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Liverpool show courage to topple City

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Manchester City Sané 40, Silva 84, Gündogan 90+1

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Whatever this thrilling Manchester City team may go on to achieve under Pep Guardiola, they will not be joining the exclusive club known as English football's "Invincibles". Their unbeaten run in the Premier League came to an end on an extraordinary afternoon at Anfield, with Liverpool winning a seven-goal thriller that Jürgen Klopp said will be talked about in 20 years' time. Liverpool did not just beat City. They did it with a pulsating demonstration of the skill, energy, intensity and, crucially, courage that Klopp demands, reaching its climax in a nine-minute, second-half spell in which goals from Roberto Firmino, Sadio Mané and, most memorably of all, Mohamed Salah left City 4-1 down and briefly looking punch-drunk — too involved, as Guardiola put it afterwards, "in the environment of Anfield". Klopp called it a perfect advert for the Premier League. In some ways, it was, but it has become so rare over this term to see two teams going for it like this — "full throttle," as the Liverpool manager described it. All season long, opponents have approached City with a suspicion of certain weaknesses but without the quality or indeed the courage to exploit them. Those frailties should certainly not be overstated — they remain 15 points clear at the top of the table and had taken an almost implausible 62 points in going 22 Premier League matches unbeaten before yesterday, but Liverpool exposed them in brutal style. Liverpool tore at them from the start, using the speed and flair of their front three to force John Stones and Nicolás Otamendi into more mistakes, or so it seemed, than they have made all season. As Salah demonstrated by lofting the ball over the stranded Ederson and into the net for the fourth goal from 38 yards, City's mistakes were punished in wickedly ruthless fashion. As a response to Philippe Coutinho's departure to Barcelona, it was perfect from Liverpool — even with Virgil van Dijk, their £75 million new boy, nursing a hamstring injury. There was a reminder of their own frailties in the closing stages as, from 4-1 up, they conceded goals to Bernardo Silva and, in stoppage time, Ilkay Gündogan, setting up a nervous finale as City demonstrated that they were not going to give up their unbeaten record with a fight. When Guardiola spoke of the "environment of Anfield", he could not underestimate how this particular Liverpool team — infuriating in their inconsistencies, but so hard to live with when they are in this kind of mood — contribute to that. They were at it from the first whistle. They pressed from the front, led by the indefatigable Firmino, but everywhere you looked, there were red shirts swarming around their opponents, refusing to allow City to build up their usual rhythm. Emre Can was a dominant figure in midfield and Andrew Robertson was superb at left back. Above all, though, Liverpool's approach was typified by Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain, whose tenthminute goal set the ball rolling. It was an eye-catching strike, the sort that a player of Oxlade-Chamberlain's type — strong, skilful, purposeful — has often promised but all too infrequently delivered in his career to date. The way he took it underlined his newfound confidence at Anfield, seizing on a lay-off from Firmino and surging away from Fernandinho, into space and towards the penalty area, and hitting a measured left-foot shot beyond Ederson and inside the far corner. Liverpool, their tails up, briefly had City on the ropes, threatening twice through Salah, but the visiting team stabilised as the first half went on, with Kevin De Bruyne leading the way. The equalising goal came when Kyle Walker's crossfield pass was misjudged by Joe Gomez, who, overcompensating for that error, got too close to Leroy Sané. The City winger's first touch took him past his opponent and, after tormenting Joel Matip and Gomez again, he lashed the ball past an unconvincing Loris Karius. Otamendi struck the crossbar with a header from Sané's corner early in the second half, but the tide was about to turn dramatically in Liverpool's favour. De Bruyne was dispossessed deep in the Liverpool half by Georginio Wijnaldum and, from there, the home team broke at speed with Oxlade-Chamberlain releasing Firmino, who wrestled off the challenge of Stones before clipping the ball over Ederson to make it 2-1. Mané struck the post with a right-foot shot shortly afterwards, but he was soon celebrating Liverpool's third goal. Again Liverpool broke at speed, with Salah bursting away from Fernandinho and Otamendi. He sought out Mané, who, this time with his left foot, produced a stunning finish from the edge of the penalty area. Then came that delightful long-distance finish from Salah after Ederson, racing out of his penalty area, found himself stranded. It was 4-1. We had not seen City in this state since they were humiliated by Everton in a 4-0 defeat 12 months ago, back when Guardiola was being accused of underestimating or indeed failing to understand what the Premier League was all about. They have made enormous strides since then and, while this was a chastening afternoon for them, they at least showed the fighting spirit that is among the less appreciated of the qualities that have taken them this far. Bernardo Silva came off the bench to scramble home their second goal with six minutes remaining and it was briefly tempting to think that if City scored a third early enough, this could end up as one of the great fightbacks of the Premier League era. As it was, City's third goal, a calm finish by Gündogan from Sergio Agüero's cross, came in stoppage time and, while Klopp's decision to replace Mané with Ragnar Klavan smacked of desperation, Liverpool held on to celebrate a famous victory. The win took them to third in the Premier League table — ahead of Chelsea on goal difference, but trailing Manchester United by the same measure.

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Liverpool and Mohamed Salah put thrilling end to Manchester City's run

Finally, there is a glimmer of hope for the teams desperately clinging to Manchester City's coat-tails. Only a tiny glimmer, maybe, and nobody should really imagine it will change too much when it comes to the destination of the championship trophy. Yet it had been 284 days since Pep Guardiola's team last experienced a defeat in the Premier League. The run stretched 30 games and at least now the other teams towards the top of the table have been reminded the champions-in-waiting can be beaten, after all.

It has certainly been a long time since City appeared this vulnerable and in that nine-minute blitz when Liverpool rattled in three second-half goals it was remarkable to see the way the most accomplished team in the country disintegrated. More fool us, perhaps, for thinking that City had eradicated the shortcomings that troubled Guardiola in his first year at the club. Liverpool were not flawless either but, equally, let's not be too critical when they can conjure up this much fun. It was a breathless afternoon and on this evidence, Jürgen Klopp must be pained that there is still a 15-point gap between the two teams.

