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## THE TIMES

Under-pressure Pearson has no answer to class of Coutinho  
 Derby County 0 Liverpool 3 Klavan 24, Coutinho 50, Origi 54  
 Jurgen Klopp said that the only thing missing from Philippe Coutinho's game was protection from referee Graham Scott as the Brazil playmaker helped to pile more misery on Derby County manager Nigel Pearson.

There can be few less desirable sights for a struggling Sky Bet Championship manager than seeing Coutinho's name listed on the opposition team-sheet. Unfortunately for Pearson, he encountered such a moment last night when Liverpool were the visiting team at the iPro Stadium. Derby desperately needed a lift. They are hovering just above the relegation zone after recording one win from Pearson's first eight matches in charge. The home fans among the 26,281 crowd also needed a morale boost after seeing two Derby goals at the iPro this season -- both in the cup. But unfortunately for them, Coutinho was on song and Liverpool were in no mood for mercy as they strolled to a 3-0 victory.

"We have to show it from the very first second and you need to be 100 per cent professional and really serious," Klopp said. "We deserved to win, even though it wasn't the perfect performance."

Klopp's reticence to wax lyrical about his team's victory is understandable given Derby's poor start. But if anyone deserved praise, then it was Coutinho. The Brazilian set up two goals and added one of his own in one of the most straightforward victories of Klopp's tenure.

Ragnar Klavan scored his first Liverpool goal when he prodded in Coutinho's corner after shoddy defending from Richard Keogh, the Derby captain. The former Inter Milan attacking midfielder played a delicious one-two with Roberto Firmino before firing home to double the advantage and there was time for Coutinho to set up Divock Origi for a powerful drive before Klopp withdrew his star man after the hour mark.

Klopp's decision to substitute Coutinho so early was understandable. The Liverpool manager had ranted at Michael Jones, the fourth official, in the dying minutes of the first half after Marcus Olsson, the Derby left back, flew into a challenge with Coutinho.

"Something really bad can happen when a player flies into a challenge three or four times," Klopp said. "The only thing I said to the fourth official was please tell him he should tell the player, he didn't hit him but it was so close."

Pearson had insisted that there was "no pressure" on his players. The only trouble was that they in turn failed to apply any pressure on Liverpool, who were free to dictate play.

One look at the team-sheet revealed Pearson's intentions. Darren Bent, who once scored a goal for Sunderland against Liverpool thanks to a stray beachball, started on his own up front for the home side.

Klopp, on the other hand, flooded his team with the kind of attacking stars that Pearson can only dream of. Firmino, one of seven changes, was first on the case for the Merseyside club, arrowing a 30-yard shot that flew just over Jonathan Mitchell's goal.

Coutinho started to stir after a quiet opening 15 minutes. The Brazilian spotted an opening down the right and slipped on to Nathaniel Clyne's through-ball before shooting just wide.

Clyne, Coutinho and Firmino then combined down the right before Alex Pearce, the Derby defender cleared the ball over his bar. Coutinho sauntered over to the left corner, where he was greeted warmly by the travelling support. Seconds later, the away fans in the corner pocket would be jumping for joy after Coutinho sent over the corner that Keogh failed to clear and Klavan prodded the ball past Mitchell.

Pearson, a former centre half, fumed at his captain for the woeful attempted clearance. "We made mistakes that cost us quite dear," Pearson said.

Pearson brought Tom Ince on to add an attacking element, but the home side soon found themselves 2-0 down thanks to yet more Coutinho brilliance.

The Brazilian exchanged passes with Firmino before he rolled the ball to Mitchell's right. Coutinho's finish was something to be admired, but just as exquisite was the assist from his compatriot, who cut out three white shirts with the most accurate of passes.

Four minutes later, Coutinho turned provider, slotting Origi in behind the Derby defence. The Belgian looked up and thundered a rising shot into the roof of the net first time.

Klopp substituted Coutinho for returning hero Danny Ings with 27 minutes left. The German knew his work was done. For his opposite number, much work lies ahead. "There is a big gulf between where we are and where we want to be," Pearson said.

Derby County (4-4-1-1): J Mitchell -- C Christie, R Keogh, A Pearce, M Olsson (sub: M Lowe, 64min) -- J Butterfield, C Baird (sub: T Ince, 46), B Johnson, A Weimann 5 (sub: T Elsnik, 55) -- W Hughes -- D Bent 5. Substitutes not used: C Weale, A Camara, N Blackman, F Rawson. Booked: Johnson, Hughes. Liverpool (4-3-3): L Karius -- N Clyne, J Matip, R Klavan, A Moreno -- J Henderson (sub: E Can, 57), L Leiva, M Grujic -- R Firmino (sub: O Ejaria, 77), D Origi, P Coutinho (sub: D Ings, 63). Substitutes not used: S Mignolet, D Lovren, J Milner, S Mane. Booked: Moreno, Grujic.

