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Bournemouth fight back to turn tide on Liverpool

Bournemouth 4 Wilson 56 (pen), Fraser 76, Cook 78, Ake 90+3

Liverpool 3 Mane 20, Origi 22, Can 64 Referee: R Madley Attendance: 11,183

By the end of a breathless afternoon on the south coast, Jurgen Klopp had been given an unwanted illustration of what he meant with his colourful pre-match description of Bournemouth as "a little village always fighting back, like Asterix and Obelix." It is quite some magic potion that Eddie Howe is concocting at the aptly named Vitality Stadium, even if this extraordinary comeback was aided by a Liverpool team defending with all the wit of the Roman soldiers in the comic books. With 15 minutes left, Liverpool were 3-1 up, ready to reduce Chelsea's lead at the top of the Premier League table to a single point. What followed from Klopp's team was a capitulation as feeble as anything you will see all season as Bournemouth forced themselves level through goals from Ryan Fraser, who made a spectacular impact as a substitute, and Steve Cook before a wretched error from Loris Karius, the Liverpool goalkeeper, enabled Nathan Ake to score a dramatic winning goal in the third minute of stoppage time.

There is added intrigue because Ake is on loan to Chelsea, who were beneficiaries of his match-winning goal, but on the evidence of the closing stages yesterday it might be unwise to characterise Liverpool as a rival in the title race.

League-winning teams do not tend to collapse in this manner and, while Liverpool's supporters will point out the absence of Joel Matip in central defence, there has always been the suspicion that Klopp's team, so impressive with the ball, still lack the resilience to stand firm when put under pressure.

Chelsea rode their luck at times before overpowering Manchester City in the second half on Saturday, but Antonio Conte's team have the type of inbuilt resilience that Liverpool -- and indeed City -- simply do not have. Liverpool, like City, play in the belief that their energy and creative quality will be enough.

Usually, it has been more than enough, but not here, against a Bournemouth team who simply refused to give up after falling 2-0 and 3-1 down. "We gave the game away," Klopp said, "but Bournemouth was ready to take it."

The first half was about as one-sided as you will see in the Premier League, such was Liverpool's superiority against a Bournemouth team who seemed, for once, to be daunted by a gulf in quality. Liverpool were moving their ball at such speed, with such purpose, that their 2-0 half-time lead seemed, if anything, to flatter Bournemouth. "At half-time we were in real trouble," Howe said.

"Liverpool were excellent and we weren't very good."

Liverpool rushed into a 2-0 lead. They had spent the opening stages camped deep in Bournemouth territory, building up more and more pressure with their passing game, with Divock Origi guilty of missing a clear chance in the tenth minute after one such move saw Nathaniel Clyne cross menacingly from the right-hand side.

As it was, though, the two goals came from a more direct approach, exploiting the room behind the Bournemouth defence. The first came on 20 minutes when Emre Can pitched his ball towards the penalty area, allowing the excellent Sadio Mane to run clear of Ake and poke the ball past Artur Boruc with ease. The second followed two minutes later as Origi beat the hapless Boruc to Jordan Henderson's pass before producing an audacious finish, finding the unguarded net from what had looked an unforgiving angle. Klopp said afterwards that he was "not angry", but he had looked agitated even at 2-0 up, concerned that his players' carelessness was going to allow Bournemouth back into the game. That is how it looked when the home team reduced the deficit 12 minutes into the second half, Callum Wilson converting from the penalty spot after Fraser drew a desperate lunge from James Milner, but Can restored Liverpool's two-goal advantage seven minutes later, with a sweet first-time shot after fine work from Mane.

Bournemouth had been invigorated, though, sensing the fragility that no opponent had exposed in Liverpool since they lost to Burnley in August. The brittleness of the Liverpool back four was certainly one significant issue -- or back five if you include the highly unconvincing Karius -- but Bournemouth suddenly looked the more energetic, more confident team, inspired by the arrival of Fraser in place of the injured Junior Stanislas. Fraser, 22, arrived at Bournemouth from Aberdeen almost four years ago, but he had only played 214 minutes of Premier League football before yesterday. You would not have guessed that from the impact made. His role in Bournemouth's first goal was followed by an enormous contribution to all that followed. On 76 minutes, Liverpool were pressing for a fourth goal when a move broke down near the edge of the Bournemouth penalty area. From there, possession was transferred quickly via Jack Wilshere and Fraser to Wilson, who tried to pick out Benik Afobe near the penalty spot. Instead the ball travelled beyond Afobe and Henderson and reached Fraser, who, having continued his run, composed himself before hitting a low shot past Karius.

Two minutes later, remarkably, it was 3-3. Dejan Lovren seemed to have relieved the mounting pressure on the Liverpool defence, getting his head to Jordan Ibe's free kick, but, with Origi failing to react quickly enough, the clearance was seized upon by Wilshere, surging past the forward. Wilshere played it out to Fraser, whose right-wing cross reached Cook. Again the visiting defence was far too passive, though Cook, showing commendable poise for a centre half, deserves great praise for the way he took the chance to equalise. Liverpool seemed shell-shocked. They had been centimetres away from going 4-1 up, when Milner's corner was fielded by Boruc in a precarious position on the goalline, but now they were sinking. They threatened again through Origi and Adam Lallana, but finally, in stoppage time, Cook moved infield again and struck a swerving shot

that Karius failed to hold. As the ball ran loose, Ake converted it, sparking wild celebrations on the field, in the stands and indeed on the Bournemouth bench. "I don't think I'll forget this one," Howe said. Neither will Klopp.