This was Liverpool's first game since Philippe Coutinho's move to Barcelona and it was some response from Klopp's players bearing in mind the obvious questions about how it would affect the team. Defensively they are still far too accident-prone, Loris Karius's goalkeeping can spread anxiety and Liverpool, winning 4-1 as the clock ticked into the 84th minute, came perilously close to throwing it all away. Bernardo Silva and Ilkay Gündogan had set up an almost implausible feat of escapology but Sergio Agüero had strayed offside with City's last chance, four minutes into stoppage time, and the game was denied a final, dramatic twist. Ultimately Liverpool had sufficiently weakened their opponents with the burst of goals from Roberto Firmino, Sadio Mané and Mohamed Salah in the 59th, 61st and 68th minutes. Guardiola can think back to that moment, at 1-1, when Nicolás Otamendi headed against the crossbar from a corner but it must have alarmed City's manager to see the way his team were thrown off their stride by opponents who played a high line, chased them down and refused to be cowed. Or as Klopp put it: "Pressing from another planet." It was City's first league defeat of the season and, with the Champions League resuming next month, a lesson for all their potential opponents — albeit with the rider that Guardiola's team were still the first away side to score three at Anfield in a year.

As vibrant as they were going forward, Liverpool certainly looked susceptible in defence and Leroy Sané's goal to make it 1-1, beating Karius at his near post, was just the latest reminder that Klopp's men will continue to be held back until they have a goalkeeper who is suitable for a club of their ambitions. Karius has previous, of course, and the only possible mitigation was that most of the blame should be apportioned to Joe Gomez for leaving Sané with the chance in the first place.

Yet City were even more careless at the back and, at this level, no team can expect to defend this generously and get away with it.

The way Firmino outmuscled John Stones before clipping in Liverpool's second goal was a case in point. Mané's goal two minutes later was a brilliant left-foot finish but it originated from Otamendi losing the ball inside his own half and the next one — in the end, the game's decisive moment — came after Ederson had hared out of his penalty area to kick the ball straight to an opponent.

Unfortunately for him, that opponent was Salah, who promptly curled the ball back over the goalkeeper into an empty net from 40 yards out.

The only problem for Liverpool at 4-1 was that the game still had more than 20 minutes to go. Silva, one of City's substitutes, turned in his team's second goal after a lucky ricochet in the penalty area and when Gündogan prodded another one in, two minutes into stoppage time, it set up a nerve-shredding finale.

Yet the final result was a fair one. City had only four shots on target and Liverpool dominated long periods from the moment, nine minutes in, when Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain eased unchallenged past Fernandinho and took his shot early, thumping the ball beyond Ederson with a low right-foot drive into the bottom corner.

Karius should certainly have done better with the shot from Sané and, not for the first time, it was strange that Klopp should select him for such a key assignment. It would have mattered a lot more, however, if City had saved themselves late on and the bottom line was that too many of Guardiola's players were strangely off form.

Raheem Sterling, facing his old club, got little change out of Andrew Robertson and was substituted, to the pleasure of Liverpool's crowd. Kevin De Bruyne's nutmeg on Oxlade-Chamberlain was a joy but the Belgian did not have his usual influence and City missed the way David Silva, who was on the substitutes' bench, knits the team together. Liverpool held on and, for the first time since a 2-1 defeat at Chelsea on 5 April last year, City were reminded what it was like to finish a league game as the losing side.

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Liverpool 4-3 Manchester City

The best team won. Not the best team in the country because a glance at the league table suggests that has not changed, but certainly the best team on the day. Ignore the closeness of the scoreline. [Liverpool](#) were 4-1 up going into the 84th minute, and were not flattered in the least by that margin.

They took the game to [Manchester City](#), rattled and hassled them, like no other Premier League team this season. And in a period of eight minutes in the second-half they took the champions elect and Pep Guardiola's methodology apart.

Will he change? Of course not. This is Manchester City's first defeat of the campaign. Why should he? Yet there will be no invincible season and, eight months from now, maybe more managers will set up to try to City-proof their tactics. One problem. Jurgen Klopp's Liverpool are absolutely the best at this. The high press. Denying defenders the time or comfort of playing out the back. The sheer urgency of their transition play. Remember Claudio Ranieri's Leicester, at their peak? There is no higher compliment than to say Liverpool reminded of that, but perhaps with greater finesse. 'Pressing from another planet,' Klopp called it, and he was right. Liverpool were absolutely superb, restricting Manchester City to just four shots on target. That City scored three goals may be a worry for Klopp, but the return of Virgil Van Dijk – missing on Sunday – should shore them up.

Without doubt, this was a hugely positive afternoon for Liverpool. City may have got away from them, and everybody else, this season but a year from now, who knows? Between the 60th and 68th minutes, Manchester City were dismantled. Liverpool scored three goals and hit a post through Sadio Mane in that time. In the five minutes before, Ederson Moraes made two excellent saves. It was an outstanding period of sustained pressure and focus, not least because Manchester City had started the half well, and had hit the bar through a header by Nicolas Otamendi. Loris Karius, who kept his place following the win over Everton in the FA Cup, thwarts City's attack as he collects a cross. Had that gone in, maybe the outcome would have been different, City would have grown in confidence as they have on going behind in several matches in this campaign. Liverpool's legs would have grown heavier with effort.

Yet City didn't catch the break, and Liverpool capitalised. Mohamed Salah had a powerful shot saved by Ederson, who smothered an effort by Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain a minute later. Yet what happened next will resonate throughout football even if, by May, it may seem of little consequence.

Liverpool scored and scored and scored again. In doing so, they inflicted more damage on City and Guardiola than the rest of their Premier League rivals put together this season. It is no exaggeration to say they showed the rest of the league how to do it. Manchester United, Chelsea, all those teams that have been made to look second best by City should be a little red-faced on Monday morning. Why couldn't they do this; even a semblance of it? Firmino challenges Danilo in the air but City's Brazilian defender does enough to win the header on the half-way line. By the end, players that had previously conceded just five times away from home in the Premier League were ade to look skittish and physically soft. Weaknesses it was thought had been shaken off since last summer returned. Frailties surfaced and were exploited beautifully. John Stones, Otamendi, Ederson, the trio key to City's defensive resurgence were all bullied and harassed into mistakes. It was a stunning display by Klopp's team. 'We've won it five times,' the locals like to sing of their European triumphs – and that is coincidentally the number of times Klopp has now defeated Guardiola. One more than Mourinho, despite playing in different leagues for much of his coaching career – but few other victories will give him the pleasure of this. This was the epitome of his performance aims. So: those three goals. The first came on the hour. Oxlade-Chamberlain played the ball through to Roberto Firmino and he outmuscled Stones on the run, before lifting a fabulous finish past Ederson and in, one bounce, off the far post. Was it a foul? No chance. Stones is a centre-half and would be expected to be stronger than this. It reminded of a goal Robbie Fowler scored against Manchester United at Old Trafford, shrugging off Gary Neville in similar fashion. Within two minutes, the lead increased. Otamendi, looking like the player of two years ago and increasingly uncertain, was caught in possession by Salah just outside the penalty area, the ball fed square to Mane. He sized up the target and hit a fabulous shot which defeated Ederson at his near post. Surely it couldn't get better than this? Indeed, it could.