## the guardian

Liverpool waltz past Derby as Coutinho and Firmino show their class  
 Jürgen Klopp looked around a distraught Liverpool dressing room at Wembley in February and urged his team to use defeat in the League Cup final as motivation to go one better in future. The message continues to resonate on the evidence of a comfortable and comprehensive defeat of Derby County.

Encouragement was not confined to the manner or margin of victory for the Liverpool manager. Ragnar Klavan scored his first goal for the club, Emre Can returned from injury, Danny Ings made his first appearance of the season, Marko Grujic and Loris Karius were handed competitive debuts and promising academy youngster Ovie Ejaria graduated to the senior ranks as a late substitute. But it was the class of Philippe Coutinho and, increasingly, Roberto Firmino that made the deepest impression. The Brazilian duo dissected the Championship team in a commanding second half display illuminated by fine goals from Coutinho and Divock Origi.

"Could we have done better? Yes. Is that important? No," said a satisfied Liverpool manager. "You need to be 100% professional and serious in games like this, which can be difficult. The opponent was ready for each opportunity but we didn't give them any. In the first half we could have been better with the last pass and in the second we could have been better with the counter attack but we scored the goals. This is a very important tournament for us, not only because I say it but for the players too and we have to show it is important from the first second. It is important so let's go for it."

Liverpool have lost only one of their last 14 League Cup ties against lower league opposition and, although their threat and authority was immediately apparent at the iPro Stadium, Nigel Pearson was right to be aggrieved at how the visitors took the lead.

Derby had settled into the contest when a serial lapse in concentration showed their problems are not confined to scoring goals this season. Four home players were found wanting as Coutinho's corner whipped in from the left. Two missed the flight of the ball at the near post, Richard Keogh sliced what should have been a routine clearance behind them and Klavan, Liverpool's defensive recruit from Augsburg, reacted quicker than Cyrus Christie to convert via a slight deflection off the full-back.

With Firmino tormenting Keogh and Christie down the Liverpool left and Derby's defence struggling to rediscover their poise, the visitors could have extended their advantage before the interval with greater composure on the break. Origi forced a good save from Jonathan Mitchell, the young goalkeeper who impressed on only his second appearance for Derby in place of the ill Scott Carson, while Coutinho was also denied from a dangerous free-kick.

Derby's prospects of an equaliser always seemed remote with Darren Bent isolated against Klavan and Joel Matip. They were extinguished early in the second half when Coutinho and Firmino turned on the style and gave the scoreline a more accurate reflection of the chasm between the teams.

Liverpool's number ten started and finished the move that doubled the visitors' advantage. Collecting the ball in central midfield, Coutinho spun away from his marker, found Firmino and continued his run through the heart of the Derby defence as his compatriot advanced on goal. With barely a glance to his right, Firmino rolled a perfectly-weighted pass into the area where Coutinho arrived on cue to side-foot beyond Mitchell from 12 yards.

Klopp's team, and in particular their Brazilian forwards, toyed with the lowest scoring team in English league football and added a third shortly afterwards.

Firmino was involved in the build-up but it was Coutinho who this time delivered the defence-piercing pass, flicking the ball into space on the right for Origi to finish emphatically into the roof of the net. Coutinho created another clear opening for Firmino but Mitchell denied the former Hoffenheim forward at close range before Derby's tormentor-in-chief was withdrawn to a standing ovation from the travelling section.

"We were beaten by a very good side," admitted the Derby manager. "The gulf between the two sides at the moment is too big for us. At 3-0 down after an hour it can be very difficult but we continued to work extremely hard. There is a big gulf between where we aspire to be and where we are at present. When you are on the end of a defeat like this there has to be some honesty about it. We were well beaten by the better team and we made mistakes that cost us quite dear."

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## The Mail

KLOPP'S RAMPAGING REDS RIP DERBY TO SHREDS  
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PHILIPPE COUTINHO played like a man on a mission last night as he sent Liverpool into the fourth round of the EFL Cup, the competition that broke his heart at Wembley seven months ago.

Coutinho was one of three Liverpool players who missed penalties in the League Cup final shootout against Manchester City, wrecking Jurgen Klopp's hopes of claiming a first English trophy. Klopp would dearly love to return to Wembley and Coutinho is clearly in the mood to get him there. The Brazilian scored one and had a hand in Liverpool's other two goals. Klopp has stressed the importance of the cups in a season with no European football and fielded a strong line-up, with Coutinho and Roberto Firmino flanking Divock Origi, and PSS5million goalkeeper Loris Karius making a belated debut after breaking a hand.

