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## THE TIMES

Cool Coutinho ignores transfer talk

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This time last year Liverpool twice squandered the opportunity of a rout at Bournemouth to lose one of the more remarkable Premier League games of modern times. Two stalemates had spawned two tantrums from Jurgen Klopp in the past week, but if there will be no tiaras after his concession that he wants to be second best, Bournemouth at least made them look a bit like Manchester City for one day. Befitting a side who had no doubt been reminded of last Christmas, the Bournemouth defence played more like a Wham lyric -- once bitten, twice shy, they kept their distance and allowed three-quarters of the Fab Four to catch the eye with panicking pace and panache. Liverpool, thus, cruised into the top four. Mohamed Salah maintained his magnificent form. Inevitably, the Egyptian got the goal that meant he joins Daniel Sturridge as the club's fastest to 20 for more than 100 years. Not that Klopp likes players being singled out or the Fab Four moniker. "I don't go home and think about how good he is," he said of Salah. "I don't like the Fab Four name. He did not score against West Brom and we needed it much more in that game than today. He knows how much I respect him and he is very important -- like the others."

There is much to like about Klopp's Liverpool in general. The trouble is they can be as erratic as one of their manager's postmatch interviews. This was a good day against a side in the throes of perhaps their most serious relegation fight since arriving in the top flight. Klopp's endless rotating can be dizzying, with his teamsheet taking the number of changes he has made to his starting side to 69 in 18 games. The real tests lay ahead. City may be way over the horizon in football Narnia, but Liverpool had 40 points from their first 18 games last season; this time they have 34. Last year, Liverpool were also unbeaten against City, Manchester United, Chelsea and Tottenham Hotspur with their fatal flaw being a tendency to lose to teams such as Bournemouth, Southampton, Swansea City and Hull City. This time they have beaten Arsenal 4-0 but lost 5-0 away to City and 4-1 away to Spurs. Are City too far clear? "I don't have a crystal ball but it looks like it," Klopp said, then tempering that by saying he would stop working unless he thought of being champion. The Bournemouth implosion was the benchmark for last year's capacity for self-defeatism. Liverpooled 2-0 and 3-1 here a year ago and were utterly dominant before Ryan Fraser sparked a mini-odyssey. As he came on at half-time, with his team 3-0 down and the last strains of Wham fading out, not even the most deranged Bournemouth die-hard expected a miracle this time. Liverpool started in threatening fashion and Salah, Philippe Coutinho and Roberto Firmino continued to tease and taunt until they exited the stage one by one. Afterwards Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain interjected when Coutinho was asked on television about transfer talk; Barcelona are expected to renew their advances in the new year. "Phil's one of us," he said. "He's been the most professional person I have seen all season. It's not fair to ask those questions."

Bournemouth were far more respectful to that end and asked no questions. The trouble started early. As Bournemouth tried to play their way out, Lewis Cook's loose ball was picked up by Coutinho. The deft chip over the top was bound for Firmino whose ankles were clipped by Nathan Ake. Bournemouth escaped with a booking and a rattled post as Coutinho's 20-yard free kick bounced clear with Asmir Begovic beaten. Minutes later, Salah had Charlie Daniels in a quandary from which he never escaped. And then Coutinho combined sublimely with Andy Robertson before waltzing his way into the box and slotting a cool finish into the near corner.

This was Liverpool at their freewheeling best, three of the Fab Four outclassing Bournemouth's pub rockers. A Salah back-heel freed Jordan Henderson, having a fine if easy game, and his pull-back to Firmino saw the striker's shot deflected behind.

The second goal was a home-made calamity. A corner ballooned into the air and, as Daniels and Begovic hoped it would drift out, Firmino opted for a more active role and hooked it back to Dejan Lovren who dived bravely for glory. Bournemouth have taken severe beatings before but have had always enough goals to get the wins to save themselves. The early departure of Josh King with a hamstring problem, followed by Daniels with a groin injury and overloaded brain, added to their woes. Their tiny chance of another miracle went when Jermain Defoe hit a post when clean through.

Salah had to work for his history-sharing goal. This time he went around the outside of Daniels and then, for good measure, cut back on the inside before prodding a leftfooted shot into the corner. Fraser fluffed a rare chance and Defoe tested Simon Mignolet with a curled effort and you could credit the character if not the class. By the fourth Bournemouth had stopped treading water and were drowning. Firmino was offside when he headed in Coutinho's cross but nobody argued. Oxlade-Chamberlain hit another post and the final ignominy came when the PA named the sponsors' man of the match. "There's only one Nathan Ake," the Liverpool fans chanted waggishly. It does not get any easier for Bournemouth -- the real Manchester City are next.

## the guardian

Mohamed Salah on the scoresheet again as Liverpool hit Bournemouth for four

When Liverpool purr like this, delighting in every incisive move and swarming all over panicked opponents, it is hard to contemplate the reality they are a team only marginally closer to the top of the table than they are the bottom three. This was a performance to showcase all that is thrilling about Jürgen Klopp's side, from Philippe Coutinho's invention to Mohamed Salah's bite, from rare poise at pace in midfield to the relentless press which left Bournemouth gasping for breath. The scoreline may have given the impression of a stroll on the south coast, but everything about the victors was blisteringly energetic. It was the kind of display to which Klopp will cling in charting a route forward, a standard his team must aspire to reach consistently even if the Premier League title is as good as Manchester City's already. There are other ways, after all, to make this season a success.

In Coutinho, Liverpool possessed the game's most compelling performer, the Brazilian operating nominally from the left of a front three and demonstrating all the jaw-dropping attributes which so attracted Barcelona last summer. Deflecting interest from the hierarchy at the Camp Nou may become the Merseyside club's principal objective next month, so dazzling was his performance here: there was a free-kick thumped against the woodwork, a whipped assist for the fourth, and an opening goal of such beauty as to set an upbeat tone.

The game was approaching the midway point of the first half, with Bournemouth's spells in possession only ever fleeting, when Coutinho collected from Ragnar Klavan and exchanged passes with the excellent Andrew Robertson on the flank. The forward used the left-back as a decoy at his side as he drove at the home team's back-tracking defence, the 25-year-old darting inside Simon Francis, bamboozling Lewis Cook, then finishing sharply inside Asmir Begovic's near post.