Salah overhit a through pass which Ederson collected, but instead of dispatching it with his usual calm, by now City's back line were frazzled and he delivered it directly back to the sender. Salah, seeing the goalkeeper stranded, knew he had a chance to win the game, and took it: lifting it over his head and into the empty net. Anfield, always loud on occasions like this, went into rapture.

Guardiola looks on, dejected, as he watches his side go 3-1 behind at Anfield with the hosts gathering momentum. Was that it? With Liverpool, it rarely is. So Bernardo Silva pulled one back for City with six minutes remaining, and then Ilkay Gundogan made it 4-3 in injury time to conjure fears of a famous comeback. It was not enough. When Andre Marriner blew the final whistle moments after, it was Klopp's turn to join the supporters in an ecstatic state. So, in one way for Arsenal, it was a good day. Their invincibility remains intact. In another, it was dreadful. Not just the defeat at Bournemouth, but a reminder after nine minutes that mistakes are piling up in north London. That was when the excellent Firmino won a tussle with Fabian Delph through sheer persistence, and fed Oxlade-Chamberlain some 40 yards from goal.

Oxlade-Chamberlain was a controversial selection by Klopp, not because he hasn't been in good nick lately, but because this relegated Adam Lallana to the substitutes bench, so soon after a handy display against Everton in the FA Cup. Klopp's call was vindicated, however, by what happened next. Oxlade-Chamberlain drove forward, past Fernandinho and unleashed a low shot from 25 yards out that flew across Ederson and in at the far post. Why was this bad news for Arsenal? The numbers. But it was the Portuguese playmaker Silva, who came on for Raheem Sterling, who gave City a glimpse of hope Oxlade-Chamberlain has scored as many goals in his last 20 Premier League matches for Liverpool, as he did in his last 71 for Arsenal. Without doubt, he has improved under Klopp. Without doubt, he has found a position. Think back to his final months at Arsenal when there was so much delight about his reinvention as a right wing-back. It is fair to say this is preferable. The lead didn't make it to half-time of course, but Liverpool certainly made a statement with their first-half display, too. It took City 20 minutes to create a chance, a lovely cross from Kevin De Bruyne that Sergio Aguero just couldn't get a touch on in the six yard box and when they equalised after 41 minutes, it was about as near to 'against the run of play' as any City goal has been this season. Raheem Sterling, booed constantly as usual, fed the ball to Kyle Walker who hit a lovely crossfield pass from the right back position. It found Sane perfectly and he did the rest, cutting inside a bamboozled Joe Gomez and then Dejan Lovren before finishing smartly past Loris Karius.

At that point, it looked as if City might prove invincible after all. Not anymore.

MATCH FACTS, PLAYER RATINGS AND LEAGUE TABLE

Liverpool (4-3-3): Karius 6; Gomez 7, Matip 7, Lovren 7, Robertson 8; Oxlade-Chamberlain 8.5, Can 7 (Milner 79), Wijnaldum 8; Salah 8 (Lallana 87), Firmino 8, Mane 8 (Klavan 90) Subs not used: Mignolet, Ings, Solanke, Alexander-Arnold Goal: Oxlade-Chamberlain 9, Firmino 59, Mane 62, Salah 67

Booked: Firmino, Milner Manager: Klopp 8

Manchester City (4-3-3): Ederson 6; Walker 5.5, Stones 6, Otamendi 5, Delph 5 (Danilo 31 (6)); De Bruyne 8, Fernandinho 6, Gundogan 7; Sterling 5 (Bernardo Silva 71), Aguero 4.5, Sane 8 Subs not used: Bravo, Mangala, Silva, Zinchenko, Diaz Goal: Sane 41, Bernardo Silva 83, Gundogan 90+1

Bookings: Sterling, Otamendi Manager: Guardiola 6

Referee: Andre Marriner

The Daily Telegraph

Relentless Liverpool destroy Guardiola's unbeaten record

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Stop press. Manchester City can be beaten. And it was the gegenpressing that did it - plus the cauldron of emotion, desire, will, intent and hunger that Anfield was whipped up into as Liverpool gained this remarkable victory. The stadium, quite literally, rocked, and City, just as incredibly, struggled to cope.

There was a nine-minute spell in the second half when Liverpool scored three times and also struck the woodwork that it seemed the magic that Pep Guardiola has weaved at City had been exposed as smoke and mirrors. But his side are not 15 points clear at the top of the table, had not gone 22 Premier League games without losing, for no reason and it was astonishing that, by the end, the home side were left hanging on. But such is Jurgen Klopp; such is his way; such is the pulsating, open football he demands. This was a win in his image; one full of heart and absolutism - and a little vulnerability. But that is the trade-off. It is the same with Guardiola and he was right in predicting that this fixture would be the sternest test his team had faced. So, there will be no new "Invincibles" even if City still appear untouchable. Arsenal's record of 2003-04 remains - which is cold comfort for them as this arresting result opened up the gap between the top four and sixth-placed Arsenal to a daunting eight points. There was salt in that open wound for Arsenal with Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain, who left for £35million last summer after losing his way at the Emirates, the standout performer for Liverpool with a tremendously positive display, setting the tone when he opened the scoring and never, ever relenting.

There was yet more delight for Liverpool in that this came at the end of the week in which they sold Philippe Coutinho to Barcelona for £142million.

It was, as Klopp said, a "big statement" and one delivered without their record signing, with £75million centre-half Virgil van Dijk not deemed fit enough due to tight hamstring. "We went on the rampage a bit," Oxlade-Chamberlain said, and it was delicious for them that Roberto Firmino, Sadio Mane and Mohamed Salah joined him on the scoresheet. Pressing from another planet, Klopp called it, and it was. Out of this world. And it had to be. There was, the beaming manager reasoned, no "alternative" to beat City and he would probably have it no other way with the tone set when Firmino nipped the ball away from Fabian Delph to find Oxlade-Chamberlain. He drove at the City penalty area, brushing off Fernandinho, and it was Oxlade-Chamberlain's directness that caught City out as Nicolas Otamendi was slow to react before a powerful, right-footed shot was drilled across Ederson and into the net. It was hard, low and moving away from the goalkeeper. A superb strike.

The visitors were knocked out of their stride. Delph had come in but was clearly not fit and was substituted after he buckled in making a tackle. But this is City and they drew level when Kyle Walker switched play from right to left with a wonderful crossfield ball that found Leroy Sane, who chested it down cleverly to catch out Joe Gomez. Sane sprinted into the area, shifted the ball to his left,

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beating Joel Matip, and Gomez, and struck a fierce shot that tore past Loris Karius at his near post. Could the goalkeeper have done better? Or was he simply beaten by the power? It appeared both which, given Klopp had selected him ahead of Simon Mignolet, and suggested he had the opportunity to stake his claim as first choice, re-opened that particular debate.

