto Moreno's shot was deflected into the side-netting but the breakthrough arrived in the 52nd minute. Firmino's first-time flick sent Ibe running through and he planted a precise sidefooted shot in off the left-hand post. That failed to sting Rubin into action and James Milner's curling effort was tipped over the bar by Ryzhikov. The goalkeeper then dived low to keep out Dejan Lovren's header from a corner by Ibe, and also got down well to foil Can's shot.

the guardian

Liverpool's Jordon Ibe sinks Rubin Kazan with first goal for club
 Jürgen Klopp believes Jordon Ibe can have a bright future at Liverpool if he is prepared to work hard. The 19-year-old scored his first goal for the club as Liverpool beat Rubin Kazan 1-0 to record their first European away victory in almost three years.

After an encouraging start to his Anfield career, Ibe has been something of a peripheral figure this season, even under Klopp's predecessor Brendan Rodgers, who promoted him to the first team. In the week photographs of the team training showed Klopp offering Ibe his glasses after he had failed to pull off a pass, the teenager showed in Russia he can make an impression.

"He is a good lad and a big talent, a very skilled player," said Klopp. "He has a really good base and he feels good at this moment but he has to work on things and he has a lot to learn. If he is prepared for this then everything will be good."

Klopp was satisfied with Liverpool's performance, their third successive victory after beating Bournemouth in the Capital One Cup and Chelsea in the Premier League, but admits they can still do better after they dominated for most of the game but did not put away the chances they created.

"The first 80 minutes was really good. It was not easy to play because it was a fantastic atmosphere but the pitch is not in the same shape as the rest of the stadium," he added. "It was not easy with possession, we could have had more and we deserved our goal and then we have to learn to win."

"We had 1-0 and lost rhythm and opened the door for Rubin Kazan. They fought for their lives and it was great to see how much they want to win and now everything is fine."

Klopp left Philippe Coutinho, last Saturday's two-goal hero against Chelsea, on the bench so as not to risk a niggle while Adam Lallana was also protected and came on later in the second half. Selection has been more consistent in all competitions by Klopp but he insists he does not have a first-choice XI in mind.

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"Coutinho had a little bit of a hamstring. We changed some things to create more and I'm really satisfied how we did it," he said. "I only make the teams to win the next game, not to give a player rest if he doesn't need it."

"We had Adam Lallana and Philippe Coutinho with some problems so they were on the bench. I didn't want to risk it and wanted to win without them."

"This squad is big enough and strong enough. We did not fly here for a friendly game. We are four weeks together and have more experience together."

The Rubin manager, Valeriy Chaly, was happy with his team's showing. "In the second half we looked more composed but we have a problem with the composition so the young players had a chance," he said.

"For them, it's an experience. Liverpool are a good team and showed that against Chelsea – so, we are still better than Chelsea."

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BACK IN THE HUNT; Klopp delight as Ibe's super strike revives Liverpool Euro hopes

THEY were becoming as ineffective away in Europe as a domestic plug, bad travellers who would only return home empty-handed.

Liverpool had been without a win on the continent since a 1-0 success at Udinese in December 2012. They had lost four and scrambled two draws from six subsequent matches but now, after an arduous trip to Russia, that miserable sequence is at an end.

A superb goal from Jordan Ibe, 52 minutes into a game they dominated from the first whistle, saw off Rubin Kazan, extended Jurgen Klopp's unbeaten run and put Liverpool on course for the knockout stages. They will get there should they beat Bordeaux at Anfield later this month.

At the final whistle Klopp urged his players to acknowledge the small cluster of fans who had made the 2,500-mile journey from Merseyside, embracing their team in recognition of a job well done. Confidence can only be bolstered by results such as this and the German knows it.

'It was not easy to play because it was a fantastic atmosphere but the pitch is not in the same shape as the rest of the stadium,' Klopp said. 'We changed some things to create more and I'm really satisfied how we did it.' The benefits of beating Chelsea were evident in the opening stages. Liverpool began with intent and hemmed Kazan deep in their own half as passes zipped off the bobbly surface from one white Liverpool shirt to another.

It was not perfect but considering how Liverpool were playing six weeks ago, when they seemed to be going through the motions, it was hard to believe this was the same group of players. Has Klopp really made such a difference? Evidently so.