The entire move was played out at breakneck pace. It was his 10th goal of a season that was supposed to have been wrecked by that unfulfilled summer move to La Liga, but there would be regular reminders of his quality on the ball, and the joy he injects into so much of Liverpool's play.

"It was a nice goal," Coutinho said through a rather sheepish post-match grin. "Everyone enjoys to play. The manager sometimes changes it, but everyone gives their best and that's good for Liverpool."

It was Sadio Mané's turn to sit out this rout, the Senegalese unused on the bench while Coutinho, Roberto Firmino and Salah had their fun. Opponents are increasingly clued up to the Egyptian's prowess these days, so impressive has his return to the Premier League proved to date, but few seem capable of nullifying him.

Klopp described Salah's reward here, with his team's third just before the interval, as "world class", as Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain slid a pass down the right for Salah to collect, cut inside Charlie Daniels and Nathan Aké, and find the far corner with a shot. The skill involved was almost implausible, yet made to look matter-of-fact. That, in itself, is an indication of proper pedigree. The fact Salah already has 20 goals from 26 appearances merely emphasises the point.

In between, the oft-maligned Dejan Lovren had dived in bravely to nod home Firmino's hook back, Coutinho's corner having looped up off Georginio Wijnaldum to arc beyond the far post. Daniels might have done better but was frazzled by then, driven to distraction by Salah's scuttling charges down the flank.

The left-back would soon succumb to a groin strain, joining the hamstrung Josh King in the treatment room, as Eddie Howe surveyed the wreckage of his team's performance. There is no great disgrace in losing to such livewire opponents, but the meek manner of the surrender alarmed the management.

"We were well off it, flat, and never got going," Howe said. "We gifted them possession, made unforced errors, and that left us exposed. That was difficult. There have not been many times since I've been Bournemouth manager that I've felt quite like this after a match."

Just as telling, perhaps, was his admission the so-called elite teams "are getting better and stronger, quicker than we are", leaving the likes of Bournemouth, without a win in six games and with trips to Chelsea and Manchester City in the Carabao Cup and league respectively this week, contemplating a difficult winter spent struggling against relegation.

Jermain Defoe did drive against a post from Junior Stanislas's pass, but it was Liverpool who always carried the threat. Oxlade-Chamberlain, revived in the midfield three, also struck the woodwork before Coutinho's cross was guided in by Firmino to complete the scoring, allowing Klopp to replace his front three and welcome Adam Lallana's second cameo of the season.

Liverpool are now 12 games unbeaten in all competitions, which would feel mighty impressive if City were not a speck on the horizon some 18 points away. Regardless, few can live with them when they click. Klopp's team remain one of the delights of the division.

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## The Mail

Red face for Begovic as Phil thrills; Keeper's dig at Liverpool backfires  
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 AS HE fished the fourth from his net, Asmir Begovic must have been fighting flashbacks and wishing he had politely declined the chance to voice an opinion on Liverpool's shambolic defending.

'I don't think they have the pride it takes to be a defender,' said Bournemouth goalkeeper Begovic in October as he analysed Jurgen Klopp's team in the aftermath of a thrashing by Tottenham.

'They don't look like they want to defend. I don't think their first thought is defending.' Here at least Begovic was spot on. Liverpool's first thought is to attack and score goals. Their second and third thoughts are very much the same.

Defending comes way down the list and there will be days against very good teams when they will be punished. Yet this commitment to thrill is their most admirable characteristic.

At Wembley in October, Liverpool were a mess but they have responded by not losing in a dozen games since, scoring 37 goals.

On the Dorset coast, they tore their hosts to shreds and left them in such disarray that their own determination to apply themselves to the task of defending could easily have been questioned.

Liverpool struck early with a sublime goal from Philippe Coutinho and raced into a threegoal lead by half-time thanks to Dejan Lovren and Mohamed Salah, who became the first Liverpool player to score 20 goals before Christmas since Ian Rush in 1986.

Roberto Firmino added the fourth and Klopp's team coasted through the second half. All without Sadio Mane, who was an unused substitute.

Having spluttered against the packed ranks of Everton and West Bromwich Albion, Liverpool thrived against the free-spirited football of Eddie Howe's team and might easily have scored more.

Rio-born Coutinho particularly enjoyed his trip to the English seaside, curling a free-kick against the inside of a post before embarking on the mazy dribble which created his goal.

Exchanging passes on the left with wing-back Andy Robertson, the Brazilian jinked inside, shimmied past flimsy challenges from Simon Francis and Lewis Cook and produced a low finish.

It was a 10th Liverpool goal of the season for Coutinho, in a display sure to have repercussions in Barcelona when the transfer market reopens next month.

Six minutes later and the lead was doubled. Georginio Wijnaldum's near-post flick sent Coutinho's corner looping beyond the back post.

Bournemouth players claimed the ball was out of play but replays proved Firmino had kept it in as he hooked it back across goal.

Lovren dived to head in his first goal of the season. How the centre half must have enjoyed beating keeper Begovic. Last December, Liverpool led by two at the Vitality Stadium and still managed to lose.

This time, there was no collapse, although nerves might have been tested if Jermain Defoe had reduced the deficit to 2-1 when clean through on goal.

Defoe seemed to do everything right, luring Simon Mignolet and beating the goalkeeper only to see his effort strike the foot of a post.

Ever so briefly, Liverpool's vulnerabilities were back in evidence. Junior Stanislas miscued when well placed in front of goal.

But normal service was quickly resumed. Salah bamboozled Charlie Daniels with twists, turns and changes of pace for 54 minutes until the left back succumbed to a groin injury.

For his goal, Salah dashed into the penalty area, side-stepped Daniels and Nathan Ake and guided a left-foot shot inside the far post. Howe sent on Ryan Fraser, architect of the remarkable comeback last year, but this time the task was beyond him.

Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain thumped a post and the fourth goal was claimed by Firmino, who was a fraction offside as his glancing header beat Begovic from a cross by Coutinho.

There was no flag, the goal was allowed and Liverpool coasted home. Three points keep Liverpool in the top four ahead of their trip to Arsenal on Friday. Bournemouth are without a win in six games and firmly locked in a relegation scrap as they prepare to face Chelsea in a Carabao Cup quarter-final and then Manchester City.