Would that be the story? It seemed possible as City took a grip and an Otamendi header cannoned back off the bar but then, after Ederson had made two sharp saves, it was the Brazilian goalkeeper who was beaten. Oxlade-Chamberlain slid a pass through to Firmino who was far too strong for John Stones, easing the defender out of the way and deftly chipping the ball. It sailed beyond Ederson. Liverpool were rampant. Mane curled the ball against the outside of a post and Salah appeared set to sprint clear, only for Otamendi to block, with the forward still pushing his pass across goal. It was collected by Mane who, with Stones standing off, blasted a precise, rising shot to beat Ederson. Anfield erupted. It did so again when Ederson rushed from goal to cut out Salah's through ball intended for Mane but only sent his clearance straight to Salah, who had the confidence and ability to strike his shot into the net from fully 35 yards.

City were shell-shocked but they are champions-elect and showed it. Few other teams would have hit back in the way they did with Bernardo Silva - who had replaced Raheem Sterling, withdrawn to the delight of Liverpool fans after struggling to beat the impressive Andrew Robertson - sweeping home after the ball broke to him. Surely it was too late? City poured forward again with Sergio Agüero - who had struggled - chipping in a cross that was chested down by Ilkay Gundogan to stab the ball past Karius. Home nerves were fraying and there was even a sense of panic as City won a final free-kick. But it came to nothing. "It was a joy to watch," Klopp said. It was. And that was testimony to City as well.

THE INDEPENDENT

Liverpool end City's run and show there is life after Coutinho

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So there is life after Philippe Coutinho, after all. And Liverpool showed it emphatically with their performance of the season to end Manchester City's hopes of an unbeaten Premier League campaign in their first match without the Brazilian star. Somewhere, Arsène Wenger will have turned up the corner of his mouth in his trademark wicked smile, safe in the knowledge that his Invincible Arsenal side remain unmatched for a 14th year.

Roberto Firmino, Mohamed Salah and Sadio Mané are the envying attacking trio that Liverpool manager Jürgen Klopp is banking on filling the £142million void left by their former team-mate, and they all scored goals of the quality you felt a team needed to in order to become the first to defeat Pep Guardiola's side in the league. It was Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain, another with more responsibility placed on his shoulders than a week ago, who started it; shrugging off Fernandinho and driving low from the edge of box into the bottom left corner. Moments like that are why Oxlade-Chamberlain left Arsenal in the summer.

He already has three Premier League goals for Liverpool, more than he managed in a single season under Wenger's tutelage and this was one of his best performances in years. He made a clever late run into space away from preoccupied City defenders but was not picked out by Mané; he won a second and third ball, bounced off Danilo and curled in a cross that Firmino tried to glance in; in the second half he overlapped, cut inside the sliding Kyle Walker and shot low and hard, but Ederson reacted. This is the Oxlade-Chamberlain that Wenger always insisted was hidden inside the 24-year-old. One that could make a late play for Gareth Southgate's World Cup squad.

Liverpool could not have played a better first 40 minutes until they conceded out of nowhere to three of their own errors: Walker's cross-field pass was misread by Joe Gomez, allowing Leroy Sane to chest the ball inside where Joel Matip provided no resistance and City's German thumped the ball hard at Loris Karius's near post. It was a powerful shot but Karius's hands turned to jelly. The goalkeeper buried his head in the turf; there were some big mistakes there but he knew his error was the biggest of them all. Simon Mignolet was on the bench but Liverpool have felt like they have been missing a goalkeeper equal to the quality of their expectations for years. Guardiola had his own difficulties with keepers last season but solved the problem by buying Ederson in the summer. Liverpool are a club who have ambitions to win the Premier League but Karius and Mignolet are so far beneath the elite pool of David De Gea, Thibaut Courtois, Hugo Lloris and Petr Cech. Klopp has spent £75m on Virgil van Dijk, who was badly needed yet absent with a tight hamstring, but some of the Coutinho money must surely be set aside for a suitable goalkeeper. If they had someone better, they would not be 15 points behind City.

The visitors looked the likelier to push on in the game at 1-1 until a moment from Firmino just before the hour tipped the balance in the manner they used to turn to Coutinho for. A ball inside John Stones from Oxlade-Chamberlain found Firmino who turned and clipped the ball over City's goalkeeper and off the right post. Three minutes later, Mané received retribution of sorts for his red card in the humiliating 5-0 defeat to City back in September, thrashing the ball left-footed into the top left corner. Salah then cut out Ederson's poor clearance and sent the ball back over the goalkeeper from around 40 yards.

Even then, Guardiola chopped and changed. He took off Raheem Sterling, on a yellow card and booted at every moment by an unforgiving Anfield crowd, and City

created a nervy finish for the locals: Bernardo Silva and Ilkay Gundogan reeling Liverpool in to within a goal that never came. City will still go on to win the title this season but Liverpool can use this result as a marker for a future without their star player.

Karius Gomez Matip Lovren Robertson Oxlade-Can Wijnaldum Chamberlain Salah Firmino Mane Sane Sterling Agüero Gundogan Fernandinho De Bruyne Delph Otamendi Stones Walker Ederson Manchester City Substitutions: Liverpool Milner (Can, 79), Lallana Salah, 88), Klavan (Mane, 90); Manchester City Danilo Delph, 31), B Silva (Sterling, 71).

Booked: Liverpool Firmino, Milner; Manchester City Otamendi, Sterling, Fernandinho.

Man of the match Oxlade-Chamberlain. Match rating 9/10.

Possession: Liverpool 36% Manchester City 64%. Attempts on target: Liverpool 7 Manchester City 4. Referee: A Marriner (West Midlands). Attendance 53,285.



3 CAN WORK IT OUT

THE Fab Four may be no more since front man Philippe Coutinho left but the three remaining band members can still knock out one hell of a tune.

Mohamed Salah, Roberto Mane hit all the prove there is most definitely life after Coutinho.

Firmino and Sadio right notes to prov definit Coutin In ReanAM the past the Reds have suffered after losing star names like Xabi Alonso, Javier Mascherano and Luis Suarez.

But they produced one of their finest displays of the season to hand Pep Guardiola's City their first league defeat of the season in emphatic fashion and show they can keep progressing.

A second successive top-four finish, something they last achieved in 2009, looks well within their reach after they leapfrogged Chelsea into third place, level on points with Manchester United, who host Stoke tonight.