RATINGS

Bournemouth (4-2-3-1): A Boruc 3 -- S Francis 5, S Cook 6, N Ake 7, A Smith 4 -- D Gosling 4 (sub: B Afobe, 74min), H Arter 5 -- J King 4 (sub: J Ibe, 46 G), J Wilshere 6, J Stanislas 6 (sub: R Fraser, 55 9) -- C Wilson 6. Substitutes not used: A Federici, T Mings, B Smith, M Pugh. Booked: Wilshere, Francis. Liverpool (4-3-3): L Karius 4 -- N Clyne 6, Lucas 4, D Lovren 6, J Milner 5 -- G Wijnaldum 6, J Henderson 7, Emre Can 8 -- S Mane 8 (sub: A Lallana, 69 G), D Origi 6, R Firmino 6. Substitutes not used: S Mignolet, T Alexander-Arnold, R Klavan, A Moreno, O Ejaria, B Woodburn. Booked: Henderson, Can.

the guardian

Bournemouth battle from behind to stun Liverpool with Nathan Aké winner

It is in the aftermath of occasions as gloriously madcap as this when Liverpool's credentials as title challengers are suddenly rendered flimsy. There were long periods of this enthralling contest when the visitors threatened to overrun their hosts en route to comfortable success and yet, from a position of dominance, they still contrived to end up as victims of arguably the greatest result in Bournemouth's history. "It's a wonderful story if you're not part of it on the wrong side," Jürgen Klopp said through a rueful grin. "Today that's where we were." The tale defied belief. There were shades of Selhurst Park and that infamous night dubbed 'Cry-stanbul' in the finale to Liverpool's title pursuit under Brendan Rodgers three seasons ago in the way this team unravelled. All those defensive frailties often cited as cause for concern but usually masked by rampant attacking play reared ugly in the frantic last 14 minutes here as the visitors saw a 3-1 lead transformed into a deficit in the third minute of stoppage time.

A 15-match unbeaten run was wrecked amid the bedlam. Once the delirium in the stands had died down home supporters queued in the aisles to take photographs of the big screens displaying the scoreline. The visitors could not leave soon enough. The sloppiness of the decisive seventh goal summed it all up. Liverpool were still cursing half-chances spurned by Divock Origi and Adam Lallana at the other end when they found themselves pinned back deep inside their own half by their hosts' late forward thrust. There was Steve Cook, a centre-half loitering high in enemy territory, gathering and spitting a shot at goal that bounced just in front of Loris Karius and was duly spilled out by the goalkeeper. In charged Nathan Aké, who had started the afternoon as the hosts' other centre-back, to prod a shot through the goalkeeper and smuggle the ball over the line. In another of the afternoon's many subplots the Dutchman is on loan from the leaders, Chelsea, who are now four points ahead of Liverpool. Momentum has shifted.

Klopp claimed not to be angry and even seemed to accept there will occasionally be days such as this in his first full season in charge. Privately, however, he will have been alarmed at the way this game veered away. They were undone largely by Ryan Fraser, a 22-year-old Scot who spent last season on loan at Ipswich Town and, having started only two top-flight games this season, was flung on in hope rather than expectation for the injured Junior Stanislas 10 minutes after the break. The diminutive winger was inspirational, forever charging head down at his markers and injecting such energy into his team's approach. It was as if Liverpool had never been confronted by such intent, bamboozled as they were by Fraser's pace and invention. The recovery was born of his arrival.

Fraser's first involvement was to reach a loose ball just ahead of James Milner in the box and stumble under the full-back's touch, a penalty award that left Klopp livid on the sidelines. Callum Wilson dispatched the spot-kick, wrecking the visitors' hopes of keeping four successive clean sheets for the first time since early 2011 in the process. Emre Can restored the visitors' two-goal lead in the moments that followed, curling in a fantastic shot from the excellent Sadio Mané's pull-back, but the locals spied reward whenever Fraser was on the gallop. "The manager just told me to bring a bit of life back into the game," the £400,000 signing from Aberdeen said. His 35-minute cameo would end with the home support bellowing his name and the sponsors' man-of-the-match award waiting pitch-side. It was in the final 14 minutes when Liverpool truly caved in. Jack Wilshere, increasingly influential amid the frenzy all around, robbed Origi on the edge of the Bournemouth penalty area and the substitutes Benik Afobe and Fraser countered at pace. The ball was eventually shifted to Wilson and the move ended with Fraser curling his first Bournemouth goal for almost two years into the corner. Karius was helpless there, although indecision had long since gripped the visitors' backline. The clock had crept on only another three minutes when Dejan Lovren failed to gain proper purchase on a clearing header and Fraser, fed by Wilshere, delivered once more from the right. Cook, with his back to goal, instinctively collected the ball on the stretch, spun and dispatched the equaliser through the clutter. The grizzled defender, who has risen through the divisions with this club, actually has a reputation as a canny finisher but even he must have surprised himself with the slick nature of that reward. Eddie Howe said: "After we'd gained promotion we were desperate not to lose the togetherness, the never-say-die attitude and commitment which had got us to the Premier League. Money can harm that but this is evidence we've maintained that spirit and, if anything, harnessed it. That bodes well for the future."

Comebacks such as this are testimony to the conviction he has instilled in this

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squad. By the end it was hard to contemplate just how dominant Liverpool had once been up to Fraser's arrival, swarming all over panicked opponents in that familiar, oppressive manner. They had led by two at the break, courtesy first of Artur Boruc's indecision and, subsequently, his desperate desire to make amends. Can's lofted pass beyond Aké might have been suffocated by the Pole but his hesitation proved critical as Mané touched his finish delicately beyond the onrushing goalkeeper. Boruc was no doubt still contemplating that mistake moments later when he charged out of his area hoping to repel Jordan Henderson's pass down the right only for that, too, to prove a horrible misjudgment. Origi was always likely to reach the ball first and one touch took him round the goalkeeper before a finish thumped home emphatically from a narrow angle. Cook, retreating too late to the post, could only puff out his cheeks in resignation. His afternoon and Bournemouth's would improve dramatically before the end.

The Mail

KLOPP'S KAMIKAZE BRIGADE; Dreadful defending lets Bournemouth grab a thrilling win

BOURNEMOUTH 4 Wilson 56 pen Fraser 76, Cook 78, Ake 90
 LIVERPOOL 3 Mane 20 Origi 22 Can 64

IF YOU want to see a team implode in 20 minutes, watch a replay of Liverpool's epic selfdestruction yesterday. Jurgen Klopp's men were cruising at 3-1 but somehow snatched defeat from the jaws of victory. They only have themselves to blame as they conceded three goals in the closing stages -- courtesy of some awful defending -- to throw it away.