Liverpool's dominance began in the sixth minute. Roberto Firmino produced a glorious moment, nutmegging Sergei Kisyak to send James Milner scurrying into the area but the captain's shot crashed off the crossbar.

As is his way, Klopp stood in the technical area clapping his hands above his head and urging his players to give more. Emre Can tried and failed with a scuffed shot, while Christian Benteke was denied as he shaped to pounce by an acrobatic scissor-kick from Solomon Kverkvelia.

There is no doubt having Benteke back is making a difference. He knows the areas in which to run and keeps defenders occupied in a manner that is currently beyond his young compatriot Divock Origi.

Benteke was crucial in a move that almost secured Liverpool an advantage in first-half added time.

But Liverpool were thwarted again after Ibe's surge and cross caused and only a superb double save from Sergei Ryzhikov kept them out.

Some teams lose heart when their dominance is not rewarded but the interval did not check Liverpool's momentum. They remained intent on gnawing away at Kazan's resistance until it snapped.

That moment soon arrived. Seven minutes after the restart, Dejan Lovren started a move that Firmino carried on. He turned a ball deftly into the path of Ibe, who was careering at Kazan's defence.

Darting inside two challenges, the England Under 21 international showed great poise to guide his shot from just inside the area beyond Ryzhikov and into the net off the inside of the post. It was a wonderful way to score his first Liverpool goal. Ibe has often been frustrating to watch this season. But this performance was a significant step forward. He must maintain his concentration and keep listening. 'Jordan is a good lad and a big talent,' said Klopp, who withdrew Milner as a precaution for a tight hamstring.

'He has a really good base and he feels good at this moment but he has to work on and he has a lot to learn. If he is prepared for this, then everything will be good.' With the game now starting to open up, Liverpool went hunting for more rewards. Mamadou Sakho nearly provided it with a header that Ryzhikov grabbed on the line. Can shot wide and Ibe saw another effort turned away after substitute Adam Lallana ushered him through.

Belatedly, Kazan started to ask some questions but whenever they threatened, the commanding Sakho and Lovren -- neither of whom put a foot out of place -- were there to mop up, as was Joe Allen, who was efficient in his work. A strong line-up, then, got their rewards.

'I only pick teams to win the next game,' said Klopp. 'This squad is big enough and strong enough. We did not fly here for a friendly game.'

The Daily Telegraph

Ibe strikes gold as Klopp revival gathers pace

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Liverpool's makeover under Jurgen Klopp grows ever more eye-catching - with Jordan Ibe's winner in Kazan moving along the Anfield transformation.

The attacking midfielder was one of several players who had looked bereft of confidence and direction a few weeks ago - but here he was exceptional. Ibe's superbly taken strike on 53 minutes - his first for the club - was symptomatic of the face change that so many have undergone over the past six games. Klopp remains unbeaten since he moved to Anfield and now has three consecutive victories. Moreover, the style and quality is increasingly evident with each win. Liverpool were unrecognisable from the side that played Kazan at Anfield two weeks ago, let alone the Liverpool team who have limped through Europe for the past few years.

We will come to recognise this as the prototype Klopp performance - full of energy, high tempo with midfielders scurrying like deranged mice on a cheese hunt to retrieve possession when it was lost.

The only flaw was a failure not to score more than once. But as a foundation, this will serve to only swell belief in the new manager's methods.

"The first 80 minutes was really good," said Klopp. "It was not easy to play because it was a fantastic atmosphere but the pitch is not in the same shape as the rest of the stadium. We could have had more and we deserved our goal and then we have to learn to win.

"We had 1-0 and lost rhythm and opened the door for Rubin Kazan. They fought for their lives and it was great to see how much they wanted to win." It had been just under three years since Liverpool last won away in Europe, with the line-up that defeated Udinese in the Europa League in December 2012 demonstrating the scale of the transition in the intervening period.

Of the starters then and now, only Joe Allen remained in the XI in Russia. Liverpool have been to some esteemed venues since and their reputation has taken a battering.

They used to conquer Europe like battle-scarred warriors. Recently, they have resembled Dad's Army aiming plastic guns at unflustered enemies. This was as good as they have been on the Continent in a long time.