Derby must have feared the worst having scored just twice in eight Championship games. Their 32-year-old lone striker Darren Bent once scored a bizarre winner against Liverpool but here there was no beach ball on the pitch to divert his shots as there was at Sunderland in 2009.

Liverpool started like a well-oiled machine, albeit one in a low gear, and it was no surprise when the visitors took the lead on 24 minutes. Coutinho's corner should have been cleared but two Derby defenders collided at the near post, skipper Richard Keogh missed with a swipe of his right boot and, when Liverpool's Ragnar Klavan made contact from eight yards, the ball deflected in off Cyrus Christie. The 30-year-old Klavan celebrated his first Liverpool goal with gusto.

Liverpool should have wrapped up the tie by half-time. Origi was denied by Jonathan Mitchell's flying stop and the 21-year-old keeper then acrobatically turned over a long-range shot from Coutinho.

At the other end, Karius had to wait 45 minutes to show why he could be a better bet than Mignolet in goal. When Bent broke clear, the German was out in a flash to dispossess him. Derby boss Nigel Pearson sent on former Liverpool trainee Tom Ince for the second half with the more defence-minded Chris Baird making way.

It didn't work. Within 10 minutes, Liverpool had sliced open the Derby defence twice more to put the match to bed. The second goal, on 50 minutes, symbolised Klopp's 'heavy metal' football, with Alberto Moreno and Origi surging forward as decoy runners to create space for Firmino. With Derby's defence in disarray, the Brazilian slipped a pass inside for Coutinho, who strode into the penalty area before sliding a low finish past Mitchell. Liverpool added a third on 54 minutes when Coutinho fed Origi and he smashed home a rising shot.

The win secured, Klopp was able to send on Emre Can and Danny Ings -- two players who have recently recovered from injuries.

DERBY COUNTY (4-5-1): Mitchell 7; Christie 5.5, Keogh 5, Pearce 5.5, Olsson 6 (Lowe 63, 6); Hughes 6, Baird 6 (Ince 45, 6), Johnson 6, Butterfield 6.5, Weimann 6 (Elsnik 55, 6); Bent 6. Subs not used: Weale, Camara, Blackman, Rawson. Booked: Johnson, Hughes. LIVERPOOL (4-3-3): Karius 6.5; Clyne 6.5, Matip 6, Klavan 6.5, Moreno 6; Lucas 6, Henderson 6.5 (Can 57, 6), Grujic 6; Coutinho 7.5 (Ings 63, 6), Origi 6.5, Firmino 6.5 (Ejaria 78, 6). Subs not used: Mignolet, Lovren, Milner, Mane.

Booked: Moreno, Grujic. Man of the match: Philippe Coutinho. Referee: Graham Scott 6.5.

## The Daily Telegraph

Coutinho's menace steals the show for Liverpool

Jurgen Klopp was supposed to shuffle towards backstage this season, but Liverpool's heavy-metal football is making all the right noises. After the high-profile gigs down the M62, it was thought Klopp would become a supporting player, yet this was another statement of intent from Liverpool's great entertainers. Their path to next round of the EFL Cup could not have been smoother, as Philippe Coutinho seized the chance to remind Klopp, and Liverpool's fans, that he still has a huge role to play this season after PS32 million signing Sadio Mane's hogging of the headlines. The Brazilian was irresistible here.

Loris Karius, the goalkeeper making his debut, was able to stand and admire Liverpool's commanding display, and it really does feel as if Klopp is on the verge of upsetting the established order.

"This is an important tournament, not just for me, but for all of us, so let's go for it," said the manager. "We have to show it from the very first second and you need to be 100 per cent professional and really serious. We deserved to win, we created plenty of chances. Could we have done better? Yes, but is that important? No."

Liverpool have fond memories of this competition after winning it eight times and making the final last season. And Klopp is in no mood to toss away a chance of silverware. That was reflected in another strong line-up and Karius, the PS4.7 million summer signing from Mainz, cannot have envisaged such an easy introduction to English football.

Derby's start under Nigel Pearson has been a slow-burner. Before this game they had scored only twice at home, and they were behind here in 24 minutes after an inexplicable mistake from their captain, Richard Keogh, who got it all wrong trying to clear Coutinho's corner. Ragnar Klavan found the net from a few yards out. The Estonian defender's first Liverpool goal was a gift.

With Derby's lack of a cutting edge, Pearson introduced ex-Liverpool attacker Tom Ince at halftime, but the game was beyond their reach within five minutes.