Credit to Bournemouth, of course. This was Roy of the Rovers stuff, a spellbinding comeback that sent the home fans into rapture.

Home manager Eddie Howe must take his fair share of the adulation for the unforgettable scenes at the Vitality Stadium, one substitution in particular inspiring his team to the most unlikely of wins.

Liverpool manager Klopp will not have known much about Bournemouth's diminutive Scottish forward Ryan Fraser before yesterday.

He certainly knows a thing or two about him now, Fraser coming off the bench to have a hand in three of Bournemouth's goals before Nathan Ake bundled home in added time after a horrendous howler from goalkeeper Loris Karius.

The big question before kick-off was how Liverpool would fare without the attacking influence of Philippe Coutinho, who is out for six weeks with an ankle injury. And for 45 minutes it was a case of no Coutinho, no problem for Liverpool. Divock Origi did miss a glorious opportunity to open the scoring for the visitors in the 10th minute when he attempted to use his right foot to slot home instead of tapping in from five yards with his left, getting himself into a terrible twist before firing wide. Howe was in his technical area encouraging and gesticulating to his players, but they could not get near Liverpool. So there was an air of inevitability when Klopp's side took the lead. The only surprise was it took until the 20th minute. Sadio Mane, running on to Emre Can's exquisite 30-yard pass, rode Ake's challenge before delicately finishing past Artur Boruc. The finish was sumptuous, but Can's pass was even better. Utterly clinical.

Bournemouth were not at the races. They were second best to everything and it took Liverpool just two minutes to double their advantage. Howe will point his finger at midfielder Harry Arter for losing possession to Mane and Boruc for inexplicably rushing out of his area in the build-up to the goal. But Origi's finish was cut-throat. Brilliantly ruthless, running on to Jordan Henderson's pass to glide past Boruc before firing home from a tight angle without a thought to slow his stride. Bournemouth mustered a response before the break, Josh King seeing his near-post shot saved by Karius in the 36th minute. Premier Jurgen Klopp October have goals I And the home side were furious they were not awarded a penalty from the resultant corner as Ake fell in the box under a challenge from Roberto Firmino but referee Robert Madley instantly waved away their appeals. adley way Something had to change for Howe's team in the second half. The manager introduced Jordan Ibe, who left Liverpool in the summer, in place of King in a bid to invigorate his team. But it was Howe's second substitution that sparked the chaos that was about to follow, Fraser replacing Junior Stanislas, who had suffered a foot injury in the 54th minute. Fraser's introduction paid instant dividends. His first contribution was to win his team a penalty after being tripped by James Milner within seconds of coming on. The look on Milner's face said it all. In those matches. Wh ing askin What was he playing at? Klopp was asking himself the same thing before Callum Wilson sent wr KARIUS the wrong way. But their glee was short-lived as Liverpool notched a third in the 64th minute. Mane powered his way down the right before finding Can, who stroked home almost nonchalantly into the top right corner to restore Liverpool's twogoal cushion. And the visitors came close to making it four when Boruc nearly carried the ball over the line -- his blushes being spared by no more than an inch.

Bournemouth, though, refused to throw in the towel as they embarked on a breathtaking fightback, with Fraser leading the charge. The substitute provided Bournemouth with a glimmer of hope in the 76th minute, completing a move that included Jack Wilshere and Wilson after Origi had lost possession inside his own half. The home support were sensing Liverpool were on the ropes. They were right. Bournemouth drew level in the 78th minute with Fraser once more the instigator, Steve Cook expertly controlling his cross before rifling past Karius to send the Vitality Stadium into a frenzy.

Three minutes into added time. the home support were in dreamland. Karius

should have held on to Cook's long-range effort but inexplicably let it slip. The rest will go down in Bournemouth folklore as Ake pounced on the loose ball to hammer home. A day no one will forget -- as much as Liverpool will try to.

The Daily Telegraph

Bournemouth joy after Ake seals historic win

As delirious Bournemouth supporters filed out of Dean Court yesterday, many paused to take a photograph simply of the scoreboard. Cherries 4 Liverpool 3. It was a result they will never forget not simply because it was the first time in their history that they had beaten Liverpool but because, with 15 minutes remaining, that same scoreboard had looked so very different. Cherries 1 Liverpool 3. Liverpool had also been 2-0 ahead after 22 minutes but, in a collapse reminiscent of how they let slip a 3-0 lead in just nine calamitous minutes against Crystal Palace in 2014, they somehow left Dorset without even a point. It means they have slipped to third in the league but, even in the absence here from the starting team of Philippe Coutinho and Adam Lallana, there was little lacking creatively.

The problem for manager Jurgen Klopp was simply in Liverpool's defending - especially the unconvincing goalkeeping of Loris Karius - who gifted Bournemouth their dramatic winner when his fumble from Steve Cook's shot allowed Chelsea loanee Nathan Ake to gratefully follow in. It was an extraordinary finale to one of the games of the season and, having reached the tally this week of 300 matches as Bournemouth manager, also propelled Eddie Howe's team into the top half of the table.

It was not just beating Liverpool that would have meant so much to Howe - who just happens to be an Everton fan - but the manner of how his team recovered through still playing such open and attacking football.

In the week that Gareth Southgate was appointed England manager, it certainly again also raises questions of a Football Association process that seems to have overlooked many of the English high achievers in club football. Howe is regarded as an English manager of the future by the FA but, if this progress continues, it is surely only a matter of time before one of the very elite clubs also test his bond with Bournemouth.

In the absence of Coutinho, Divock Origi was given a first Premier League start as the main striker and, with Liverpool quickly taking control of possession, Nathaniel Clyne's cross provided an immediate chance that was wasted. Emre Can's lofted ball caused further problems in the Bournemouth defence and, when Ake hesitated, Sadio Mane got between him and goalkeeper Artur Boruc to deftly divert the ball into the goal.