Klopp's determination to change perceptions was evident in a strong line-up, which included Christian Benteke, the first time he has started since September. "We've not travelled five hours for a friendly," said Klopp. "I only make the teams to win the next game, not to give a players a rest if he doesn't need it."

Despite Benteke's presence, the opening stages played out in frustrating familiarity, with Liverpool's territorial and technical dominance unable to yield a first half goal.

They should have led before Kazan had touched the ball, a prolonged period of possession for the first four minutes ending with Roberto Firmino nutmegging his Russian marker to send James Milner clear, but his shot hit the bar.

First-half injury time almost brought the opening goal when keeper Sergei Ryzhikov was momentarily wrong-footed by Ibe's shot, only to recover in time to leap backwards to stop Emre Can's header drifting over the line.

The reward finally came on 52 minutes, Kazan carved open by the excellent Firmino's clever flick freeing up the centre of the park for Ibe to take advantage. The youngster's pace and ball control was matched by the poise of the finish as he steadied himself and stroked past Ryzhikov, in off the post.

"He is a good lad and a big talent - a very skilled player," said Klopp. Liverpool looked for more. But Milner and Lovren were denied by Ryzhikov. Victory means Liverpool need only a home win against Bordeaux to progress.

Rubin Kazan (4-2-3-1) Ryzhikov 8; Cotugno 5 (Ustinov 81), Kambolov 7, Kverkvelia 7, Nabiullin 6; Kisyak 6 (Akhmetov 69), Georgiev 6; Karadeniz 5, Eduardo 5 (Ozdoev 46), Kanunnikov 5; Devic 5. Subs Haghghi, Lemos, Bilyaletdinov, Dyadyun.

Liverpool (4-3-3) Mignolet 6; Clyne, 7, Sakho 7, Lovren 7, Moreno 7; Milner 6 (Lallana 60), Allen 7, Can 8 (Skrtel 90); Firmino 8 (Lucas 81), Benteke 7, Ibe 8. Subs Bogdan, Coutinho, Origi, Brannagan. Booked Lovren. Referee K Blom (Holland).

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Jordon Ibe on mark as Jurgen Klopp boosts Reds' Europa League fortunes

Jürgen Klopp is starting to build some momentum at Liverpool after a third successive victory – and the club's first away from home in Europe for nearly three years.

Jordon Ibe's first goal for the club in his 30th appearance was enough to decide the encounter against Rubin Kazan, a match the visitors dominated with a calm and controlling performance for which the 1-0 scoreline did not do justice.

After three successive 1-1 draws in the Europa League, their first win in nine European pool games gives them a much healthier outlook in Group B, where they trail leaders Sion by two points after their 1-1 draw with Bordeaux, who are three points behind Liverpool.

Rubin's 45,000-capacity arena is not the easiest place to come to. The club have beaten Chelsea, Tottenham and Wigan on Russian soil. That was one reason Klopp brought the strongest squad available to him.

The manager said: "Jordon is a good lad and a big talent, a very skilled player. He has a really good base and he feels good at this moment but he has to work on things and he has a lot to learn."

The manager was satisfied with the win, but admitted they can still do more after dominating for most of the game. "It was not easy with possession, we could have had more and we deserved our goal and then we have to learn to win. We had 1-0 and lost rhythm and opened the door for Rubin Kazan."

Klopp gave a first start since 20 September for Christian Benteke and while his team-mates did their best to supply him, there was not a great deal to trouble goalkeeper Sergei Ryzhikov in the first half.

The visitors tried to threaten at times, but then James Milner's rasping shot against the crossbar from Roberto Firmino's clever little pass around the corner and Solomon Kverkvelia's overhead kick clearance to deny Benteke a goalscoring opportunity inside the opening eight minutes reflected a positive approach.

The breakthrough did not come until seven minutes into the second half when Firmino popped off another a pass to allow Ibe to advance 15 yards and clip a shot in off Ryzhikov's far post.

Milner almost made it two, cutting in from the right and forcing the goalkeeper to tip the ball over.

Rubin exerted some late pressure in an attempt to salvage a proud European record of not having lost a group game at home, but it was to no avail.

Man of match Firmino.

Match rating 7/10.

Referee K Blom (Netherlands).



THE ETERNAL KLOP TIMIST; Jurgen's faith in kids pays off as brilliant Ibe hits the winner

JORDON IBE stuck his hand up to join the Jurgen Klopp revolution with a brilliant winner in Kazan.