AFC BOURNEMOUTH (4-4-2): Begovic 5; A Smith 5, Francis 5, Ake 5, Daniels 4 (S Cook 56min, 5); Ibe 4, Surman 6, L Cook 5, Pugh 4 (Fraser 46, 5); King 5 (Stanislas 31, 5), Defoe 5.5. Subs not used: Boruc, Gosling, Arter, Afobe.

Booked: Ake. Manager: Eddie Howe 5. LIVERPOOL (4-3-3): Mignolet 6; Gomez 6, Lovren 6.5, Klavan 6, Robertson 6; Oxlade-Chamberlain 6.5, Henderson 6.5, Wijnaldum 6.5; Salah 8 (Lallana 71, 5), Firmino 7 (Solanke 76), COUTINHO 8.5 (Ings 87). Subs not used: Karius, Alexander-Arnold, Milner, Mane. Scorers: Coutinho 20, Lovren 26, Salah 44, Firmino 66.

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## The Daily Telegraph

Salah becomes Liverpool's history man by hitting the top 20  
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From Robbie Fowler to Michael Owen, and then Fernando Torres to Luis Suarez, Liverpool have had some great goalscorers over the past 30 years, but still no one who has begun a season quite like Mohamed Salah.

An emphatic win here might have been most inspired by another attacking masterclass from Philippe Coutinho, but he was still ultimately overshadowed by Salah, who has joined only Ian Rush and Roger Hunt - the two most prolific strikers in the club's history - by reaching 20 goals before Christmas.

You have to go back all the way to 1895 to find a player, George Allan, who reached that landmark quicker for Liverpool than the 26 games Salah has now played.

Coutinho and Roberto Firmino also scored, to underline the general amusement at the game's sponsors naming one of Bournemouth's centre-backs, Nathan Ake, as the man of the match.

In the context of so many errors from his team, Bournemouth manager Eddie Howe had even more reason to wish his goalkeeper, Asmir Begovic, had kept quiet a few weeks ago when asked about Liverpool's defence. "I don't think they have the pride it takes to be a defender," said Begovic.

Howe had already reprimanded Begovic about the comments and, even with Sadio Mane rested by Liverpool after a poor midweek performance against West Bromwich, his defence was soon being pulled out of position. Ake was the wrong side of Firmino and conceded a free-kick from which Coutinho lifted the ball over the wall but against the inside of the post.

Coutinho then produced a wonderful flick to Andrew Robertson, who had ventured forward in support from left-back before collecting the return pass and sprinting straight into the heart of Bournemouth's defence. Robertson continued his run and this helped further distract Bournemouth as Coutinho cut inside both Simon Francis and Lewis Cook before finishing inside Begovic's near post.

Salah and Jordan Henderson then combined to release Firmino, whose shot was deflected off the line by Francis for a corner. Coutinho's subsequent cross looked to have been headed out of play by Georginio Wijnaldum but Firmino did not give up on the opportunity and somehow hooked the ball back into Bournemouth's six-yard area, where Dejan Lovren bravely scored with a low diving header.

Bournemouth had been 2-0 down in the corresponding fixture last year before somehow winning 4-3 and they should have halved Liverpool's lead. Jermain Defoe had surged clear and calmly side-footed his finish past Simon Mignolet but misjudged the angle, with the ball bouncing off the inside of the post and back across the goalmouth.

It was a moment that might just conceivably have changed the game but Liverpool quickly reasserted themselves. Begovic had just saved from Salah after Bournemouth's defence was breached by a wonderfully lofted Coutinho pass before an even more difficult chance was converted.

Salah had drifted out wide to the right and, like Coutinho earlier in the game, underlined both his class and confidence by running directly at Bournemouth defenders Charlie Daniels and Ake before curling his left-footed finish beyond Begovic and inside the far post.

Ryan Fraser had been the catalyst for Bournemouth's mini-miracle last season and he was then rather hopefully brought on but never remotely looked like inspiring a repeat. Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain had broken forward powerfully and also hit Begovic's post before Coutinho crossed for Firmino to head the goal that his wider contribution had merited.

Howe was unusually pointed in his assessment, describing his players as "flat" and admitting that he had rarely felt so disappointed by a Bournemouth performance. His team are now down to 16th and, in stressing that he had always considered this to be a relegation battle, said that the gap to the biggest clubs was growing. "The elite teams are getting better and stronger, quicker than we are," said Howe. Klopp believes that top-end strength might mean Liverpool needing even more than the 76 points they accumulated last season just to remain in the top four. "It will be unbelievable the number of points you'll need at the end of the season to get anything," said Klopp. "Everyone is winning - a lot of teams are in good shape."

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### Liverpool thrill as they thrash Bournemouth

If Manchester City have the Premier League title sewn up before Christmas at least Liverpool's Mohamed Salah is keeping Pep Guardiola's men honest when it comes to the battle to be crowned Player of the Year.

Fleet-footed Salah took his goal tally for an incredible debut season at Anfield to 20 with a brilliant individual effort to help Jurgen Klopp's team cruise to victory on the south coast and move back into the Champions League places.

Philippe Coutinho, Dejan Lovren and Roberto Firmino were also on the scoresheet as Liverpool rediscovered the swagger missing during their back-to-back home draws with Merseyside rivals Everton and struggling West Brom, which had seen them drop out of the top four.

Manager Klopp again tinkered with his line-up by leaving Sadio Mane on the bench as one of four alterations, taking the total number of changes made by the German this season to a staggering 69.

The visitors started the game in ominous fashion, keeping Bournemouth camped inside their own half almost from the kick-off.

Coutinho took just three minutes to register the first attempt on goal, defying his diminutive stature by leaping above a static home defence and heading over from Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain's cross.

The Brazilian was even closer to opening the scoring eight minutes later.

Bournemouth defender Nathan Ake was cautioned for clumsily curtailing Firmino's jinking run on the edge of the box and from the resulting free kick, Coutinho expertly bent his shot around the wall only to be denied by the inside of the post.

But Coutinho did not have to wait long to give his team the lead as Liverpool made their dominance tell with two goals in the space of seven minutes.