It was soon 2-0. Mane was again involved by dispossessing Harry Arter deep inside the Bournemouth half before passing to Jordan Henderson, whose ball down the right channel was chased by Origi. Boruc had made a horrible misjudgement in sprinting from his goal in an attempt to clear, with Origi knocking it past him before finishing superbly from an acute angle. Howe responded at half-time by bringing on record signing Jordan Ibe but the match only really changed with the enforced introduction on 55 minutes of Ryan Fraser following an ankle injury to Junior Stanislas. Fraser showed an immediate willingness to run fearlessly at the Liverpool defence and, after combining with Callum Wilson, got himself across James Milner before going down under the Liverpool full-back's challenge. Referee Bobby Madley had earlier turned down one plausible penalty appeal from Ake but had no hesitation in pointing to the spot.

Wilson finished confidently but it seemed that the comeback was over when Mane produced a wonderful moment of skill before crossing for Can to shoot past Boruc into the top corner. Liverpool were then also within inches of going 4-1 ahead when Milner's inswinging corner was caught by Boruc as he back-pedalled and almost carried the ball into his own goal.

Fraser, though, had become a huge threat and, after combining with Wilson, an attempted clearance bounced into his path. He calmly took a touch to bring the ball under control before placing his finish past Karius. The momentum had swung. Fraser then crossed to centre-back Cook, who, with all the skill of a striker, took a touch to bring the ball under control before turning to smash his finish into the bottom corner of the goal. Klopp was visibly furious and he had the added frustration of losing Mane to what looked like a groin injury.

When five minutes went up on the fourth official's board, the roar from the Bournemouth crowd underlined where all the belief now rested. From another Bournemouth attack, the ball bounced to Cook on the edge of the area. His shot was spilled by Karius, with Ake following up to bundle the ball in and send Bournemouth into ecstasy.

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Klopp keeps his cool after Reds throw away win

Liverpool boss Jurgen Klopp refused to blow his top at his players after they twice relinquished two-goal leads to lose a seven-goal thriller at Bournemouth.

The Reds seemed to be cruising at half-time courtesy of goals from Sadio Mane and Divock Origi, and were 3-1 up midway through the second half, before three goals in the final 15 minutes saw the hosts run out 4-3 winners.

Klopp, who was admonished by referee Robert Madley in the second half, was barking orders in his usual fashion and also stormed out of his technical area to berate Mane at one point.

But, after his side fell to just a second league defeat of the campaign, he insisted he was satisfied with his players' effort.

"I'm not angry," he said. "I was angry during the game a few times, but I saw that my boys didn't want to do the wrong thing, but they did and lost the momentum in the game, and it's not simple to come back.

"That's why you have to keep momentum all the time you can. I cannot change it. So why should I be angry?"

Callum Wilson pulled one back from the spot after substitute Ryan Fraser was brought down, but Emre Can restored the two-goal cushion soon after, only for the impressive Fraser to strike his maiden Premier League goal and then cross for Simon Cook to level with a well-taken effort.

And there was more to come in stoppage time as Chelsea loanee Nathan Ake bundled home a winner for Eddie Howe's side to prevent Liverpool closing to within a point of Ake's parent club at the top of the table.

Klopp continued: "The guys just weren't clear enough in the game. We couldn't influence the referee's decision on the penalty. We could have seen a few situations differently, a player could have been sent off for a second yellow card for holding (Roberto) Firmino - but we have to accept that happens."

Explaining his conversation with the referee and fourth official Stuart Attwell, Klopp added: "I was not happy about the penalty decision.

"It was not possible for me to do absolutely nothing. What I did was obviously too much. So I got a green card, before the yellow card, so I didn't do it again.

"At first I said it wasn't a penalty. And then Sadio shot the ball up into the stand, and I tried to tell him to play football again. I left my technical area, that's all. He (Madley) told me not to do it again."

For Bournemouth, this was a first victory over Liverpool in their history, and took the Cherries into the top half of the standings.

A 3-1 defeat at Arsenal last week meant Howe could not celebrate his 300th game as Bournemouth manager, but his 301st match at the helm is one that will live long in the 39-year-old's memory.

"I don't think I'll ever forget this one," he said.

"It was a real contrast of emotions. Right up there with the Everton game last year where we were really poor for the first part and came back for a point (a 3-3 draw).

"At half-time we were in real trouble. Liverpool were excellent. We weren't very good. So that makes the comeback all the more impressive.

"After promotion, we never wanted to lose our togetherness, never-say-never attitude and commitment which got us into the Premier League.

"Money can harm that, but this is evidence we've maintained that spirit and, if anything, harnessed it. That bodes well."



KEYSTONE KLOPP! A stunning Cherries comeback and some dire, comedy Liverpool defending add u to an unforgettable match WHAT an incredible, unforgettable, madcap game.

And in a season of high drama, this result stands out as the greatest in Bournemouth's history and glaring evidence of why major doubts remain about Liverpool's title challenge.

How Liverpool contrived not to win a game they led 3-1 with just 14 minutes left is anyone's guess. How Bournemouth completed a fabulous comeback is even more amazing.

Nathan Ake, the Chelsea defender on loan at Bournemouth, scored the dramatic 93rd-minute winner to give his parent club a huge boost in the title race.

But he was given a huge helping hand by Liverpool's kamikaze defending and a dreadful mistake by keeper Loris Karius, who spilled the ball straight into his path at the death.

Liverpool were fabulous going forward yet their vulnerability at the back continues to be their Achilles heel.

If you buy into Jurgen Klopp's philosophy then you have to accept that the good days will come with bad days - a consequence of his free-flowing, attacking style. In the first half they were untouchable, Sadio Mane's pace and movement ripping Bournemouth to shreds.

But then Liverpool simply crumbled under Bournemouth's incredible never-say-die spirit as supersub Ryan Fraser came on and inspired the most remarkable comeback.

It was Bournemouth's first-ever win over Liverpool and the first time Eddie Howe has won on a Sunday in nine attempts since being promoted to the Premier League in 2015.

Howe took charge of his 300th game as Bournemouth boss in the defeat at Arsenal last week but this one will surely be the most memorable of his reign.

What made it even more bizarre was that Liverpool were so in control.

The first half was so one-sided it was almost embarrassing. Bournemouth looked out of their depth and Liverpool looked every inch the title challengers.

Emre Can's wonderful 20th-minute ball over the top released Mane, who outprinted Ake and slipped the ball past keeper Artur Boruc.