Don't be fooled by the closeness of the scoreline or the fact that City almost snatched what would have been an undeserved equaliser in stoppage time in this craziest of games. Liverpool were so much better.

City, who last won here in May 2003, simply had no answer to the pace, pressing, movement and ruthless finishing of Salah, Firmino and Mane.

But as brilliant as they were, it would be wrong to heap all the praise on this tremendous trio. Kop boss Jürgen Klopp (left, with Guardiola) said in the wake of Coutinho's move that he does not want a team of one or two heroes.

He wants a fantastic team and he had that in every position on the pitch, apart from perhaps Loris Karius who did not justify his promotion to Liverpool's new No.1 given the mess he made of Leroy Sane's equaliser.

Liverpool's midfield three of Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain, Gino Wijnaldum and Emre Can won the battle in the middle of the park.

The Reds were solid at the back without the injured Virgil van Dijk before they went to sleep in the final minutes, allowing City to pull two goals back and give the scoreline a flattering look.

It was a hugely satisfying afternoon for Oxlade-Chamberlain, who made his Reds debut in the 5-0 thrashing at the Etihad back in September.

He scored Liverpool's first after nine minutes when Firmino outmuscled Fabian Delph too easily to allow the former Gunner to run through a gap in City's defence and hit a rightfoot strike across keeper Ederson into the far corner.

Firmino, who had moaned that Liverpool were not the same without his departed countryman, popped up everywhere, leading the press with his ferocious tackling and creating chances for his team. He made one for the twisting and turning Salah, who shot just wide.

The Brazilian then headed just wide and it was all Liverpool, only for Joe Gomez to misjudge a flighted cross-field ball and allow Sane to nip in from the left and beat Karius at his near post five minutes before the interval.

As expected from the league's two best attacks, the game became a basketball match - Nicolas Otamendi headed against the bar before Liverpool won the game with three goals in nine blistering minutes.

Oxlade-Chamberlain (left) played in Firmino on 59 minutes and he barged John Stones out of the way before cleverly lifting the ball over Ederson and into the far corner of the City net.

Mane then hit the post before Salah robbed Otamendi and found the Senegalese star on the left. He took one touch before drilling the ball left-footed into the top corner.

City suffered a collective nervous breakdown at the back and, when Ederson's poor clearance went straight to Salah, the Egyptian goal machine took a touch before firing it straight back into the empty goal, left-footed, from 40 yards out.

That should have been it, but City remembered why they are 15 points clear at the top of the Premier League as they scored twice in the final six minutes through second-half sub Bernardo Silva and Ilkay Gundogan to set up a nervy finish.

They almost nicked a point when Sergio Agüero brushed the side-netting with a diving header in stoppage time, but he was flagged for offside.

Liverpool deservedly hung on to record their fifth straight win over City at Anfield and the Reds fans drifted into the night singing the praises of their team.

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Reds flourish without Coutinho and fire warning to Manchester City on afternoon of revenge

After the obligatory round of bear hugs was complete, a beaming Jurgen Klopp walked towards the tunnel patting the Liver Bird on his chest. This was a booming statement of intent from his Liverpool side. In the cold light of day the Reds have only delivered a bloody nose to the champions-elect while enhancing their own top-four credentials. But this thrilling victory over Manchester City was about so much more than that. This was about proving they can not only cope but flourish following the sale of Philippe Coutinho to Barcelona. That the club's resurgence hasn't been unnecessarily jeopardised.

This was about putting down a marker for next season – issuing a warning to Pep Guardiola that Liverpool are a genuine force to be reckoned with and City won't be granted another procession to the title. There was also the small matter of exacting revenge for that embarrassing hiding at the Etihad back in September by wrecking City's dream of going the entire campaign unbeaten.

All those boxes were ticked emphatically on an afternoon which will live long in the memory. The atmosphere crackled throughout as Anfield showed its appreciation for a courageous display from the Reds. Here was the Klopp blueprint in all its glory. There was energy, hunger and desire in abundance – relentless gegenpressing coupled with a fearless commitment to attack the best team in the country. A gifted individual may have jumped ship but this is still an immensely talented team. Selling Coutinho was a gamble with so much to play for but Klopp has always been about the collective and he feared the consequences of keeping the Brazilian against his will for a second successive window.

Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain had spoken in the build up to the game about taking on extra responsibility and he backed up those words impressively.

The £35million midfielder delivered the kind of classy performance Coutinho would have been proud of himself. Having slammed home the opener early on, Oxlade-Chamberlain created the Reds' second for Roberto Firmino and was a thorn in City's side throughout. Leroy Sane had restored parity before Liverpool blew City away with a stunning burst of three goals in the space of nine minutes early in the second half. The 'Fab Four' maybe no more but the three that remain are still playing sweet music. Firmino, Sadio Mane and Mohamed Salah each delivered their own party piece to put the hosts 4-1 up.

From a position of total control, Liverpool got a bout of the jitters and were left hanging on after late goals from substitute Bernardo Silva and Ilkay Gundogan set up a grandstand finish. It shouldn't have come to that but, crucially, the Reds held on to climb above Chelsea into third place and move level on points with Manchester United. The scoreline flattered City, Liverpool were good value for their win as they extended their unbeaten run to 18 matches in all competitions - the club's longest sequence for a decade. The hosts flew out of the traps and imposed themselves on the contest from the start. City's high defensive line meant there was plenty of space for the Reds to exploit in behind through the blistering pace of Salah and Mane. The breakthrough arrived inside nine minutes. When Oxlade-Chamberlain picked up possession 40 yards out, there was only one thing on his mind. Direct and aggressive, he drove past Fernandinho and unleashed an unstoppable 20-yarder past Ederson.

Anfield erupted and Klopp's men fed off that energy from the stands as they continued to boss proceedings. A roar greeted the sight of Emre Can sliding in to dispossess Raheem Sterling, who endured another torrid return to Anfield.

The outstanding Andy Robertson ensured that Sterling, whose every touch was booed, remained expertly shackled throughout. Sterling was later taken off before he was sent off - 50,000 jeers ringing in his ears.