The Liverpool academy graduate was top of the class last night in the Europa League.

Ibe fashioned a fine individual match-winning display to suggest he can force his way into the heart of the new manager's plans.

Klopp has made no secret of the fact he wants to promote youngsters into his first team.

And Ibe, who does not turn 20 until December, showed a maturity here in a spectacular return to form after struggling for most of this season.

It was a wonderful goal too, seven minutes into the second half. Ibe sealed a game that Liverpool totally dominated, and yet somehow almost threw away as they failed to collect the scoreline their near-total control merited.

Ibe himself might have had a hat-trick, and his performance deserved as much.

He showed the pace and power on the right flank that Klopp craves - and which has been absent in recent weeks.

The goal was a perfect example, the young winger bursting through the massed ranks of Russian defenders to sprint into space.

There he found a delicately weighted first-time pass from Roberto Firmino.

Ibe duly finished with a finesse that makes you wonder why it took him 30 appearances to record his first Liverpool goal. By then, the men from Anfield had enjoyed 75 per cent of the possession with 15 attempts on goal.

Incredibly, even though they had at least half dozen fine opportunities, Ibe's shot was the first on target - and still it required the inside of the post to register.

Liverpool's wayward finishing explains why they were left clinging on in the final seconds when the contest should have been done and dusted long before.

It did not help that they started with only two players - Emre Can and Joe Allen - who had scored in Europe for the club before.

Yet there was bags of attacking instinct, that is for sure.

Klopp will be pleased with Ibe's contribution and the way his team is developing, even if he knows they must show a more clinical attitude in front of goal.

Ibe had two chances after he scored, first running to create a fine break alongside substitute Adam Lallana after Allen's smart defensive work.

But his shot was well stopped by Kazan keeper Sergei Ryzhikov, who also pulled off a wonder save in the first half after a stray header from his own defender

Solomon Kverkvelia.

Ryzhikov saved more routinely from Ibe when he shot straight down the middle, and then brilliantly kept out a Dejan Lovren header as Liverpool pressed forward in search of the killer second goal.

The lively James Milner struck the bar in the first half and saw a later attempt saved - a fate which also befell Can and Firmino as the chances kept coming and going begging.

Liverpool will qualify with a game to spare if they can beat Bordeaux at home in their next game in three weeks.

By then, with Klopp's philosophy taking hold, do not be surprised if they are an improved team again. And Ibe an important member of it, as this display suggested he may well be.

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No fireworks but gutsy triumph sees another step forward

Another gutsy triumph brimming with spirit. Another impressive step forward for Jurgen Klopp's Liverpool. Having set about restoring pride domestically by toppling Chelsea, the new Reds boss repeated the trick in Europe as his side produced an accomplished performance at the Kazan Arena.

There were no fireworks in the Republic of Tatarstan but this was the night when Liverpool's Europa League campaign finally ignited after three bore draws. With FC Sion held at home to Bordeaux, the Reds now find themselves just two points adrift of the Group B leaders and three clear of the third-placed French outfit. It had been three long years since Liverpool had last tasted victory on their travels in Europe. Not since Udinese were beaten on their own patch in December 2012 had the Reds come out on top. Visits to Zenit, Basel, Real Madrid, Ludogorets and Besiktas had merely served to reinforce just how far Liverpool had fallen since the dizzy heights of being kings of Europe.

However, the rot was stopped in the most tricky of environments as Klopp's side delivered in freezing conditions on an appalling playing surface to inflict Rubin Kazan's first-ever home defeat at the hands of English opposition.

This time Jordon Ibe was the hero as the teenager marked his recent revival with his first goal for the club. His matchwinning contribution was another sign of the Klopp effect – how the German coach has energised a group of players who were stuck in a rut under Brendan Rodgers.

After a blistering pre-season when Ibe was lauded as the perfect replacement for Raheem Sterling, he lost his way alarmingly.

The young winger looked bereft of confidence prior to Klopp's arrival. But now the belief is back and his 30th appearance for Liverpool is one he will never forget.

No white flag raised this time

What a contrast to a year ago when Liverpool effectively raised the white flag at the Bernabeu and Rodgers stood accused of disrespecting the Champions League when he fielded a heavily-weakened side against Real Madrid.