Two minutes later Liverpool scored another as Mane dispossessed Harry Arter, Jordan Henderson played a long ball forward, and Divock Origi - on his first Premier League start of the season - rounded Boruc and then fired home from an acute angle.

Bournemouth, after bringing on former Liverpool winger Jordon Ibe for Josh King at half-time, got slightly better but it was the introduction of Fraser after 55 minutes that really changed the game.

Within a minute, Fraser had won a penalty after being bundled over by James Milner's challenge. Up stepped Callum Wilson to fire home from the spot.

That annoyed Klopp, who did not think it was a penalty, but the German's temperament was to be put to the test even more later on.

Liverpool looked to have regained control after 64 minutes when Can curled home a brilliant 20-yard shot after fine work by Mane.

Then Boruc, who always looks an accident waiting to happen, nearly allowed Milner's corner to cross the line.

But Bournemouth never gave up.

And with Jack Wilshere finally awakening from his slumbers, Benik Afobe unnerving the Liverpool defence, and Fraser buzzing around, they began believe a comeback was on.

The Afobe and Wilson combined before Afobe miscued the ball into Fraser's path and he slammed home Bournemouth's second in the 76th minute.

Three minutes later, Wilshere found Fraser and cross dropped to Steve Cook, who turned brilliantly for the equaliser to send the crowd wild.

Liverpool stormed forward but it was Bournemouth who were to have the last word.

Cook's shot was spilled by Karius and there was Ake to fire home the winner.

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'Panic set in and belief evaporated' as chilling reality bites on south coast
 This was a painful throwback for Kopites.

Supporters had grown accustomed to the reassuring sight of Jurgen Klopp's Liverpool playing with the swagger of Premier League title contenders. They had admired the work rate as much as the attacking finesse as opponents were swatted aside. They had eulogised about the greater resilience and spirit which had enabled the resurgent Reds to dig deep and get themselves out of some tight spots. A 15-game unbeaten run had sent expectation levels into overdrive but a bitterly cold afternoon on the South Coast brought a chilling reality check. The backbone that Klopp has worked so hard to instil lay in pieces after a chaotic finale which saw Bournemouth claim their first win over Liverpool in 10 attempts. The Reds regressed alarmingly and paid the price. This was St Mary's back in March re-visited as they conspired to grab defeat from the jaws of victory. '3-1 and you ****ed it up,' crowed the home fans as Klopp's players shook their heads in disbelief at the final whistle. You couldn't argue with that concise summary of proceedings.

The debate over Liverpool's number 1 will go on
 Liverpool led 3-1 with just 15 minutes remaining. They were cruising to a win which would have put them back within a point of leaders Chelsea.

The Reds just needed to keep their heads, not do anything stupid, but after Ryan Fraser pulled one back they imploded. Composure was conspicuous by its absence as they gifted Eddie Howe's side the initiative. Steve Cook slammed home the equaliser and then deep into stoppage time came the hammer blow.

Cook's low drive was straight at Loris Karius but inexplicably the keeper spilled it and Nathan Ake, who is on loan from Chelsea, tucked away the rebound. The German shot-stopper wanted the ground to open and swallow him up.

Within seconds of the final whistle 'Mignolet' and 'Matip' were both trending on Twitter. Knee-jerk? Maybe. There's no chance Klopp will drop Karius on the back of one wretched blunder, but the debate over Liverpool's No 1 will rumble on.

Karius has only played 10 games following his summer move from Mainz so it's too early to judge him. But he has yet to prove that he's a significant upgrade on what the Reds already had. There have been other careless errors from him in recent weeks but this was the first time he has cost Liverpool points.

The fact is that Simon Mignolet lost his place to the new signing in September having done little wrong this season and has responded well to that setback, knuckling down and performing well in the EFL Cup. The Belgian hasn't given up the fight and is knocking on the door.

One man who will certainly walk back into the side to face West Ham at Anfield next Sunday if he's fit is Joel Matip. The former Schalke defender was sorely missed against Bournemouth after being ruled out with a minor ankle injury.

It's no coincidence that Matip also sat out Liverpool's only other defeat this season – away to Burnley in August. The Cameroon international has been so key to tightening up the Reds' backline. It's not just his aerial prowess, ability to read a game and how comfortable he is with the ball at his feet, it's the cool and calm persona which rubs off on others around him. Certainly, Dejan Lovren struggled without the reassuring presence of Matip alongside him. Lucas Leiva, who got the nod ahead of Ragnar Klavan, was solid enough but Lovren floundered badly during Bournemouth's fightback.

Liverpool dominated the opening 45 minutes without ever really getting out of first gear. There was a gulf in class and they should have been more than 2-0 up at the break. Divock Origi somehow scuffed wide after Nathaniel Clyne's cross had put it on a plate for him early on. The breakthrough finally arrived when Emre Can's lofted pass picked out the intelligent run of Sadio Mane.

The Senegal international held off the attentions of Ake to poke the ball past Artur Boruc. Origi, who was making his first league start of the season in place of the injured Philippe Coutinho, soon added a second. Mane picked Harry Arter's pocket and linked up with Jordan Henderson, whose perfectly weighted pass sent Origi scampering clear down the right. Boruc senselessly raced out to meet him and Origi touched it past him before whipping an exquisite finish into the empty net from the tightest of angles. The Reds eased off and lost control

Roberto Firmino got lucky when he appeared to bring down Ake in the box, but Liverpool were good value for their lead with the impressive Gini Wijnaldum shining alongside Emre Can and Henderson. Maybe it was too easy because in the second half the Reds eased off and lost control. There was no attacking focal point as Origi went missing and Firmino, who was shifted out to the left to accommodate the Belgian, was a passenger. The loss of Coutinho has certainly upset the balance of the side. The Cherries were handed a lifeline when James Milner upended substitute Ryan Fraser and Callum Wilson scored from the spot.

The two-goal cushion was restored courtesy of Can's emphatic finish from the edge of the box after great work from Mane. Worryingly, Mane was limping soon after and was replaced by Adam Lallana, who was making his comeback from injury. Liverpool were half an inch away from a fourth goal when Boruc nearly carried Milner's in-swinging corner over his own line.