Coutinho, involved in most of Liverpool's threatening moments, cut Derby apart as he exchanged passes with Roberto Firmino before rolling the ball into the corner. Divock Origi added a third on 54 minutes, sent clear by Coutinho after another classy move.

Klopp even had the luxury of easing substitutes Emre Can and Danny Ings back in as Liverpool toyed with their Championship opponents. "The gulf between the two clubs at the moment is too big for us and that's really as much as I can say," said Pearson. "We were second best and beaten by a very good side." Derby (4-2-3-1): Mitchell 6; Christie 5; Keogh 3; Pearce 5; Olsson 4 (Lowe 63); Baird 4 (Ince 45); Johnson 4; Hughes 5; Butterfield 5; Weimann 4 (Elsnik 55); Bent 5. Subs Weale, Ince, Camara, Blackman, Lowe, Elsnik, Rawson.

Liverpool (4-3-3): Karius 7; Clyne 7; Matip 7; Klavan 7; Moreno 6; Lucas 8; Grujic 6; Henderson 7 (Can 57); Coutinho 9 (Ings 63); Firmino 7 (Ejaria 77); Origi 8. Subs Mignolet, Lovren, Milner, Can, Ejaria, Mane, Ings. Referee: Graham Scott (Oxfordshire)

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### Liverpool dismantle Derby to ease into next round

No club in the country loves the League Cup quite like Liverpool. Be it the Milk Cup, the Coca-Cola Cup or the Carling Cup, it's a tournament the Merseysiders have won a record eight times and the evidence of the early rounds of this newly rebranded EFL Cup is the Reds mean business this year once more.

Beaten on penalties by Manchester City in last season's final, Jurgen Klopp's team dismissed Derby County at the iPro Stadium last night in the same authoritative fashion they had overwhelmed Burton Albion 5-0 ten miles down the road in the previous round.

They got only three goals this time " from Ragnar Klavan, Philippe Coutinho and Divock Origi " but their performance underlined manager Jrgen Klopp's wish for a team with no European distractions to take this competition seriously. As their fourth victory in five games, it also underlined that Liverpool appear to have found an impressive winning groove already.

Klopp's starting line-up showed seven changes from the side that won at Chelsea last Friday, the German giving a first start in midfield to the Serbian Marko Grujic and a debut to goalkeeper Loris Karius. The [pounds sterling]4.7m signing from Mainz had been unavailable until now owing to a broken hand, and this proved a gentle introduction given the way Liverpool dominated from start to finish. Such was their dominance in fact that Klopp ended the evening with another debutant on the field in 18-year-old midfielder Ovie Ejaria.

It was an altogether different evening for the goalkeeper at the other end of the pitch, 21-year-old Jonathan Mitchell, who was in the firing line on his home debut. Mitchell was playing because of an illness to Scott Carson, once of Anfield, and he kept his goal intact for just 24 minutes before centre-back Klavan's close-range opening goal.

Nigel Pearson will not enjoy reviewing his team's defending for the Estonian's first Liverpool goal. Philippe Coutinho's corner sailed over two Derby heads at the near post, Richard Keogh sliced at the ball as it dropped, and Klavan's shot found the net with the help of a deflection off Cyrus Christie.

Up to that point, Liverpool had been shadow-boxing; now they began to land some blows. Origi pulled away from his marker and tested Mitchell at his near post. Mitchell then turned over a Coutinho free-kick.

If the subdued home supporters held faint hopes of their side making more of a game of it in the second period they vanished within five minutes of the restart. Coutinho picked the ball up 45 yards from goal and, via a lovely one-two with Firmino, stepped into the Derby box where he took one touch and rolled a precise finish past Mitchell.

Coutinho then turned provider for the third goal, teeing up Origi to bury a shot high into the net at the near post. Red waves kept rolling to the Derby goal and it took an excellent Mitchell save to stop Firmino volleying a fourth goal after more good work by Coutinho.

For Derby manager Nigel Pearson, this was a defeat quite in sync with his difficult start at Derby, who have recorded just one win and two goals in their opening eight Championship matches. His five changes for this match included a recall for Darren Bent, a man who, in the red and white of Sunderland, once scored a goal against Liverpool with the help of a beach ball. Bent received precious little assistance here and when he did get a sniff of a chance, surging on to Bradley Johnson's through-ball moments before the break, he was foiled by smart footwork from Karius, who " Manuel Neuer-style " showed brilliant anticipation to race out of his box and slide-tackle the Derby man.

Karius's only uncomfortable moment came late in the second half when he came for a corner and missed it but even then the Derby men at the back post were unable to capitalise.