First Coutinho collected the ball 30 yards from goal and gracefully glided away from three Bournemouth defenders before dispatching a powerful low drive beyond Asmir Begovic at his near post.

Bournemouth had barely had time to catch their breath when purring Liverpool doubled their lead in the 27th minute.

Midfielder Georginio Wijnaldum flicked on a corner and Firmino stretched at the far post to keep the ball in play before hooking it back for the stopping Lovren to nod beyond a stranded Begovic.

England international Jermain Defoe should have got Bournemouth back in the game seven minutes before half time.

Liverpool carelessly gave the ball away on the half-way line and Lewis Cook rolled it forward for substitute Junior Stanislas who set Defoe through on goal but the veteran striker crashed his effort against the base of the post.

The let-off prompted an animated reaction from Klopp on the touchline and Liverpool responded with a flurry.

Salah was only prevented from making it 3-0 by a superb reaction save from Begovic after playing a one-two with Coutinho, who scooped a delicious ball over the top of the Bournemouth defence to send his teammate clear.

The move epitomised how in tune Liverpool were as an attacking force.

Bournemouth's reprieve was short-lived as Salah toyed with home full-back Charlie Daniels before cutting the ball back onto his left foot, skipping away from Ake and picking out the far corner from six yards.

Liverpool picked up in the second half where they left off at the end of the first with Salah almost capitalising on a moment of hesitation from Ake only for the former Chelsea defender to redeem himself with a desperate last-ditch tackle.

Fit-again Liverpool goalkeeper Simon Mignolet was a spectator for much of the game but showed his reflexes have not been affected by his recent lay-off by pushing Defoe's curling shot behind for a corner.

Oxlade-Chamberlain had already blasted a shot against the post when Firmino extended Liverpool's lead in the 66th minute.

Coutinho worked his way into space from Andrew Robertson's short throw before sending in a teasing right-footed centre, which Firmino effortlessly glanced past Begovic after peeling away from his marker.

Bournemouth, who face a daunting triple header with Chelsea, Manchester City and Tottenham between now and Boxing Day, were relieved to see Salah taken off by Klopp for the final 19 minutes.

Eddie Howe's side will not be the last left trailing in the Egyptian's wake between now and May.

Bournemouth: (4-4-1-1): Begovic, A Smith, Francis, Ake, Daniels (S Cook, 56), Ibe, Surman, L Cook, Pugh (Fraser, 45), King (Stanislas, 30), Defoe. Unused substitutes: Boruc, Gosling, Arter, Afobe.

Liverpool: (4-3-3): Mignolet, Gomez, Lovren, Klavan, Robertson, Wijnaldum, Henderson, Oxlade-Chamberlain, Coutinho (Ings, 87), Salah (Lallana, 71), Firmino (Solanke, 76). Unused substitutes: Karius, Milner, Mane, Alexander-Arnold.



### KINGS ON THE ROAD

HAMSTRUNG at home, Liverpool continued to run riot on the road as Philippe Coutinho inspired a devastating display of counter-attacking football.

Jurgen Klopp's side have been held to frustrating draws in their last two matches at Anfield. But with Bournemouth forced to try and play football on their own patch, the brilliant Brazilian and his team-mates were simply unplayable as they ran and pressed their way back into the top four.

Liverpool will be hoping Barcelona weren't watching.

Since the Tottenham debacle on October 22, Liverpool have netted 19 goals in five away games, including nine in their last two visits to the South Coast. The last time Liverpool scored three goals or more in five consecutive away games was in 1982.

And that is now 12 unbeaten since Wembley. But the stats do not tell the whole story of a free-flowing performance - admittedly against a free-falling Bournemouth side.

There was no Fab Four with Sadio Mane rested. Instead there was a Fearsome Five of attacking talent, including Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain, who was outstanding in a central role. Even Dejan Lovren, who scored a spectacular diving header, looked like a world-beater.

But Coutinho was the Special One with the stunning opening goal, two assists, and a free-kick against the post.

Barcelona failed with three bids for his services over the summer and his brief postmatch interview with Sky suggested he won't be here forever.

Reds fans really should enjoy him while they still can.

Eddie Howe's side were served notice that Coutinho (right) was in the mood when his 11th-minute free-kick thudded against the post. But the Brazilian did not have to wait too long to find the net. After 20 minutes, he picked up a Ragnar Klavan pass and exchanged passes with Andy Robertson.

As the Scot continued his run down the Liverpool left, Coutinho used him as a decoy and cut inside before sliding home his 11th of the season.

Coutinho's corner set up the second six minutes later. Georginio Wijnaldum helped on the ball at the near post and Roberto Firmino hooked the ball back into the six-yard box for Lovren to dive forward to head home.

The Cherries should have pulled one back when Junior Stanislas sent Jermain Defoe clean through but the England striker's shot hit the inside of the post.

Mo Salah was denied a goal-of-the-season contender at the other end after Asmir Begovic blocked his volley after a perfect sand wedge of a pass from Coutinho.

But the Egyptian scored his 20th goal of his remarkable season a minute later when he received Oxlade-Chamberlain's pass and flummoxed Charlie Daniels before curling a shot home.

Liverpool gave up a threegoal lead in Seville - and contrived to lose from 3-1 up with 15 minutes to go here last year. There was to be no repeat.

Liverpool have lost only one game in 23 to teams outside the top six despite Klopp (right) making another four changes.

Bournemouth, who have gone six games without win, played an open style pleasing on the eye but less healthy for the goal difference.

After Oxlade-Chamberlain hit the post after the break, Firmino was borderline onside as he nodded home Coutinho's 66th minute cross before injury hit duo Adam Lallana and Danny Ings added to feelgood factor by coming on for late appearances.

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Momentum regained for Reds on a day when Mohamed Salah rewrote the record books

This was the perfect way to get the party started. Liverpool warmed up for their Christmas celebration by providing Kopites with a thrilling dose of festive cheer. The frustration of back-to-back stalemates was banished as Jurgen Klopp's side delivered an attacking masterclass on the South Coast. A thumping victory not only lifted the Reds back into the top four but it also provided a welcome injection of belief at a crucial stage of the campaign. Momentum has been regained.