The Reds' proud reputation in Europe lay in tatters as the manager prioritised the league fixture with Chelsea. It was a similar tale when Liverpool headed for Bordeaux in September – half-a-dozen key men left on Merseyside with their feet up - but no longer is Europe treated as an unwanted distraction.

Not under Klopp. The next game is always the most important and momentum was maintained in style as Klopp enjoyed a third straight win and extended his unbeaten start as manager to six games

There were positives all over the pitch on a night when Simon Mignolet didn't have a single meaningful save to make. Mamadou Sakho and Dejan Lovren excelled defensively as Liverpool kept their first-ever clean sheet on Russian soil. Joe Allen shone in front of the back four and Roberto Firmino showcased his class as the home crowd were silenced emphatically.

There were four changes from the win at Chelsea but, crucially, they were made without significantly weakening the starting line-up. All of them made sense. Lovren replaced Martin Skrtel at the back with Allen in for Lucas Leiva in midfield. Going forward, Stamford Bridge matchwinner Philippe Coutinho and Adam Lallana, who were both nursing knocks, made way for Ibe and Christian Benteke. It was Benteke's first start since September 20 when he limped off against Norwich with a hamstring injury.

Klopp getting more out of those who struggled to convince Liverpool were set up to attack with James Milner pushed out to the left, Ibe on the opposite flank and Firmino operating behind Benteke.

The first half was one-way traffic as the Reds dominated both possession and territory but rarely looked like making it count.

Klopp clapped enthusiastically on the touchline as his players pressed high up the field and ruffled Rubin's feathers.

Liverpool could have led inside six minutes. Firmino was the creator as he expertly nutmegged Sergei Kislyak and provided a perfectly weighted pass into Milner's path. The stand-in skipper hit it sweetly but was denied by the bar.

Rubin, who couldn't live with the Reds' energy and tempo, could scarcely get out of their own half. Klopp has proved so adept at getting more out of those who were struggling to convince under Rodgers. The likes of Lucas, Sakho, Firmino and Alberto Moreno have been rejuvenated and here Lovren and Ibe added their names to that list. Firmino flourished in the pockets of space in front of Kazan's back four as he linked up play and then looked to burst beyond Benteke.

However, the Brazilian attacker couldn't provide the finish as a host of chances went begging. Liverpool's bold approach was epitomised by the sight of Moreno spending most of the contest operating as a left winger with little care for defensive duties. But for Rubin goalkeeper Sergei Ryzhikov the margin of victory would have been far greater. Deep into first-half stoppage time the keeper reacted superbly after defender Solomon Kvirkvelia had inadvertently headed towards his own net and he then clawed to safety before the Reds could pounce. Quickly-installed defensive organisation is remarkable

Rubin held on with 10 men to earn a point at Anfield a fortnight earlier but their hopes of frustrating Liverpool once again were dashed seven minutes into the second half.

Ibe latched on to Firmino's lay-off and burst forward with menace. The teenager's pace took him clear and his low piledriver from the edge of the box flew in off the inside of the post.

It was a strike of true precision and quality and he raced to celebrate in the corner where the hardy 200-strong travelling Kop were situated in the upper tier.

Rather than sit back and try to protect their advantage, Liverpool sought greater reward.

Milner's fierce strike was turned over the bar by Ryzhikov before Can saw his appeals for a penalty waved away.

When Rubin did pose a threat, Sakho and Lovren rose to the challenge. How quickly Klopp has installed such defensive organisation is remarkable.

Liverpool soaked up what little pressure there was and then hit the Russians on the counter-attack.

With Adam Lallana introduced at the expense of Milner, there was no shortage of willing runners. Lallana presented Ibe with the opportunity to double his account but Ryzhikov kept Rubin in it by blocking with his legs.

At the final whistle Klopp headed straight to embrace his matchwinner. The message was from Russia with love.

MAN OF THE MATCH. Jordon Ibe. The Reds' hero on a night packed full of positives in Russia.

RUBIN KAZAN: Ryzhikov, Cotugno (Ustinov 81), Kverkvelia, Kambolov, Nabiullin, Georgiev, Kislyak (Akhmetov 70), Kanunnikov, Marques (Ozdov 45), Karadeniz, Devic. Subs: Lemos, Haghighi, Bilyaletdinov, Dyadyun.