Then came the mayhem. First, the Reds left themselves exposed on the counter-attack as Wilson's cross dropped to the outstanding Fraser, who drilled low past Karius. Liverpool were on the ropes and Fraser then turned provider as Cook

expertly slammed in the equaliser. Karius denied substitute Benik Afobe before Origi hooked a volley narrowly over the bar. The final twist in the dying seconds left Karius red-faced and Bournemouth triumphant. Three points had been carelessly frittered away. Momentum had been squandered but context is important. Liverpool sit third in the Premier League, four points off the top and one step from Wembley in the EFL Cup. One defeat doesn't wreck everything that's been achieved since August. The Reds need to dust themselves off and prove this was just a blip rather than something more serious.

MATCH FACTS

Bournemouth : Boruc, Francis, Cook, Ake, Smith, Gosling (Afobe 74), Arter, King (Ibe 45), Wilshere, Stanislas (Fraser 55), Wilson. **Not used** : Federici, Pugh, Smith, Mings.

Liverpool : Karius, Clyne, Lucas, Lovren, Milner, Henderson, Can, Wijnaldum, Firmino, Mane (Lallana 69), Origi. **Not used** : Mignolet, Klavan, Woodburn, Moreno, Alexander-Arnold, Ejaria.

Referee : Bobby Madley **Attendance** : 11,183 **Goals** : Mane 20, Origi 23, Wilson 56, Can 64, Fraser 76, Cook 80, Ake 90+3. **Bookings** : Wilshere, Francis, Henderson, Can **Man of the match** : Gini Wijnaldum. Impressed prior to the late debacle.

DAILY ECHO

Nathan Ake snatches stunning comeback win for Bournemouth in seven-goal thriller

Chelsea loanee Nathan Ake's stoppage-time goal secured Bournemouth their first-ever win over Liverpool as Jurgen Klopp's side capitulated to lose ground on the Blues in the Premier League title race.

Seemingly coasting to a win which would have taken them to within a point of leaders Chelsea, the Reds came undone as Bournemouth substitute Ryan Fraser led the comeback charge as the hosts sealed a memorable 4-3 victory from 3-1 down.

Goals from Sadio Mane and Divock Origi had Liverpool ahead at the break and the points still seemed to be heading back to Anfield when Emre Can's strike restored their two-goal advantage following Callum Wilson's penalty.

But Fraser, who had come off the bench to win the spot-kick, then buried his maiden Premier League goal before crossing for Steve Cook to superbly equalise, with Ake bundling home a last-gasp winner as Loris Karius failed to hold another Cook effort.

Liverpool were straight on the front foot and Origi should have opened the scoring with 10 minutes on the clock but the forward failed to make meaningful contact with Nathaniel Clyne's low cross.

And the opening goal came shortly afterwards as Can lofted a perfectly-weighted pass to Mane who got the wrong side of Ake before poking past the onrushing Artur Boruc.

The Poland goalkeeper was back in the Cherries side having missed the previous two games through injury, but he was at fault as Origi doubled Liverpool's lead less than three minutes later.

Mane robbed Harry Arter of possession and passed to Jordan Henderson, whose raking ball set Origi away and the Belgian took the ball past Boruc as he sprinted from his line, finishing well from a tight angle.

There were a flurry of yellow cards at the start of the second half, with Henderson booked for a foul on Junior Stanislas which forced the midfielder off.

His replacement, Fraser, was immediately involved as he was brought down in the box by James Milner, with Wilson tucking away his second penalty in as many games.

Liverpool turned up the heat and soon re-established their two-goal dominance as Mane broke into the box with ease and squared for Can to finish superbly. Karius just managed to turn a stinging Fraser drive behind before the goal decision system spared the blushes of his counterpart Boruc.

Milner did well to win a corner and swung it in himself with Boruc catching and almost carrying the ball over his line, with the goal-line technology showing it was centimetres from giving Liverpool an unassailable lead.

Instead, Eddie Howe's men turned the screw and it was Fraser who gobbled up the chance to thrash the hosts back into the contest as he latched onto a loose ball in the box.

And they were not finished there as Cook controlled and finished off a Fraser cross with aplomb to leave Klopp fuming on the touchline.

Another Bournemouth substitute, Benik Afobe, came close to completing a remarkable comeback but his effort was kept out by a sprawling Karius.

But a famous win would be secured in the dying embers as Cook's low drive from the edge of the box was spilled by Karius into the path of Ake, who bundled home.

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Bournemouth completed one of the comebacks of the season to beat Liverpool for the first time in a sensational Premier League game.

The Cherries battled back from 2-0 down at half-time and 3-1 behind with 15 minutes to go, with Nathan Ake's 93rd-minute winner sealing a famous win.

Sadio Mane scored the Reds' opener when he controlled Emre Can's ball over the top, held off Ake and poked home. The visitors looked in control when Divock Origi went past Artur Boruc and curled home their second from a narrow angle.

Bournemouth brought on Ryan Fraser in the 55th minute and that proved to be the turning point of the game. Seconds later James Milner brought him down in the area and Callum Wilson scored the penalty.

Can put the Reds 3-1 up with a 20-yard curling effort but Fraser scored his first Premier League goal when he tucked home after Wilson's cross had hit the heels of Benik Afobe. Centre-back Steve Cook got Bournemouth level when he controlled Fraser's cross, swivelled and volleyed home.

It looked like the drama was over until the third minute of injury time when Loris Karius spilled Cook's shot and Ake tapped home into an empty net.

How the comeback unfolded

20 mins (0-1): Liverpool open the scoring through Mane, who pokes the ball past Boruc

22 mins (0-2): Surely game over already, as Mane wins the ball off Harry Arter and finds Jordan Henderson, who plays in Origi, with the Belgian guiding the ball into an empty net after Boruc came flying out of his box

45 mins: At half-time, Liverpool are cruising and look set to make it 12 Premier League games unbeaten

56 mins (1-2): Bournemouth are back in this, as Fraser takes the ball past Milner with his first touch and gets brought down. Wilson sends Karius the wrong way from the spot

64 mins (1-3): The threat of a comeback is short-lived, as Mane takes the ball off Ake and pulls it back to Can to curl home. Five minutes later, Mane comes off with the job seemingly done

72 mins: Liverpool are inches away from going 4-1 up, as Boruc holds Milner's corner, but almost takes it back past his line. Goal-line technology shows it was millimetres from being 100% across the line.