As the players, staff and their families gathered for the annual festivities after the short flight home on Sunday night, Klopp could raise a glass to a job well done. The manager insisted Liverpool hadn't "gone back to the dark days" after carelessly dropping points against Everton and West Brom, and he was proved right.

This was a sparkling response. Bournemouth tried to go toe to toe with the Reds and were ripped apart by the brilliance of Philippe Coutinho, Roberto Firmino and Mohamed Salah. It was an historic day for Salah, who grabbed his 20th goal for the club in just 26 appearances.

George Allan (19 matches) is the only player in the club's 125-year history to reach that milestone quicker and that was back in the 19 century.

What Salah has achieved over the past four months has been incredible. Most new signings need time to adjust to the demands of life at Liverpool but the £36.9million man has embraced it. His contribution has been such that his price tag in a crazy market now resembles small change. Forget African Footballer of the Year, if he maintains these sky-high standards then he will be a serious contender for the Ballon d'Or. On this occasion even Salah's display was overshadowed by the sheer quality of the Brazilian double act alongside him. Coutinho opened the scoring with a majestic individual effort before the outstanding Firmino took centre stage. The former Hoffenheim man set the tone with his relentless pressing and intelligent movement. Firmino created the second for Dejan Lovren and nodded home the fourth after Salah had put the outcome beyond doubt.

That brought up a half century of goals for Klopp's Fab Four this season. With 13 to his name, Firmino is enjoying the most productive campaign of his Anfield career, while Coutinho is already into double figures too.

On a day when Sadio Mane was rested, Klopp was able to take off Coutinho, Salah and Firmino with one eye on next Friday's mouthwatering trip to the Emirates.

Aside from that trio there was plenty else to admire about this dominant performance. Captain Jordan Henderson shone on his return to the side and Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain flourished in an advanced central midfield role.

The £35million signing endured a slow start following his summer move but he now looks like he belongs at Liverpool. The same goes for left-back Andy Robertson, who has grasped his opportunity following Alberto Moreno's ankle injury. Lethargic and sloppy against West Brom in midweek, Liverpool were transformed at the Vitality Stadium. They were bang on it from the start.

Bournemouth simply couldn't handle the pace and the precision of the Reds' attacking play as they were repeatedly torn apart. There was a fluency and an urgency which was sadly lacking against the Baggies as Liverpool moved the ball so much quicker. The Cherries had only conceded seven goals in their previous eight matches but they hadn't come up against this kind of sustained onslaught.

The hosts were fortunate to remain on level terms for 20 minutes. Coutinho's curling free-kick left Asmir Begovic beaten but cannoned against the post.

Salah against Charlie Daniels was a mismatch and the Egyptian winger fired narrowly over after darting away from the over-worked defender.

Finally, the pressure told as Coutinho broke the deadlock in breathtaking fashion. The little magician played a one-two with Robertson close to halfway and embarked on a mazy run which bewitched the Cherries.

Simon Francis, Adam Smith and Lewis Cook all tried and failed to lay a glove on Coutinho, who jinxed his way into the penalty box and coolly slotted past Begovic.

Six minutes later it was 2-0. Coutinho's corner was helped on by Gini Wijnaldum and Firmino did brilliantly at the back post to turn it back across goal.

Lovren stooped to nod home his first Premier League goal for 14 months. It was a moment to cherish for the much maligned Croatian centre-back, a week after being cast as the fall guy in the Merseyside derby.

Lovren also shone in his own penalty box with two key defensive headers in quick succession as Eddie Howe's side briefly rallied.

Liverpool's midfield operated so much better as a unit. Henderson not only provided a sizeable injection of energy but also a steady supply of decent service to the front three. Klopp recently described Henderson as having "the hardest job in world football". That might be pushing it but the point about the immense challenge of following in the footsteps of Steven Gerrard stands.

He can't be Gerrard, he doesn't have that kind of awe-inspiring ability to boss a game. Few have. There have been times this season when Henderson has been unfairly castigated. There have also been times when his performance levels haven't been up to scratch. When Liverpool recently thrashed Spartak Moscow without their skipper, it was held up as proof by his critics that the skipper was no longer required. But Klopp's faith in him is unwavering and Henderson repaid him handsomely against the Cherries. He has benefited from the manager's rotation policy as he looked strong throughout a tireless shift.

Jermain Defoe struck the post but Liverpool endured few other scares and they added a third just before the interval. Salah should have netted after a cute one-two with Coutinho but volleyed straight at Begovic.

However, the winger quickly made amends. Oxlade-Chamberlain picked him out down the right and Salah cut inside past Daniels and Nathan Ake before finishing in style. Eddie Howe brought on Ryan Fraser for the second half – evoking memories of last December's fixture between the clubs when the Scot inspired Bournemouth's fightback from 3-1 down to win 4-3.

But a repeat never looked on the cards. Liverpool were composed and disciplined, keeping their shape and not giving the Cherries a sniff.

Klopp's side really are lethal on the counter. Oxlade-Chamberlain was denied by the woodwork after sliding in to dispossess former Reds winger Jordan Ibe.

Firmino finally got the goal his all-round contribution deserved when he headed Coutinho's cross past Begovic. There was the welcome sight of Adam Lallana making his comeback as Liverpool cruised to the end. Substitutes Danny Ings and Dominic Solanke should have added to the Reds' account but it mattered little.

It's the first time since 1982 that Liverpool have scored three or more times in five successive matches on their travels. After the final whistle Klopp and his players celebrated en masse in front of the away end. They went bearing gifts as shirts were thrown in. The party was underway.

#### MATCH FACTS

Liverpool : Mignolet, Gomez, Lovren, Klavan, Robertson, Henderson, Wijnaldum, Oxlade-Chamberlain, Coutinho (Ings 86), Salah (Lallana 71), Firmino (Solanke 76).

Not used : Karius, Milner, Mane, Alexander-Arnold.

Bournemouth : Begovic, Daniels (Cook 56), Francis, Ake, A Smith, Surman, Pugh (Fraser 45), Cook, Ibe, King (Stanislas 31), Defoe.

Not used : Boruc, Gosling, Arter, Afobe.

Referee : Andre Marriner Attendance : 10,780 Goals : Coutinho 20, Lovren 26, Salah 44, Firmino 66 Bookings : Ake, Lallana. Man of the match : Roberto Firmino.