LIVERPOOL (4-2-3-1): Mignolet; Clyne, Lovren, Sakho, Moreno; Can (Skrtel 90), Allen; Ibe, Firmino (Lucas 81), Milner (Lallana 61); Benteke. Subs: Bodgan, Coutinho, Origi, Brannagan. **BOOKING:** Lovren (foul). **GOAL:** Ibe (52).

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Liverpool gave themselves the chance to qualify for the last 32 of the Europa League with a game to spare with victory over Rubin Kazan.

James Milner shot against the crossbar early on for a dominant Liverpool after Roberto Firmino's through ball.

The deserved opener came after the break when the impressive Jordon Ibe struck home his first goal for the club from 20 yards.

Milner and Ibe had shots saved before the visitors held off late pressure.

Second-placed Liverpool now trail Group B leaders Sion by two points but are three ahead of Bordeaux, who visit Anfield on 26 November.

The Reds will qualify for the knockout stages if they win that match, with their last game a trip to Switzerland to face Sion.

Jurgen Klopp's appointment as Liverpool boss was greeted with almost universal excitement by Reds fans after a disappointing start to the season under Brendan Rodgers.

Thursday's win - their first in this season's Europa League - was their third in succession and supporters will have seen nothing to suggest their belief in Klopp is misplaced.

A new high-tempo, direct pressing style left Rubin Kazan with just 32% possession and seven shots - none on target - compared to Liverpool's 23.

The result means Klopp is unbeaten in his opening six matches, a positive start to his tenure.

New era still a work in progress

With Daniel Sturridge and Danny Ings still injured and Christian Benteke only just back, Liverpool looked a little toothless in the final third.

Their approach play and continual pressing of their hosts resulted in total domination, but just six shots on target from 23 attempts.

The hosts looked disinterested offensively for large periods but Liverpool's failure to kill them off almost cost them dear as the Russians pressed late on.

A new approach in Europe?

Rodgers made a host of changes for Liverpool's opening two Europa League matches of the season

But Klopp named a strong side for the second successive match, despite leaving Adam Lallana and Philippe Coutinho on the substitutes' bench.

Securing Champions League qualification has to be the main aim, but not even a 4,000-mile round trip persuaded Klopp to leave some of his stars in Liverpool.

Man of the match: Jordon Ibe

Manager reaction

Klopp told the Liverpool Echo: "Jordon is a skilful player and a big talent - fast, strong, good at dribbling

"He has to learn so much but has a real good base. He feels good. You could see it in this match.

"Like everyone, he has a long way to go. If he's prepared to listen then he will be very good."

Stats you need to know

Rubin Kazan changed their official name to FC Rubin last month

They had only lost once previously in the Kazan Arena, a stadium that will be used in the 2018 World Cup

Liverpool are the first English team to win in Kazan, with the Russians having beaten Wigan, Chelsea and Tottenham by one-goal margins

Liverpool have not lost an away European game they have scored in since April 2010, a run of 10 matches

What next?

Liverpool will attempt to make it four straight wins in all competitions when they host Crystal Palace in the Premier League on Sunday.