76 mins (2-3): Fraser gets Bournemouth back in it, as he converts Wilson's cross, which had been mis-controlled into his path by Afobe

78 mins (3-3): Cook scores a brilliant goal, as he takes the ball with his back to goal, before turning and smashing home

90 mins: Origi almost wins it for Liverpool, but he fires over from close range

90+3 mins (4-3): Absolute scenes. Bournemouth win it as Karius makes a total mess of Cook's shot and Ake has an open net to tap into

Howe for England?

Before the game, Football Association panel member Howard Wilkinson told BBC Radio 5 live's **Sportsworld** that Bournemouth boss Eddie Howe had been considered for the England job.

Results like this will do nothing to harm his chances when newly appointed Gareth Southgate eventually goes, although that is if Howe is not too successful for international management next time it comes around.

Having said that, he could not have imagined his introduction of Fraser, an uncapped 22-year-old Scottish winger, early in the second half could have worked out so well. The Cherries could have been forgiven for crumbling when they went 2-0, and especially 3-1, down. History was not on their side.

In all previous nine games against the Reds, stretching back to 1927, they had drawn two - in the FA Cup in 1927 and 1968 - and lost the other seven, including the replays to those games. But they never gave up, and move into the top half of the table with these three points.

Liverpool implosion will be demoralising blow

The Reds were looking for a victory which would make it 12 league games unbeaten and equal their best start to a Premier League season.

It would also have taken them second, one point behind leaders Chelsea, the parent club of match-winner Ake. And midway through the second half, it appeared the story of the game was going to be a good performance and deserved win for Liverpool. Manager Jurgen Klopp, who is without injured forward Philippe Coutinho for several weeks, admitted his side had thrown it away.

One boost was Adam Lallana's return from three weeks out with a groin injury, although he replaced Mane just before the start of the implosion that has left them four points off in-form Chelsea.

Man of the match: Ryan Fraser (Bournemouth)
 Liverpool blow a two-goal lead again: Match stats

The Cherries recovered a two-goal deficit to win a Premier League match for the first time. The last two occasions of a losing side being two goals ahead at half-time in a Premier League match now involve Liverpool losing to a South Coast club (also 2-3 v Southampton in March 2016). Only two players have scored more goals in their opening 13 Premier League games for Liverpool than Mane (7) - Robbie Fowler (8) and Daniel Sturridge (10). The Reds have netted 19 first-half Premier League goals this season, three more than any other side.

Callum Wilson has scored in five of his nine Premier League starts at the Vitality Stadium for Bournemouth (five goals).

This was the fourth time under Klopp that Liverpool have been two goals ahead in a Premier League game and failed to win (2-2 v Sunderland, 2-3 v Southampton and 2-2 v Newcastle).

Ryan Fraser is just the third Premier League player this season to score and assist in a game as a substitute (Shaun Maloney and Robert Snodgrass for Hull are the others).

Under Klopp, Liverpool have kept just four clean sheets in 23 away Premier League games, conceding 38 goals.

Liverpool lost a Premier League match 4-3 for the first time since November 2000 against Leeds United.

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp: "We opened the door and they ran through and scored some wonderful goals. So that's the deserved result.

"It doesn't feel too good right now but sometimes we need it. Of course this can help us. No road is without rocks and stones.

"It's three points, no more. You cannot be champions in December.

"We are not ice skating, it's not about how it looks. I know we can play football.

Nothing is decided at 2-0. The boys know now we gave it away - only because of us Bournemouth came back. It was our mistake to let them back in the game."

Bournemouth boss Eddie Howe: "It was a great game, obviously from our perspective because we won. Liverpool were excellent in the first half and we knew their quality. It took our substitutes to make an impact and liven us up. Ryan Fraser deserved that opportunity today.

"It would have been easy for our players to give up and see out time, but our group knows not to give up. We scored at the right time, and the easy thing when you equalise is to sit back and defend that but thankfully the lads kept going.

"In the second half we looked like scoring every time we attacked. For this club and everyone involved, it's made for a very special day. These days are huge for us.

We'd never been in the Premier League until last season so we're making history for the club."

What's next?

Bournemouth are away to Burnley, whom Howe managed in between his two Cherries reigns, on Saturday (15:00 GMT) in the Premier League. Liverpool host struggling West Ham the next day (16:30 GMT).