Liverpool's midfield trio of Can, Gini Wijnaldum and Oxlade-Chamberlain were dominant. The balance was perfect. Waiting until the summer for Naby Keita might not be too much of a hardship. The Reds should have added to their account before the interval. Salah couldn't sort his feet out and poked wide after getting away from Nicolas Otamendi, while Firmino failed to hit the target from Oxlade-Chamberlain's cross. Belatedly, City settled and got to grips with the Reds' intensity levels. Kevin de Bruyne's influence grew and his quality delivery just evaded Sergio Aguero. Sane's strike deflected behind off Dejan Lovren as Liverpool had to dig deep under pressure. Four minutes before the break a backline denied the presence of Virgil van Dijk due to a tight hamstring was breached in alarming fashion. Joe Gomez misjudged Kyle Walker's cross-field pass and Sane got away from Joel Matip inside the box before arrowing the ball past Loris Karius. It was poor from Karius, who was beaten far too easily at his near post. Dropping Simon Mignolet was a big call and Karius failed to justify the faith shown in him. Klopp suggested that the German would now be given a run in the side but if he's going to be the club's No 1 he needs to sharpen up. The smart money suggests that Liverpool will buy a keeper this summer.

There was a let-off early in the second half when Otamendi's header struck the bar but Liverpool soon clicked into gear in devastating fashion.

Salah and Oxlade-Chamberlain both went close before the Reds' regained the lead just before the hour mark. Firmino still had plenty to do when he latched on to Oxlade-Chamberlain's pass but he out-muscled John Stones and coolly dinked it over Ederson for his 17th goal of the season.

Liverpool were rampant, City were rattled. Mane's curler hit the post but the Senegal winger made no mistake after being teed up by Salah, whose pressing had robbed the ball off Otamendi. Mane steadied himself and unleashed a thunderous left-footer into the top corner from the edge of the box. He's still not at his blistering best but here was another major contribution.

When Salah latched on to Ederson's poor clearance and lofted it into the empty net from 40 yards for his 24th goal of the campaign, Kopites were in dreamland. Liverpool's unfettered ambition was epitomised by the sight of Robertson tearing after Stones, Ederson and then Otamendi like a dog chasing a bone.

The Scottish left-back's name was chanted by the Kop – reward for another fine display. Settle for 4-1? Shut up shop? No chance. Liverpool wanted more and that played into City's hands as they launched a late fightback. Silva tucked home from close range before Gundogan converted Ageruo's cross in stoppage time.

The nerves were jangling but Liverpool had done enough. Philippe who?

MATCH FACTS

Liverpool: Karius, Gomez, Lovren, Matip, Robertson, Can (Milner 79), Wijnaldum, Oxlade-Chamberlain, Salah (Lallana 88), Firmino, Mane (Klavan 90+4).

Not used: Mignolet, Ings, Solanke, Alexander-Arnold.

Manchester City: Ederson, Walker, Stones, Otamendi, Delph (Danilo 31),

Gundogan, Fernandinho, Sterling (B Silva 71), De Bruyne, Sane, Aguero.

Not used: Bravo, Mangala, D Silva, Zinchenko, Diaz.

Referee: Andre Marriner Attendance: 53,285 Goals: Oxlade-Chamberlain 9, Sane 41, Firmino 59, Mane 62, Salah 68, B Silva 84, Gundogan 90+1.

Bookings: Firmino, Otamendi, Sterling, Fernandinho, Milner.

Man of the match: Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain. Scored the first and created the second. Epitomised Liverpool's show of courage.



Man City's Liverpool defeat may have come at the perfect time in at least one respect

In the space of 25 second half minutes [Manchester City](#) turned into the team of last season. By the 94th it was the side that has left the rest of the Premier League trailing in its wake. Ultimately it wasn't enough for [Pep Guardiola](#) - and while a spirited comeback turned a humbling into a narrow 4-3 defeat, the warning signs were there for City's wider ambitions this season. At their worst, the champions-elect were a mess - akin to their lowest points in Guardiola's first season in English football. John Stones easily muscled out of possession for Roberto Firmino's 59th-minute strike. Nicolas Otamendi giving the ball away in a dangerous position for Sadio Mane's two minutes later. And Ederson doing his best Claudio Bravo impression, stranded in no man's land for Mo Salah to strike from around 35 yards out and send Anfield into raptures. If you were an alien who'd just landed on earth and been told one of these two sides held a 15-point lead at the top of the table, there would be little doubting it was the team red.

By full time - City's character and refusal to accept defeat was clearly visible, but not enough. While a first league defeat of the season should have little impact on Guardiola's stroll to the title - it was a reminder City are wonderful, if not invincible. In that sense - coming midway through the January transfer window - its timing may have been perfect. The fact that very few, if any, teams on these shores possess the attacking threat of Liverpool is why it has taken until the turn of the year for the runaway leaders to be brought down to earth. There is little evidence of anyone else repeating such a stunning display domestically. Europe, however, could be another matter entirely. Certainly beyond the last 16 where Basel may be the last of the 'Watfords' remaining in the competition. The might of Barcelona, Real Madrid, Paris St Germain and Bayern Munich - not to mention Liverpool again - are capable of producing and surpassing the performance of Jurgen Klopp's side. And should City's defence suffer another meltdown in the face of pressure from Cristiano Ronaldo, Lionel Messi or Neymar, it could be curtains in their pursuit for the trophy they - and Guardiola - prize most of all. Understandable then that Guardiola is desperate to recruit a centre-back this month. Not to break up the thus far imperious partnership of Stones and Otamendi - rather to give them a break. Otamendi, in particular, looked like a man who has been a virtual ever-present for a team pursuing the quadruple. Fernandinho, the chief defensive screen, was overrun as Liverpool's forwards harassed City in their own half. That was key to the home side's opener after just nine minutes - City's rearguard retreating as Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain charged towards goal and fired low past Ederson. Liverpool dominated the first 45 minutes, but when a brilliant solo goal from Leroy Sane levelled the scores in the 40th minute, it felt like City had ridden the storm. Had Otamendi's header shortly after the break not struck the bar, they might have powered on to a first victory at Anfield since their Abu Dhabi takeover. Instead Liverpool took control - and sight of City crumbling in face of wave after wave of attack, will have been chastening to Guardiola. The recovery placed more of a positive light on matters - substitute Bernardo Silva scoring in the 84th minute and Ilkay Gundogan striking in injury time. But for a manager who routinely orders his players to study their mistakes - there will be plenty of time spent in front of the TV screens this week. And maybe some heightened activity in the boardroom too.

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Manchester City lost a Premier League game for the first time this season as Liverpool edged a thrilling encounter with the league leaders at Anfield. The Reds scored three times in a rousing eight-minute spell in the second half to go 4-1 up, then clung on after City scored twice in the last six minutes. Jurgen Klopp's side - playing their first game since Philippe Coutinho's [£142m move to Barcelona](#) - deserved their victory as they ended City's hopes of going through the league season without losing, and extended their own unbeaten run to 18 games.

Alex-Oxlade Chamberlain's low drive gave Liverpool an early lead, but City were level before half-time through Leroy Sane, who beat Loris Karius at his near post following Joe Gomez's mistake.