### RED-HOT KOP GO ON THE RAMPAGE

RAGNAR KLAVAN scored his debut Liverpool goal as Jurgen Klopp's ruthless Reds disposed of Derby.

Last season's League Cup runners-up look a good bet to go far in the competition again on this evidence.

Klavan (right, celebrating with Lucas) fired them ahead in the first half before the superb Philippe Coutinho and striker Divock Origi made it emphatic.

It maintains Liverpool's momentum after beating Chelsea and champions Leicester in their last two Premier League games.

The only slip-up this season for Klopp's men has been their shock loss at promoted Burnley.

Another surprise reverse never looked on the cards at the iPro Stadium, where new manager Nigel Pearson's side have got off to a disappointing start this term. The Rams languish 20th in the Championship after only winning once in the league so far.

Against Liverpool they were without new signings Matej Vydra and Ikechi Anya , who were cup-tied, while striker James Wilson was injured and keeper Scott Carson ill.

Klopp made seven changes to the side which won impressively away at Stamford Bridge.

Liverpool started well and dominated the early possession. Skipper Jordan Henderson and Roberto Firmino fired in early efforts which whizzed just over the bar.

Derby tried to close them down using the pressing game Pearson has introduced. But there was constant pressure on the home goal and when Chris Baird headed the ball behind, the visitors struck from a corner. Coutinho delivered it , defender Richard Keogh miscued his clearance, leaving Klavan on hand to pounce in the 24th minute from six yards.

The Estonian defender rifled in his first goal for the club since joining in the summer from Augsburg for PS4.5million.

Origi forced Jonathan Mitchell into a near-post save soon after with the 21-year-old keeper having a busy night on his second senior County appearance.

And before the break he had to tip over Coutinho's free-kick and then palm away Origi's dipping effort.

Liverpool ran away with the tie as Firmino and Coutinho exchanged passes before the Brazilian netted his third of the season with a low right-foot finish in the 50th minute.

Coutinho strolled through the middle of Derby's defence with embarrassing ease to leave Pearson fuming on the sidelines.

Four minutes later Origi deepened Pearson's misery as he got on the scoresheet for his second of the season with a fine rightfoot shot high into the roof of the net from inside the area.

It could have been even worse but Mitchell made a superb onehanded stop from Firmino. Liverpool could afford to sub Coutinho with half an hour to go as they cruised to victory.

DERBY: Mitchell 8, Christie 6, Keogh 6, Pearce 6, Olsson 6 (Lowe 64, 6), Baird 6 (Ince 46, 6), Butterfield 6, Johnson 6, Hughes 6, Weimann 6 (Elsnik 55, 6), Bent 6. LIVERPOOL: Karius 7, Clyne 7, Klavan 8, Matip 7, Moreno 7 Booked, Grujic 7, Leiva 7, Henderson 7 (Can 57, 6), MOTM Coutinho 8 (Ings 63, 6), Firmino 7 (Ejaria 78, 6), Origi 7. REF: Graham Scott ATT: 26,245  
 MATCH STATS 40% POSSESSION 60% 2 SHOTS ON TARGET 7 2 SHOTS OFF TARGET 7 3 CORNERS 9 5 OFFSIDE 0 15 FOULS 12 2 0 CARDS 2 0