Outstanding throughout. Tormented the Cherries.



#### Cherries well beaten by four-star Liverpool

CHERRIES were outclassed by Liverpool as the visitors' raft of attacking talent ran riot at Vitality Stadium.

Well worked goals from Philippe Coutinho, Dejan Lovren and Mohamed Salah put Jurgen Klopp's side firmly in control at the break. And a second-half header by Roberto Firmino put the polish on an emphatic 4-0 victory, the hosts' misery compounded by the seemingly enforced withdrawals of Joshua King and Charlie Daniels. [Cherries](#) missed the chance to climb to 12th in the table and remained 16th, a single point above the Premier League drop zone.

The Dorset club have failed to taste victory in six games and following a midweek Carabao Cup quarter-final against Chelsea, face league leaders Manchester City on Saturday. [Eddie Howe](#) continued to rotate as he made five changes to the Cherries side which had narrowly lost at Manchester United on Wednesday.

Out went the entire midfield – Ryan Fraser, Junior Stanislas, Harry Arter and Dan Gosling – with Jordan Ibe, Marc Pugh, Lewis Cook and Andrew Surman coming in. England international Jermain Defoe replaced Callum Wilson up front, the latter having undergone an injection to aid a short-term knee injury.

Liverpool boss Jurgen Klopp elected to bring back goalkeeper Simon Mignolet, with Joe Gomez, Jordan Henderson and Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain also recalled.

Fewer than three minutes had passed when Liverpool created the first opening, Oxlade-Chamberlain digging out a looping cross from the right which Coutinho headed off target. The Reds' lively start continued when Gomez flashed a dangerous ball across the face which appeared neither a shot nor a cross.

Daniels made a courageous run out of defence and nearly set Defoe free but the frontman did not quite have the speed to fasten on to the pass.

Nathan Ake was forced into a foul on Firmino just outside the box which nearly cost Cherries in the 11th minute. Coutinho stroked deliciously round the wall and clipped the inside of the post, the ball bouncing harmlessly to safety.

The pressure continued when Salah cut back on his left foot and got away from Daniels, only to rifle into the [Steve Fletcher](#) Stand.

Although under the pump, Cherries posed a threat on the counter. Ibe tried his luck against his former club after being teed up by Defoe, his thumping strike finding the gloves of Mignolet. With 20 minutes gone, Liverpool took the lead they deserved, a dusting of Brazilian magic descending on Vitality Stadium.

Coutinho easily got away from Cherries skipper Simon Francis, ducked inside Lewis Cook's challenge and squeezed past Asmir Begovic for a fabulous solo effort. Salah and Firmino both went close not long after with the latter's shot squirting behind off Adam Smith for a corner. The resultant-flag kick was helped on at the near post and hooked back across by Firmino, defender Lovren's diving header doubling the advantage. Cherries' afternoon got worse when King was forced off through injury just after the half hour and was replaced by Stanislas.

When they needed a stroke of good luck, Howe's men were cruelly denied by the woodwork. Stanislas broke from midfield and timed his through ball to perfection, Defoe's effort clipping the inside of the left upright and rolling across the face of goal. Liverpool – unbeaten in 11 games – were still creating plenty of chances and Begovic blocked well from Salah's volley following a lovely one-two between the Egyptian and Coutinho.

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But a minute before half-time, the resistance was broken once again. Salah powered past Daniels and skipped away from Ake after cutting back on his left peg, finishing well with a low shot through a mass of bodies. Fraser – who had terrorised Liverpool in the equivalent clash last year – was brought on for the second half as Howe tried to turn the tide. But Cherries were fortunate to not be four behind when the back-peddalling Ake miscued a header with Salah lurking, only for Begovic to snuff out the danger. Begovic then left a cross which Firmino nearly got to before Cherries created their first opening of the second period. Defoe's cute flick released Fraser but the Scotland international did not connect with the accuracy he desired. Cherries suffered a further body blow when Daniels – seemingly injured – was taken off and replaced by Steve Cook. Ibe was caught on the ball by Oxlade-Chamberlain and the former Arsenal man was quickly on his feet to charge at the defence, his fierce drive clipping the outside of the left upright. Defoe was continuing his industrious showing and it required a strong left arm from Mignolet to divert the striker's shot after he had jinked away from Lovren. If the result had been in any doubt, Liverpool put the game firmly out of Cherries' reach shortly after the hour. Andrew Robertson fed Coutinho, who had plenty of time to clip in a measured cross from the left corner of the box, which Firmino nodded past Begovic. Matters quietened significantly after that. With seven minutes remaining, Oxlade-Chamberlain tried his luck but shanked high and wide, to Begovic's relief. Coutinho then skewed off target from range, his last act before being replaced by Danny Ings. The former Cherries ace nearly made an immediate impact, controlling Adam Lallana's pass before blasting into the side netting. As a game wound down, Steve Cook got in a vital touch which resulted in a fresh-air shot for Dominic Solanke. The ball could easily have ended up in the net had it not been for the centre-half's intervention. Solanke was determined to get on the scoresheet but his final effort was blocked by Begovic and Lallana headed over the bar on the follow up.

#### MATCH FACTS

**Cherries (4-4-1-1):** Begovic; A Smith, Francis, Ake, Daniels (S Cook, 56); Ibe, L Cook, Surman, Pugh (Fraser, h-t); King (Stanislas, 31); Defoe.

**Unused subs:** Gosling, Arter, Afobe, Boruc (g/k). **Booked:** Ake.

**Liverpool (4-2-3-1):** Mignolet; Gomez, Lovren, Klavan, Robertson; Henderson, Wijnaldum; Salah (Lallana, 71), Coutinho (Ings, 87), Oxlade-Chamberlain; Firmino (Solanke, 76).

**Unused subs:** Milner, Alexander-Arnold, Mane, Karius (g/k). **Booked:** Lallana.

**Referee:** Andre Marriner (West Midlands).



Liverpool boss Jurgen Klopp challenged his side to become more consistent after watching them thrash Bournemouth to move up to fourth in the Premier League table.

Goals from Philippe Coutinho, Dejan Lovren, Mohamed Salah and Roberto Firmino gave the Reds the win and took them above Burnley and Arsenal, although they are still 18 points behind leaders Manchester City.