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Match ends, Bournemouth 4, Liverpool 3.
 90'+6' Second Half ends, Bournemouth 4, Liverpool 3.
 90'+5' Georginio Wijnaldum (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 90'+5' Foul by Benik Afobe (Bournemouth).
 90'+5' Divock Origi (Liverpool).
 90'+5' (Bournemouth wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 90'+3' Goal! Bournemouth 4, Liverpool 3. Nathan Aké (Bournemouth left footed shot from very close range to the centre of the goal.
 90'+3' Attempt saved. Nathan Aké (Bournemouth right footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the centre of the goal.
 90'+3' Attempt saved. Steve Cook (Bournemouth right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Jordan Ibe.
 90'+1' Attempt missed. Adam Lallana (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is high and wide to the left. Assisted by Divock Origi.
 90'+1' Attempt missed. Divock Origi (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is just a bit too high. Assisted by Dejan Lovren with a headed pass following a corner.
 90' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Nathan Aké.
 89' Offside, Bournemouth. Harry Arter tries a through ball, but Benik Afobe is caught offside.
 88' Corner, Bournemouth. Conceded by Jordan Henderson.
 87' Emre Can (Liverpool is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.
 87' Foul by Emre Can (Liverpool).
 87' Ryan Fraser (Bournemouth wins a free kick on the right wing.
 86' Foul by Emre Can (Liverpool).
 86' Benik Afobe (Bournemouth wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 84' Attempt blocked. James Milner (Liverpool header from the left side of the box is blocked. Assisted by Jordan Henderson with a cross.
 81' Attempt missed. Jack Wilshere (Bournemouth left footed shot from outside the box is high and wide to the left following a corner.
 81' Corner, Bournemouth. Conceded by Loris Karius.
 81' Attempt saved. Benik Afobe (Bournemouth left footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the bottom left corner.
 80' Foul by Roberto Firmino (Liverpool).
 80' Adam Smith (Bournemouth wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 78' Goal! Bournemouth 3, Liverpool 3. Steve Cook (Bournemouth right footed shot from the centre of the box to the bottom left corner. Assisted by Ryan Fraser with a cross following a set piece situation.
 78' Foul by Dejan Lovren (Liverpool).
 78' Ryan Fraser (Bournemouth wins a free kick in the attacking half.
 76' Goal! Bournemouth 2, Liverpool 3. Ryan Fraser (Bournemouth right footed shot from the centre of the box to the bottom right corner. Assisted by Benik Afobe.
 75' Attempt blocked. Benik Afobe (Bournemouth right footed shot from the centre of the box is blocked.
 75' Substitution, Bournemouth. Benik Afobe replaces Dan Gosling.
 73' Foul by Emre Can (Liverpool).
 73' Adam Smith (Bournemouth wins a free kick on the right wing.
 72' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Ryan Fraser.
 70' Corner, Bournemouth. Conceded by Loris Karius.
 70' Attempt saved. Ryan Fraser (Bournemouth left footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the top centre of the goal. Assisted by Callum Wilson.
 69' Substitution, Liverpool. Adam Lallana replaces Sadio Mané because of an injury.
 68' Attempt missed. Harry Arter (Bournemouth left footed shot from outside the box is high and wide to the left following a set piece situation.
 67' Foul by Jordan Henderson (Liverpool).
 67' Adam Smith (Bournemouth wins a free kick in the attacking half.
 64' Goal! Bournemouth 1, Liverpool 3. Emre Can (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box to the top right corner. Assisted by Sadio Mané.
 63' Foul by Roberto Firmino (Liverpool).
 63' Adam Smith (Bournemouth wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 62' Attempt missed. Nathaniel Clyne (Liverpool right footed shot from the right side of the box is too high. Assisted by Roberto Firmino.
 60' Hand ball by Adam Smith (Bournemouth).
 56' Goal! Bournemouth 1, Liverpool 2. Callum Wilson (Bournemouth converts the penalty with a right footed shot to the bottom left corner.
 56' Penalty conceded by James Milner (Liverpool after a foul in the penalty area.
 56' Penalty Bournemouth. Ryan Fraser draws a foul in the penalty area.
 55' Delay over. They are ready to continue.
 55' Substitution, Bournemouth. Ryan Fraser replaces Junior Stanislas because of an injury.
 53' Delay in match Junior Stanislas (Bournemouth because of an injury.
 53' Jordan Henderson (Liverpool is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.
 53' Foul by Jordan Henderson (Liverpool).
 53' Junior Stanislas (Bournemouth wins a free kick on the left wing.
 52' Hand ball by Roberto Firmino (Liverpool).
 51' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Steve Cook.
 50' Simon Francis (Bournemouth is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.
 50' James Milner (Liverpool wins a free kick on the left wing.
 50' Foul by Simon Francis (Bournemouth).
 49' Foul by Sadio Mané (Liverpool).
 49' Jack Wilshere (Bournemouth wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 48' Jack Wilshere (Bournemouth is shown the yellow card.
 48' Georginio Wijnaldum (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 48' Foul by Jack Wilshere (Bournemouth).
 48' Foul by Jordan Henderson (Liverpool).

48' Dan Gosling (Bournemouth wins a free kick in the attacking half.
 Second Half begins Bournemouth 0, Liverpool 2.
 45' Substitution, Bournemouth. Jordan Ibe replaces Joshua King.
 45'+3' First Half ends, Bournemouth 0, Liverpool 2.
 45'+2' Foul by Roberto Firmino (Liverpool).
 45'+2' Jack Wilshere (Bournemouth wins a free kick on the right wing.
 45' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Adam Smith.
 41' Foul by Dejan Lovren (Liverpool).
 41' Callum Wilson (Bournemouth wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 39' Divock Origi (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.
 39' Foul by Steve Cook (Bournemouth).
 37' Sadio Mané (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.
 37' Foul by Dan Gosling (Bournemouth).
 36' Corner, Bournemouth. Conceded by Dejan Lovren.
 32' Attempt missed. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is high and wide to the left. Assisted by Nathaniel Clyne.
 29' Attempt blocked. Junior Stanislas (Bournemouth right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Joshua King.
 29' Delay over. They are ready to continue.
 28' Delay in match Emre Can (Liverpool because of an injury.
 27' Offside, Liverpool. Dejan Lovren tries a through ball, but Divock Origi is caught offside.
 25' Foul by Jordan Henderson (Liverpool).
 25' Joshua King (Bournemouth wins a free kick on the right wing.
 22' Goal! Bournemouth 0, Liverpool 2. Divock Origi (Liverpool right footed shot from a difficult angle and long range on the right to the bottom left corner. Assisted by Jordan Henderson with a through ball.
 20' Goal! Bournemouth 0, Liverpool 1. Sadio Mané (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box to the centre of the goal. Assisted by Emre Can.
 19' Foul by Roberto Firmino (Liverpool).
 19' Simon Francis (Bournemouth wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 17' Attempt blocked. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is blocked.
 16' James Milner (Liverpool wins a free kick on the left wing.
 16' Foul by Joshua King (Bournemouth).
 16' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Dan Gosling.
 14' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Simon Francis.
 14' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Joshua King.
 13' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Junior Stanislas.
 13' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Adam Smith.
 10' Attempt missed. Divock Origi (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box misses to the left. Assisted by Nathaniel Clyne with a cross.
 9' Emre Can (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 9' Foul by Harry Arter (Bournemouth).
 2' Emre Can (Liverpool wins a free kick on the left wing.
 2' Foul by Joshua King (Bournemouth).
 First Half begins.
 Lineups are announced and players are warming up.