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Reds maintain momentum with emphatic victory at the iPro  
 Liverpool cruised into the fourth round of the EFL Cup with an emphatic 3-0 victory over Derby County at the iPro Stadium  
 Ragnar Klavan bagged his first goal for the Reds with further strikes from Philippe Coutinho and Divock Origi putting the Championship strugglers to the sword.  
 Keeper Lloris Karius enjoyed a relatively quiet debut as he was rarely tested by the Rams.  
 Danny Ings made his first appearance of the season and there was also a debut for Academy youngster Ovie Ejaria as a much-changed Liverpool side maintained momentum after the back to back league wins over Leicester and Chelsea.  
 The Reds started brightly with Jordan Henderson firing over before Roberto Firmino went close from the edge of the box.  
 Marko Grujic shone on his full debut as the young midfielder picked out Nathaniel Clyne with a sweeping cross-field pass and then made an important sliding challenge on Jacob Butterfield.  
 The Reds were far from their fluent best but they were gifted the lead by some shambolic defending on 24 minutes.  
 Derby made a hash of dealing with Coutinho's corner and Klavan pounced to convert from close range.  
 At the other end Lucas Leiva made a crucial hooked clearance after Will Hughes' free-kick had been flicked on dangerously.  
 Liverpool should have extended their lead before the break but chances went begging. Origi pounced on a defensive error and could have put it on a plate for Firmino but delayed the pass and the opening disappeared.  
 Coutinho and Origi both forced saves from Jonathan Mitchell as Liverpool cranked up the pressure.  
 On the brink of half-time Karius was finally forced into action. Jordan Henderson's pass was intercepted and Darren Bent raced through, only for the keeper to dash off his line and expertly deny the former Sunderland striker.  
 Derby brought on former Liverpool youngster Tom Ince for the second half in search of a way back into the contest.  
 But they were blown away within 10 minutes of the restart.  
 Coutinho exchanged passes with Firmino and coolly rolled the ball into the bottom corner.  
 The scorer then turned provider, releasing Origi, who fired emphatically into the roof of the net.  
 Emre Can made his comeback in place of Henderson with the armband passing to Lucas.  
 Firmino should have added a fourth when he latched on to Coutinho's cross but somehow Mitchell kept it out.  
 Ings replaced Coutinho and Ejaria followed for Firmino.  
 Karius enjoyed a let-off as he missed Hughes' corner and Keogh nodded wide. It mattered little.  
**MATCH FACTS**  
**Derby County** : Mitchell, Christie, Keogh, Pearce, Olsson (Lowe 64), Baird (Ince 45), Johnson, Butterfield, Hughes, Weimann (Elsnik 55), Bent.  
**Not used** : Weale, Camara, Blackman, Rawson  
**Liverpool** : Karius, Clyne, Klavan, Matip, Moreno, Henderson (Can 57), Lucas, Grujic, Firmino (Ejaria 78), Coutinho (Ings 62), Origi.  
**Not used** : Mignolet, Lovren, Milner, Mane.  
**Referee** : Graham Scott  
**Attendance** : 26,245  
**Goals**: Klavan 24, Coutinho 50, Origi 54  
**Bookings** : Moreno, Grujic, Johnson, Hughes.  
**Man of the match** : Philippe Coutinho. Classy display from the little Brazilian who scored one and made another.



Derby County beaten by Liverpool in EFL Cup  
 Derby County are out of the EFL Cup after they were beaten 3-0 by Liverpool in Tuesday night's third round tie at the iPro Stadium.  
 Defender Ragnar Klavan put the Premier League side ahead in the first half, with Philippe Coutinho and Divock Origi on target after the **break**.  
 The **Rams** battled away but were ultimately outclassed by Jurgen Klopp's men and it was a comfortable victory for the Merseysiders in the end.  
 Nigel Pearson **made five changes** to his side following the 1-1 draw at Bristol City. Goalkeeper Jonathan Mitchell made only his second senior appearance, while Chris Baird, Bradley Johnson, Andreas Weimann and Darren Bent also coming into the starting line-up.  
 The five players who make way are cup-tied pair Matej Vydra and Ikechi Anya, James Wilson (knee), Craig Bryson and Scott Carson.  
 Carson missed out due to illness, while Bryson was not risked, on account of being one booking away from a suspension.  
 Before kick-off, a minute's silence was observed in memory of Rams stalwart Gordon Guthrie, who died on Sunday at the age of 86, having served the club in various roles for more than six decades.  
 There were ominous signs early on as Liverpool bossed possession from the start, with Jordan Henderson firing over in the third minute.  
 A couple of minutes later, Alberto Moreno's low centre from the left was sliced across the face of his own goal by Richard Keogh and out for a corner.  
 Coutinho then fed Roberto Firmino, who lashed a 20-yarder narrowly over.  
 Derby gradually started to get on the ball more and Bradley Johnson's downward header from Jacob Butterfield's free kick forced debutant keeper Lloris Karius into a save in the 14th minute, albeit a comfortable one.  
 But it was Liverpool who opened the scoring **10** minutes later.  
 A corner from the left, whipped in by Coutinho, dropped to Keogh, who scuffed his attempted clearance, allowing Klavan to beat Mitchell from eight yards out.  
 Liverpool continued to look for **goals** and Origi stung the hands of Mitchell in the 27th minute from the angle after spinning past Keogh.  
 The young Rams keeper was called into action in the 39th minute, tipping **over** Coutinho's fierce free kick from all of 35 yards.  
 Mitchell then beat away another Origi shot from 20 yards and, luckily for Derby, the loose ball was eventually cleared to safety.  
 Darren Bent got on the end of a Marcus Olsson cross but his header was easily held by Karius.  
 And in first-half added time, Bent chased down a through ball from Johnson but Karius raced out of his area to just get there first.  
 Derby made a change at the break, bringing Tom Ince on for Baird, to face his former club.  
 But Liverpool doubled their lead five minutes after the restart.  
 The Rams had no answer as Firmino cleverly picked out the run of Coutinho, who coolly rolled a shot home from 10 yards.  
 It was 3-0 after 54 minutes, when Olsson's clearance only went as far as Coutinho and he fed Origi, who fired high into the **net** from an angle.  
 At this point, Weimann was replaced by Slovenia Under-19 **international** Timi Max Elsnik - the hero of the last round against Carlisle United.  
 The visitors almost had a fourth just after the hour when the excellent Coutinho teed up Firmino, whose volley into the ground was superbly pushed over the bar by Mitchell.  
 Derby, with youngster Max Lowe on for Olsson, nearly pulled a goal back in the 73rd minute.  
 Karius failed to claim Will Hughes' corner from the right and Keogh appeared to win the header but the ball bounced agonisingly wide.  
 Emre Can and Origi both sent shots wide in the closing stages but there were no further goals.  
**DERBY COUNTY**: Mitchell, Christie, Keogh, Pearce, Olsson (Lowe, 64), Baird (Ince, 46), Johnson, Butterfield, Hughes, Weimann (Elsnik, 55), Bent. Subs: Weale (gk), Rawson, Camara, Blackman.  
**LIVERPOOL**: Karius, Clyne, Matip, Klavan, Moreno, Lucas, Grujic, Henderson (Can, 57), Coutinho (Ings, 63), Firmino, Origi. Subs: Mignolet, Lovren, Milner, Ejaria, Mane.  
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Liverpool continued their good recent form by brushing Championship side Derby aside to reach the fourth round of the EFL Cup.