This result came after Liverpool had only managed draws in their home matches against Everton and West Brom earlier this month.

"It was a very important win as we had two draws in the last two games and both of those games we should have won," said Klopp.

"We need to be really consistent, on track and show all the time who we are and that we are all together.

"I'm really pleased about pretty much everything because the start was serious like it should be. We really deserved it and I enjoyed the performance."

Coutinho, who had earlier hit the post with a free-kick, put the visitors ahead with a fine individual goal and Lovren headed in a second six minutes later.

Jermain Defoe hit the post for Bournemouth, but Salah made it 3-0 before half-time after an excellent jinking run.

Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain also hit the woodwork before Firmino headed in from Coutinho's cross to seal the impressive win for Klopp's side.

The victory extends Liverpool's unbeaten run in all competitions to 12 matches, while Bournemouth have not won in six games.

Sensational Liverpool far too good for Bournemouth

Liverpool took only 20 minutes to break down Bournemouth, and it came from a piece of magic from Coutinho as he scored his fifth goal in as many games. There looked to be little danger when the Brazilian collected the ball 35 yards out, close to the left touchline, but, with the Bournemouth defenders backtracking, Coutinho was allowed to run at the home defence, before he jinked inside a challenge and slotted the ball past Asmir Begovic.

It became two soon afterwards after some sloppy Bournemouth defending. A corner from the left was flicked on by Georginio Wijnaldum, but the home defence stopped, thinking the ball was going out of play, and Firmino hooked the ball back into the danger zone for the unmarked Lovren to score with a diving header.

In this fixture last season, Bournemouth trailed 2-0 and 3-1 before winning 4-3, but there was no repeat this time around.

Salah got his 11th goal in 11 games, and his 20th of the season, with an excellent individual goal to kill the game off after only 44 minutes.

Firmino got the goal he deserved with a diving header for the fourth, although he had looked to be in an offside position when he met Coutinho's fine cross.

With the three points wrapped up, Klopp took the opportunity to give some playing time for England midfielder Adam Lallana, who came on for the last 19 minutes for only his second substitute appearance of the season after a thigh injury sustained in the summer.

Bournemouth's concerns increase

For Eddie Howe's Bournemouth, this was their sixth game without a victory and they remain 16th in the table, only one point above the relegation zone.

Since putting four past Huddersfield on 18 November, the Cherries have only scored four times in six games, and they will be concerned that Joshua King, who netted 17 times in 2016-17, went off injured after only 31 minutes.

Defoe had the best chance for the hosts when he was put through by substitute Junior Stanislas, but, with only goalkeeper Simon Mignolet to beat, the England international fired his shot against the foot of the post.

He also forced a fine second-half save from Mignolet, but the hosts' struggles in front of goal continue and no Bournemouth player has scored more than three Premier League goals in 2017-18.

It was also another disappointing home performance for a Bournemouth side who have only picked up eight points from their nine matches at the Vitality Stadium this season, with only bottom side Swansea picking up fewer points - seven - from their home games.

Man of the match - Mohamed Salah (Liverpool)

Landmark for Salah - the stats

Bournemouth are winless in their last six league games (drawn three, lost three).

Mohamed Salah became the first Liverpool player to score 20 goals before Christmas since Ian Rush in 1986-87.

No side has scored more first-half Premier League goals this season than Liverpool's 19, although Manchester City have also scored 19 in the first half.

Bournemouth's 4-3 win in this fixture 12 months ago is their only triumph in 12 league and cup games against Liverpool (drawn three, lost eight).

Liverpool are unbeaten in their last nine games in the Premier League (won six, drawn three) - their best run since an 11-match streak ended in November 2016.

Jurgen Klopp has made 69 changes to Liverpool's starting line-up in this season's Premier League. Last season he only made a total of 54 changes to his starting side in the league all season.

'We left ourselves exposed' - what they said

Bournemouth manager Eddie Howe: "We have to look at ourselves before we look at the opposition. We were flat, we never got going and we can't turn the ball over like we did because it is very difficult to defend when the numbers are against us.

"We are aware our style can leave us vulnerable and we left ourselves exposed at times. We didn't get our game going and when you don't perform against the top teams, you're going to get punished so it was very disappointing for us."

On Bournemouth being in a relegation fight, Howe added: "It's going to be a tough challenge but I back us to come back strong from this. We're in the same position as always with a relegation fight, first year, second year, so we've been here before. We know we have to come through a tough Christmas schedule and come back stronger next year."

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp: "I am really pleased about everything, the start was serious, we knew how they can play if you let them. We were disciplined, I like how we defended different situations, and our tactical discipline was good. You can't score all the time, all the games are hard. It was a fantastic first goal, and the third was world class.

"We could have scored more, but we didn't really give a lot away so it was well deserved and I enjoyed the performances."

Asked whether it was hard leaving players out, Klopp replied: "It's not hard, I am not here to celebrate my squad. I like them but against West Brom they didn't hit the target.

"I don't change my mind in three minutes, but we have to be consistently good because we are Liverpool. I am completely happy having these boys around, Adam Lallana came on and made a difference immediately, and Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain creates pressure. But still, I can only line 11 up."

What's next?

After playing Manchester United and now Liverpool, Bournemouth's tough run of fixtures continues with a Carabao Cup quarter-final tie at Chelsea on Wednesday, 20 December (19:45 GMT), before an away Premier League game at leaders Manchester City on Saturday, 23 December (15:00 GMT).

Liverpool's next two games both come in the Premier League. Firstly they play away at Arsenal on Friday, 22 December (19:45 GMT) before a home game against Swansea City on Boxing Day (17:30 GMT).

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Match ends, Bournemouth 0, Liverpool 4.

90'+4' Second Half ends, Bournemouth 0, Liverpool 4.

90'+3' Attempt missed. Adam Lallana (Liverpool header from the centre of the box is too high.

90'+3' Attempt saved. Dominic Solanke (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the bottom left corner. Assisted by Adam Lallana.

88' Foul by Joseph Gomez (Liverpool).

88' Nathan Aké (Bournemouth wins a free kick in the defensive half.

87' Attempt missed. Danny Ings (Liverpool left footed shot from the centre of the box is close, but misses to the left. Assisted by Adam Lallana.