The game turned decisively in two minutes either side of the hour mark, when poor defending by John Stones let in Roberto Firmino, and Sadio Mane - who had just hit the post - struck a stunning finish high past Ederson.

Ederson's poor clearance gifted Mohamed Salah a fourth, and despite their late wobble, Liverpool closed out the win to go third in the table.

While the Reds' top-four challenge goes from strength to strength, City can still reflect on a 15-point lead over Manchester United, who host Stoke on Monday. Liverpool's perfect post-Coutinho response

Liverpool fans may have wondered how Klopp and his side would respond after the sale of Coutinho. The first reaction was a thrilling one.

Coutinho has been central to Liverpool's potent attacking style both as a scorer and creator of goals, but Klopp's other game-changers stepped forward to suggest, on initial viewing at least, they can compensate for his departure.

Oxlade-Chamberlain now has a greater opportunity to make his mark, and he delivered after only nine minutes when he arrowed a low, unerring finish past Ederson's outstretched right hand in front of the Kop.

Firmino harassed Stones into a decisive error before calmly restoring Liverpool's lead at 2-1, while Mane's explosive rising drive and Salah's composure following Ederson's poor clearance illustrated the weaponry at Klopp's disposal.

This was all backed up by relentless pressing and harassing in midfield from players such as Emre Can, while Andrew Robertson subdued Raheem Sterling as he produced his best performance since his £8m summer move from Hull City.

Apart from Loris Karius' poor attempt to save from Sane at his near post, compounding Joe Gomez's mistake, this was an outstanding Liverpool performance until their late wobble.

As a taste of life post-Coutinho, it was highly satisfying for Klopp and Liverpool.

No panic for Guardiola and City

No invincibles; the unbeaten record over after 22 games. It all added up to the worst 90 minutes of the season for Guardiola and City.

Liverpool deserved their victory as City once again tasted defeat on a ground at which they have not won in 18 games stretching back to May 2003.

When the dust settles, however, City can look back at a truly magnificent campaign so far - and, more significantly, a lead that still looks unassailable.

City responded serenely to going behind early on, calmly playing their way back into contention until Sane put them back on level terms.

But Stones' weak defending broke them and there was no comeback from those goals from Firmino and Mane either side of the hour mark.

It was a day when individual errors, such as those by Stones and Ederson, were punished and City simply could not summon up another of those late shows that have brought them so many points this season.

Even then, when not at their best, they gave Anfield a collective attack of nerves in those closing moments when the possibility of an escape suddenly presented itself.

It was a demonstration of the character in Guardiola's side that they kept going - but, in the end, they finally had to taste defeat.

Miserable Anfield return for Sterling

Sterling has been regarded as the villain in these parts ever since he left Liverpool for City in a £49m deal in July 2015.

The ill-feeling towards the forward, who has been one of the Premier League's standout players this season, was demonstrated by the raucous jeers that followed every intervention in this game.

There was no lack of effort from Sterling but little went right as he lost his battle with Liverpool left-back Robertson, who was outstanding.

A historic game - what the managers said

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp to BBC Sport: "You can watch it as a manager or as a football fan and I prefer to do that - wow! What a game. Two teams, full throttle.

"This was a historic game you will talk about in 20 years because it looks like City will not lose another one this year.

"People watched this game all over the world and this is why - take your heart, throw it on the pitch and play like this, both teams.

"I was not scared at the end, not that I didn't think we could concede a fourth, I have known my boys long enough now, it was so intense.

"If you combine quality with attitude you see a game like this. I really loved it.

"You will find someone who wants to talk about defending, no clean sheet, but he can blow up my boots."

Manchester City boss Pep Guardiola to Sky Sports: "Congratulations to Liverpool for the victory. The game was in our hands at 1-1 but our finishing was not good and then it went suddenly to 4-1. You have to be stable when you concede a goal and we were not solid enough. You have to live this kind of situation in the season.

"The reality is we lose the game, we have a week to recover and prepare for the Newcastle game. All credit to the opponent, we know how difficult it is against a Jurgen Klopp team, so aggressive, at Anfield too. We did a good performance apart from a few minutes.

"After the second goal they scored two in a few minutes and it is hard to recover from that. In every press conference for the last few months you have said that the Premier League is done and I always said no. It is still to be done. We will defend our position game by game."

Man of the match - Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain (Liverpool)

Klopp extends record over Guardiola - the stats that matter

Guardiola has lost five matches against Klopp, more than against any other manager.

City's run of 22 matches unbeaten from the start of the season can be bettered by only two teams in Premier League history - Arsenal in 2003-04 (38 games) and Manchester United in 2010-11 (24).

City have conceded four goals in their past two away Premier League away matches in January, both of which have been on Merseyside (4-0 v Everton, 4-1 v Liverpool).

Liverpool have scored 85 goals in all competitions this season, just seven shy of the tally they managed in the whole of last season (92).

Sane has had a hand in 16 Premier League goals this season (seven goals and nine assists), exactly double the number he was involved in last season.

Firmino has now had a hand in six goals in six Premier League games against Manchester City (three goals, three assists), scoring and assisting in three of those games.

Salah has scored 24 goals and assisted another seven in 30 appearances for Liverpool in all competitions this season.

This was City's first 4-3 defeat in the Premier League since they lost to Manchester United by that scoreline in September 2009.

What's next?

The visit of Newcastle to Etihad Stadium on Saturday, 20 January (17:30 GMT) is next up for City, while Liverpool have to wait two more days to make the trip to Swansea (20:00 GMT).