Ragnar Klavan gave the visitors the lead, slotting in his first Reds goal from a Philippe Coutinho corner.

Coutinho got the second after a one-two with Roberto Firmino, before setting up Divock Origi to lash in a third.

Derby offered little throughout, producing only two shots to test keeper Loris Karius on his Liverpool debut.

This was the fourth match the Reds have scored three goals or more this season - and they have netted 19 times in seven games overall.

Even seven changes from Friday's 2-1 Premier League win at Chelsea did not halt their momentum.

One of those players to come in - Estonia defender Klavan - became the club's 10th different goalscorer this season.

In contrast, Derby - struggling in 20th position in the English second tier - have now failed to score in seven of their 11 matches in all competitions this campaign.

Derby manager Nigel Pearson: "I would be first to accept there is a gulf in class tonight, and where we are and where we aspire to be is a considerable difference.

"For us to progress as a club we need to build a squad which can compete anywhere.

"All of the goals had an element of we could have done better, so that is frustrating. Mistakes cost you dearly against sides like this. After that it is damage limitation to make sure it is not an embarrassment."

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp: "We were better tonight and we deserved to win, we created plenty of chances. Could we have done better? Yes, but is that important? No.

"You need to be 100% professional in games like this, which could be difficult, but we were ready for every opportunity.

"We could've been better in the first half with the last pass and in the second with our counter attack but we will take 3-0 all day.

"This is a very important tournament for us, for the players, and we have to show it from the first second. Let's go for it."