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 90:00+4:02 Full time Second Half ends, Rubin Kazan 0, Liverpool 1.
 90:00+3:09 Christian Benteke (Liverpool wins a free kick on the left wing.
 90:00+3:09 Foul by Vitaly Ustinov (Rubin Kazan).
 90:00+2:39 Jordan Ibe (Liverpool wins a free kick on the right wing.
 90:00+2:39 Foul by Gökdeniz Karadeniz (Rubin Kazan).
 90:00+2:12 Substitution Substitution, Liverpool. Martin Skrtel replaces Emre Can.
 90:00+1:18 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Saba Kverkvelia.
 90:00+0:33 Offside, Liverpool. Adam Lallana tries a through ball, but Jordan Ibe is caught offside.
 89:09 Foul by Christian Benteke (Liverpool).
 89:09 Ilzat Akhmetov (Rubin Kazan wins a free kick in the attacking half.
 88:17 Foul by Adam Lallana (Liverpool).
 88:17 Blagoy Georgiev (Rubin Kazan wins a free kick on the left wing.
 87:00 Attempt missed. Jordan Ibe (Liverpool left footed shot from the right side of the box is close, but misses to the right. Assisted by Lucas Leiva.
 84:08 Foul by Joe Allen (Liverpool).
 84:08 Maksim Kanunnikov (Rubin Kazan wins a free kick in the attacking half.
 83:22 Attempt missed. Marko Devic (Rubin Kazan header from the centre of the box misses to the left. Assisted by Vitaly Ustinov with a cross.
 82:48 Foul by Alberto Moreno (Liverpool).
 82:48 Vitaly Ustinov (Rubin Kazan wins a free kick on the right wing.
 82:21 Foul by Lucas Leiva (Liverpool).
 82:21 Gökdeniz Karadeniz (Rubin Kazan wins a free kick on the left wing.
 80:31 Substitution Substitution, Liverpool. Lucas Leiva replaces Roberto Firmino.
 80:27 Substitution Substitution, Rubin Kazan. Vitaly Ustinov replaces Guillermo Cotugno.
 79:52 Attempt missed. Ruslan Kambolov (Rubin Kazan right footed shot from more than 35 yards misses to the right. Assisted by Blagoy Georgiev.
 79:11 Attempt saved. Christian Benteke (Liverpool right footed shot from the right side of the box is saved in the bottom right corner. Assisted by Jordan Ibe with a cross.
 78:11 Attempt blocked. Maksim Kanunnikov (Rubin Kazan left footed shot from the right side of the box is blocked. Assisted by Guillermo Cotugno.
 77:37 Foul by Adam Lallana (Liverpool).
 77:37 Guillermo Cotugno (Rubin Kazan wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 76:22 Attempt missed. Ruslan Kambolov (Rubin Kazan right footed shot from outside the box is too high from a direct free kick.
 75:11 Booking Dejan Lovren (Liverpool is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.
 75:07 Foul by Dejan Lovren (Liverpool).
 75:07 Marko Devic (Rubin Kazan wins a free kick in the attacking half.
 74:55 Foul by Emre Can (Liverpool).
 74:55 Blagoy Georgiev (Rubin Kazan wins a free kick on the right wing.
 69:06 Substitution Substitution, Rubin Kazan. Ilzat Akhmetov replaces Sergei Kislyak.
 68:47 Foul by Christian Benteke (Liverpool).
 68:47 Ruslan Kambolov (Rubin Kazan wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 67:50 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Sergei Ryzhikov.
 67:48 Attempt saved. Jordan Ibe (Liverpool right footed shot from the right side of the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Adam Lallana.
 67:35 Attempt blocked. Magomed Ozdoev (Rubin Kazan right footed shot from the right side of the box is blocked.
 66:57 Corner, Rubin Kazan. Conceded by Emre Can.
 66:24 Foul by Christian Benteke (Liverpool).
 66:24 Blagoy Georgiev (Rubin Kazan wins a free kick on the right wing.
 65:56 Hand ball by Christian Benteke (Liverpool).
 65:25 Adam Lallana (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.
 65:25 Foul by Maksim Kanunnikov (Rubin Kazan).
 62:24 Attempt saved. Emre Can (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the centre of the goal.
 61:54 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Saba Kverkvelia.
 61:52 Attempt blocked. Christian Benteke (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is blocked. Assisted by Nathaniel Clyne.
 60:56 Foul by Emre Can (Liverpool).
 60:56 Blagoy Georgiev (Rubin Kazan wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 60:17 Substitution Substitution, Liverpool. Adam Lallana replaces James Milner.
 59:43 Foul by Christian Benteke (Liverpool).
 59:43 Saba Kverkvelia (Rubin Kazan wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 57:44 Attempt saved. Dejan Lovren (Liverpool header from the centre of the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Jordan Ibe with a cross.
 57:20 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Elmir Nabiullin.
 55:01 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Sergei Ryzhikov.
 55:00 Attempt saved. James Milner (Liverpool right footed shot from the left side of the box is saved in the top centre of the goal. Assisted by Roberto Firmino.
 52:46 Foul by Dejan Lovren (Liverpool).
 52:46 Marko Devic (Rubin Kazan wins a free kick in the attacking half.
 51:37 Goal scored Goal! Goal! Rubin Kazan 0, Liverpool 1. Jordan Ibe (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box to the bottom left corner. Assisted by Roberto Firmino.
 51:09 Attempt blocked. Christian Benteke (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Roberto Firmino.
 50:02 Joe Allen (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 50:02 Foul by Marko Devic (Rubin Kazan).