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Match ends, Liverpool 4, Manchester City 3.
90'+5' Second Half ends, Liverpool 4, Manchester City 3.
90'+5' Offside, Manchester City. Kevin De Bruyne tries a through ball, but Sergio Agüero is caught offside.
90'+4' Substitution, Liverpool. Ragnar Klavan replaces Sadio Mané.
90'+3' James Milner (Liverpool is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.
90'+3' Sergio Agüero (Manchester City wins a free kick on the right wing.
90'+3' Foul by James Milner (Liverpool).
90'+2' Attempt missed. Sergio Agüero (Manchester City right footed shot from outside the box misses to the right. Assisted by Nicolás Otamendi.
90'+2' Nicolás Otamendi (Manchester City wins a free kick in the defensive half.
90'+2' Foul by Adam Lallana (Liverpool).
90'+1' Goal! Liverpool 4, Manchester City 3. Ilkay Gündogan (Manchester City right footed shot from the centre of the box to the bottom right corner. Assisted by Sergio Agüero with a cross.
88' Substitution, Liverpool. Adam Lallana replaces Mohamed Salah.
87' Offside, Manchester City. Bernardo Silva tries a through ball, but Kevin De Bruyne is caught offside.
87' Corner, Manchester City. Conceded by Andrew Robertson.
85' Hand ball by Fernandinho (Manchester City).
84' Offside, Liverpool. Loris Karius tries a through ball, but Mohamed Salah is caught offside.
84' Goal! Liverpool 4, Manchester City 2. Bernardo Silva (Manchester City left footed shot from the centre of the box to the bottom right corner.
84' Attempt blocked. Ilkay Gündogan (Manchester City right footed shot from the centre of the box is blocked. Assisted by Sergio Agüero.
82' Attempt missed. Georginio Wijnaldum (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is close, but misses to the left. Assisted by Roberto Firmino.
81' Attempt blocked. Ilkay Gündogan (Manchester City right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Bernardo Silva.
79' Substitution, Liverpool. James Milner replaces Emre Can.
77' Corner, Manchester City. Conceded by Andrew Robertson.
75' Nicolás Otamendi (Manchester City wins a free kick in the defensive half.
75' Foul by Andrew Robertson (Liverpool).
72' Fernandinho (Manchester City is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.
72' Foul by Fernandinho (Manchester City).
72' Sadio Mané (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
71' Substitution, Manchester City. Bernardo Silva replaces Raheem Sterling.
71' Raheem Sterling (Manchester City wins a free kick on the right wing.
71' Foul by Andrew Robertson (Liverpool).
69' Raheem Sterling (Manchester City is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.
69' Foul by Raheem Sterling (Manchester City).
69' Georginio Wijnaldum (Liverpool wins a free kick on the left wing.
68' Goal! Liverpool 4, Manchester City 1. Mohamed Salah (Liverpool left footed shot from more than 35 yards to the centre of the goal.
65' Nicolás Otamendi (Manchester City is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.
65' Foul by Nicolás Otamendi (Manchester City).
65' Mohamed Salah (Liverpool wins a free kick on the right wing.
64' Raheem Sterling (Manchester City wins a free kick on the right wing.
64' Foul by Andrew Robertson (Liverpool).
63' Ilkay Gündogan (Manchester City wins a free kick in the defensive half.
63' Foul by Georginio Wijnaldum (Liverpool).
61' Goal! Liverpool 3, Manchester City 1. Sadio Mané (Liverpool left footed shot from the centre of the box to the top left corner. Assisted by Mohamed Salah.
61' Sadio Mané (Liverpool hits the right post with a right footed shot from outside the box.
60' Roberto Firmino (Liverpool is shown the yellow card for excessive celebration.
59' Goal! Liverpool 2, Manchester City 1. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool right footed shot from the left side of the box to the bottom right corner. Assisted by Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain with a through ball following a fast break.
58' Attempt blocked. Sadio Mané (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked.
57' Foul by Sergio Agüero (Manchester City).
57' Joseph Gomez (Liverpool wins a free kick on the right wing.
56' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Ederson.
56' Attempt saved. Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain (Liverpool right footed shot from the left side of the box is saved in the bottom left corner. Assisted by Emre Can.
56' Attempt saved. Mohamed Salah (Liverpool left footed shot from the right side of the box is saved in the top left corner.
55' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Kyle Walker.
51' Nicolás Otamendi (Manchester City hits the bar with a header from the centre of the box. Assisted by Leroy Sané with a cross following a corner.
51' Corner, Manchester City. Conceded by Joel Matip.
51' Attempt blocked. Sergio Agüero (Manchester City right footed shot from the left side of the box is blocked. Assisted by Raheem Sterling.
50' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Kyle Walker.
48' Offside, Liverpool. Andrew Robertson tries a through ball, but Sadio Mané is caught offside.
Second Half begins Liverpool 1, Manchester City 1.
45'+3' First Half ends, Liverpool 1, Manchester City 1.
45'+2' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Fernandinho.
45'+2' Attempt blocked. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Mohamed Salah.
45'+1' Foul by Kevin De Bruyne (Manchester City).
45'+1' Sadio Mané (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.

45' Attempt missed. Fernandinho (Manchester City right footed shot from outside the box misses to the left. Assisted by Ilkay Gündogan.
44' Attempt blocked. Mohamed Salah (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain.
43' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Fernandinho.
40' Goal! Liverpool 1, Manchester City 1. Leroy Sané (Manchester City left footed shot from the left side of the box to the bottom left corner. Assisted by Kyle Walker.
39' Attempt saved. Mohamed Salah (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Georginio Wijnaldum.
38' Attempt blocked. Georginio Wijnaldum (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Joseph Gomez.
36' Fernandinho (Manchester City wins a free kick in the defensive half.
36' Foul by Sadio Mané (Liverpool).
35' Attempt saved. Kevin De Bruyne (Manchester City right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the bottom left corner. Assisted by Sergio Agüero.
33' Kevin De Bruyne (Manchester City wins a free kick in the defensive half.
33' Foul by Sadio Mané (Liverpool).
32' Corner, Manchester City. Conceded by Andrew Robertson.
31' Attempt missed. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool header from the right side of the box misses to the right. Assisted by Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain with a cross.
31' Substitution, Manchester City. Danilo replaces Fabian Delph because of an injury.
26' Delay over. They are ready to continue.
25' Delay in match Fabian Delph (Manchester City because of an injury.
24' Corner, Manchester City. Conceded by Joel Matip.
23' Corner, Manchester City. Conceded by Dejan Lovren.
23' Attempt blocked. Leroy Sané (Manchester City left footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Kyle Walker.
22' Ilkay Gündogan (Manchester City wins a free kick on the left wing.
22' Foul by Joel Matip (Liverpool).
18' Foul by Andrew Robertson (Liverpool).
18' Kyle Walker (Manchester City wins a free kick on the right wing.
15' Attempt missed. Mohamed Salah (Liverpool left footed shot from the right side of the six yard box misses to the right. Assisted by Roberto Firmino.
12' Offside, Manchester City. Kevin De Bruyne tries a through ball, but Raheem Sterling is caught offside.
9' Goal! Liverpool 1, Manchester City 0. Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box to the bottom left corner. Assisted by Roberto Firmino.
8' Mohamed Salah (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
8' Foul by Nicolás Otamendi (Manchester City).
3' Attempt blocked. Mohamed Salah (Liverpool left footed shot from the centre of the box is blocked. Assisted by Sadio Mané.
1' Offside, Liverpool. Loris Karius tries a through ball, but Sadio Mané is caught offside.
First Half begins.
Lineups are announced and players are warming up.