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90'+3' Second Half ends, Derby County 0, Liverpool 3.  
 90'+2' Will Hughes (Derby County wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
 90'+2' Foul by Alberto Moreno (Liverpool).  
 90' Timi Max Elsnik (Derby County wins a free kick on the left wing.  
 90' Foul by Ovie Ejaria (Liverpool).  
 87' Foul by Bradley Johnson (Derby County).  
 87' Marko Grujic (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
 86' Corner, Derby County. Conceded by Alberto Moreno.  
 86' Attempt missed. Timi Max Elsnik (Derby County right footed shot from outside the box misses to the right.  
 85' Attempt missed. Divock Origi (Liverpool right footed shot from the left side of the box misses to the right.  
 82' Foul by Max Lowe (Derby County).  
 82' Nathaniel Clyne (Liverpool wins a free kick on the left wing.  
 80' Will Hughes (Derby County is shown the yellow card.  
 79' Attempt missed. Emre Can (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box misses to the left.  
 78' Substitution, Liverpool. Ovie Ejaria replaces Roberto Firmino.  
 77' Bradley Johnson (Derby County is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.  
 77' Foul by Bradley Johnson (Derby County).  
 77' Ragnar Klavan (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.  
 76' Marko Grujic (Liverpool is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.  
 76' Tom Ince (Derby County wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
 76' Foul by Marko Grujic (Liverpool).  
 74' Foul by Timi Max Elsnik (Derby County).  
 74' Nathaniel Clyne (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
 73' Attempt missed. Richard Keogh (Derby County header from the centre of the box misses to the left following a corner.  
 72' Corner, Derby County. Conceded by Ragnar Klavan.  
 72' Foul by Tom Ince (Derby County).  
 72' Lucas Leiva (Liverpool wins a free kick on the right wing.  
 71' Attempt missed. Alberto Moreno (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box misses to the left.  
 69' Foul by Will Hughes (Derby County).  
 69' Emre Can (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.  
 68' Bradley Johnson (Derby County wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
 68' Foul by Emre Can (Liverpool).  
 68' Foul by Alex Pearce (Derby County).  
 68' Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
 68' Foul by Bradley Johnson (Derby County).  
 68' Danny Ings (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
 66' Will Hughes (Derby County wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
 66' Foul by Danny Ings (Liverpool).  
 65' Corner, Derby County. Conceded by Nathaniel Clyne.  
 64' Substitution, Derby County. Max Lowe replaces Markus Olsson.  
 63' Substitution, Liverpool. Danny Ings replaces Philippe Coutinho.  
 63' Attempt missed. Emre Can (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box misses to the left.  
 61' Alex Pearce (Derby County wins a free kick in the attacking half.  
 61' Foul by Emre Can (Liverpool).  
 61' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Jonathan Mitchell.  
 61' Attempt saved. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the top right corner.  
 60' Attempt blocked. Emre Can (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is blocked.  
 59' Foul by Richard Keogh (Derby County).  
 59' Ragnar Klavan (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.  
 58' Darren Bent (Derby County wins a free kick on the right wing.  
 58' Foul by Marko Grujic (Liverpool).  
 57' Substitution, Liverpool. Emre Can replaces Jordan Henderson because of an injury.  
 55' Substitution, Derby County. Timi Max Elsnik replaces Andreas Weimann.  
 54' Goal! Derby County 0, Liverpool 3. Divock Origi (Liverpool right footed shot from the right side of the box to the top left corner.  
 52' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Cyrus Christie.  
 50' Goal! Derby County 0, Liverpool 2. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box to the bottom left corner.  
 49' Will Hughes (Derby County wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
 49' Foul by Roberto Firmino (Liverpool).  
 48' Foul by Tom Ince (Derby County).  
 48' Alberto Moreno (Liverpool wins a free kick on the left wing.  
 47' Foul by Bradley Johnson (Derby County).  
 47' Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
 Second Half begins Derby County 0, Liverpool 1.  
 45' Substitution, Derby County. Tom Ince replaces Chris Baird.  
 45'+3' First Half ends, Derby County 0, Liverpool 1.  
 45'+2' Alberto Moreno (Liverpool is shown the yellow card.  
 43' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Chris Baird.  
 43' Attempt saved. Darren Bent (Derby County header from the centre of the box is saved in the centre of the goal.  
 41' Attempt saved. Divock Origi (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the top centre of the goal.  
 40' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Richard Keogh.  
 39' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Jonathan Mitchell.  
 39' Attempt saved. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from very close range is saved in the top right corner.

38' Foul by Jacob Butterfield (Derby County).  
 38' Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.  
 36' Jacob Butterfield (Derby County wins a free kick on the right wing.  
 36' Foul by Marko Grujic (Liverpool).  
 32' Attempt missed. Joel Matip (Liverpool header from the centre of the box is too high following a corner.  
 32' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Richard Keogh.  
 32' Attempt blocked. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked.  
 30' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Richard Keogh.  
 28' Foul by Divock Origi (Liverpool).  
 28' Bradley Johnson (Derby County wins a free kick in the attacking half.  
 27' Attempt saved. Divock Origi (Liverpool right footed shot from the left side of the box is saved in the centre of the goal.  
 24' Goal! Derby County 0, Liverpool 1. Ragnar Klavan (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box to the bottom right corner.  
 23' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Alex Pearce.  
 20' Foul by Divock Origi (Liverpool).  
 20' Markus Olsson (Derby County wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
 20' Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.  
 20' Foul by Markus Olsson (Derby County).  
 15' Foul by Darren Bent (Derby County).  
 15' Jordan Henderson (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
 14' Attempt saved. Chris Baird (Derby County header from the right side of the box is saved in the centre of the goal.  
 13' Will Hughes (Derby County wins a free kick on the left wing.  
 13' Foul by Roberto Firmino (Liverpool).  
 9' Lucas Leiva (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
 9' Foul by Darren Bent (Derby County).  
 8' Attempt missed. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is close, but misses to the right.  
 5' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Richard Keogh.  
 3' Attempt missed. Jordan Henderson (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box misses to the left.  
 First Half begins.  
 Lineups are announced and players are warming up.