87' Substitution, Liverpool. Danny Ings replaces Philippe Coutinho.

86' Attempt missed. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is close, but misses to the left. Assisted by Jordan Henderson.

84' Offside, Liverpool. Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain tries a through ball, but Joseph Gomez is caught offside.

83' Attempt missed. Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain (Liverpool right footed shot from the right side of the box is close, but misses to the right. Assisted by Philippe Coutinho.

80' Foul by Dominic Solanke (Liverpool).

80' Nathan Aké (Bournemouth wins a free kick in the defensive half.

78' Foul by Georginio Wijnaldum (Liverpool).

78' Lewis Cook (Bournemouth wins a free kick in the defensive half.

76' Substitution, Liverpool. Dominic Solanke replaces Roberto Firmino.

74' Attempt missed. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box misses to the right. Assisted by Roberto Firmino with a cross.

73' Adam Lallana (Liverpool is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.

73' Foul by Adam Lallana (Liverpool).

73' Jordan Ibe (Bournemouth wins a free kick on the left wing.

72' Foul by Jordan Henderson (Liverpool).

72' Ryan Fraser (Bournemouth wins a free kick on the left wing.

71' Substitution, Liverpool. Adam Lallana replaces Mohamed Salah.

69' Attempt blocked. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is blocked. Assisted by Mohamed Salah.

66' Goal! Bournemouth 0, Liverpool 4. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool header from the centre of the box to the bottom left corner. Assisted by Philippe Coutinho with a cross.  
 63' Offside, Liverpool. Simon Mignolet tries a through ball, but Mohamed Salah is caught offside.

62' Corner, Bournemouth. Conceded by Andrew Robertson.

62' Attempt blocked. Jordan Ibe (Bournemouth right footed shot from the right side of the box is blocked. Assisted by Adam Smith.

60' Attempt saved. Jermain Defoe (Bournemouth right footed shot from the left side of the box is saved in the bottom right corner. Assisted by Lewis Cook.

60' Foul by Roberto Firmino (Liverpool).

60' Andrew Surman (Bournemouth wins a free kick in the defensive half.

59' Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain (Liverpool hits the left post with a left footed shot from the left side of the box.

56' Substitution, Bournemouth. Steve Cook replaces Charlie Daniels because of an injury.

56' Attempt missed. Ryan Fraser (Bournemouth left footed shot from the left side of the box is close, but misses to the left. Assisted by Jermain Defoe with a through ball.

52' Foul by Roberto Firmino (Liverpool).

52' Adam Smith (Bournemouth wins a free kick in the defensive half.

52' Attempt missed. Andrew Robertson (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box misses to the left. Assisted by Philippe Coutinho with a cross following a corner.

51' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Nathan Aké.

46' Offside, Liverpool. Georginio Wijnaldum tries a through ball, but Philippe Coutinho is caught offside.

46' Joseph Gomez (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.

46' Foul by Ryan Fraser (Bournemouth).

Second Half begins Bournemouth 0, Liverpool 3.

45' Substitution, Bournemouth. Ryan Fraser replaces Marc Pugh.

45'+3' First Half ends, Bournemouth 0, Liverpool 3.

45'+2' Foul by Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain (Liverpool).

45'+2' Marc Pugh (Bournemouth wins a free kick in the defensive half.

44' Goal! Bournemouth 0, Liverpool 3. Mohamed Salah (Liverpool left footed shot from the centre of the box to the bottom left corner. Assisted by Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain.

43' Attempt blocked. Junior Stanislas (Bournemouth right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Simon Francis.

43' Attempt saved. Mohamed Salah (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Philippe Coutinho with a through ball.

40' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Nathan Aké.

40' Attempt saved. Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the centre of the goal.

39' Jermain Defoe (Bournemouth hits the left post with a right footed shot from the centre of the box. Assisted by Junior Stanislas with a through ball.

35' Jordan Henderson (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.

35' Foul by Marc Pugh (Bournemouth).

34' Corner, Bournemouth. Conceded by Andrew Robertson.

31' Substitution, Bournemouth. Junior Stanislas replaces Joshua King because of an injury.

30' Delay over. They are ready to continue.

29' Delay in match Joshua King (Bournemouth because of an injury.

27' Offside, Liverpool. Ragnar Klavan tries a through ball, but Philippe Coutinho is caught offside.

26' Goal! Bournemouth 0, Liverpool 2. Dejan Lovren (Liverpool header from very close range to the centre of the goal. Assisted by Roberto Firmino following a corner.

25' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Simon Francis.

25' Attempt blocked. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is blocked. Assisted by Jordan Henderson.

23' Foul by Jordan Henderson (Liverpool).

23' Lewis Cook (Bournemouth wins a free kick in the defensive half.

22' Attempt missed. Mohamed Salah (Liverpool left footed shot from the right side of the box is close, but misses to the left. Assisted by Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain.

20' Goal! Bournemouth 0, Liverpool 1. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box to the bottom left corner. Assisted by Andrew Robertson.

19' Attempt saved. Jordan Ibe (Bournemouth right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the bottom right corner. Assisted by Jermain Defoe.

17' Offside, Bournemouth. Marc Pugh tries a through ball, but Jordan Ibe is caught offside.

16' Offside, Bournemouth. Joshua King tries a through ball, but Jermain Defoe is caught offside.

15' Hand ball by Jermain Defoe (Bournemouth).

14' Foul by Dejan Lovren (Liverpool).

14' Joshua King (Bournemouth wins a free kick on the right wing.

12' Attempt missed. Mohamed Salah (Liverpool left footed shot from the centre of the box is too high. Assisted by Jordan Henderson.

11' Attempt missed. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box misses to the right. Assisted by Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain.

11' Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool hits the right post with a right footed shot from outside the box from a direct free kick.

10' Nathan Aké (Bournemouth is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.

10' Roberto Firmino (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.

10' Foul by Nathan Aké (Bournemouth).

3' Attempt missed. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool header from the centre of the box is close, but misses the top right corner. Assisted by Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain with a cross.

2' Foul by Lewis Cook (Bournemouth).

2' Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool wins a free kick on the left wing.

First Half begins.

Lineups are announced and players are warming up.