49:30 Foul by James Milner (Liverpool).
 49:30 Blagoy Georgiev (Rubin Kazan wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 46:00 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Maksim Kanunnikov.
 45:58 Attempt blocked. Alberto Moreno (Liverpool left footed shot from the left side of the box is blocked. Assisted by Christian Benteke.
 45:56 Attempt missed. Christian Benteke (Liverpool header from the centre of the box misses to the left. Assisted by Nathaniel Clyne with a cross.
 45:00 Second Half begins Rubin Kazan 0, Liverpool 0.
 45:00 Substitution Substitution, Rubin Kazan. Magomed Ozdoev replaces Carlos Eduardo.
 45:00+1:03 Half time First Half ends, Rubin Kazan 0, Liverpool 0.
 45:00+0:45 Attempt blocked. Jordan Ibe (Liverpool right footed shot from the right side of the box is blocked. Assisted by Dejan Lovren.
 45:00+0:11 James Milner (Liverpool wins a free kick on the left wing.
 45:00+0:11 Foul by Maksim Kanunnikov (Rubin Kazan).
 43:37 Delay over. They are ready to continue.
 42:42 Delay in match Blagoy Georgiev (Rubin Kazan because of an injury.
 41:18 Attempt blocked. Emre Can (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Alberto Moreno.
 38:26 James Milner (Liverpool wins a free kick on the left wing.
 38:26 Foul by Guillermo Cotugno (Rubin Kazan).
 34:02 Foul by Emre Can (Liverpool).
 34:02 Blagoy Georgiev (Rubin Kazan wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 33:19 Jordan Ibe (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 33:19 Foul by Elmir Nabiullin (Rubin Kazan).
 32:15 Foul by Christian Benteke (Liverpool).
 32:15 Ruslan Kambolov (Rubin Kazan wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 31:24 Attempt blocked. Jordan Ibe (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is blocked.
 27:36 James Milner (Liverpool wins a free kick on the left wing.
 27:36 Foul by Guillermo Cotugno (Rubin Kazan).
 25:46 Attempt missed. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool header from the centre of the box misses to the left. Assisted by James Milner with a cross.
 22:39 Hand ball by Sergei Kislyak (Rubin Kazan).
 22:22 Attempt blocked. Carlos Eduardo (Rubin Kazan left footed shot from the left side of the box is blocked. Assisted by Gökdeniz Karadeniz.
 21:45 Attempt blocked. Alberto Moreno (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is blocked.
 20:47 Christian Benteke (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.
 20:47 Foul by Saba Kverkvelia (Rubin Kazan).
 19:21 Attempt missed. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box misses to the left. Assisted by Joe Allen.
 18:30 Mamadou Sakho (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 18:30 Foul by Maksim Kanunnikov (Rubin Kazan).
 17:51 Attempt missed. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool right footed shot from the right side of the box misses to the right. Assisted by Nathaniel Clyne.
 13:49 Attempt missed. Elmir Nabiullin (Rubin Kazan left footed shot from outside the box misses to the left following a set piece situation.
 13:26 Foul by James Milner (Liverpool).
 13:26 Blagoy Georgiev (Rubin Kazan wins a free kick on the right wing.
 12:41 Foul by Joe Allen (Liverpool).
 12:41 Blagoy Georgiev (Rubin Kazan wins a free kick on the right wing.
 10:58 Emre Can (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 10:58 Foul by Blagoy Georgiev (Rubin Kazan).
 10:14 Attempt missed. Christian Benteke (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is high and wide to the right. Assisted by Roberto Firmino.
 8:46 Hand ball by Gökdeniz Karadeniz (Rubin Kazan).
 7:16 Attempt missed. James Milner (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is too high following a corner.
 6:57 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Elmir Nabiullin.
 5:28 James Milner (Liverpool hits the bar with a right footed shot from the right side of the box. Assisted by Roberto Firmino with a through ball.
 4:50 Attempt blocked. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Mamadou Sakho).
 1:23 Attempt missed. Emre Can (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box misses to the left. Assisted by Nathaniel Clyne.
 0:00 First Half begins.
 0:00 Lineups are announced and players are warming up.