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Adomah miss ends epic shoot-out

Liverpool 2 Rossiter 10, Suso 109

Middlesbrough 2 Reach 62, Bamford 120+3 (pen)

As Liverpool and Middlesbrough traded successful penalties, one conversion following another, a fall guy had to emerge. Unfortunately for Albert Adomah it was him, the sight of his effort from 12 yards sailing into the Kop bringing to an end one of the most incredible shoot-outs in domestic football history. The score was 14-13 in Liverpool's favour, but even those remarkable numbers cannot do justice to the drama that had taken place. The shoot-out was made necessary by a 2-2 draw after extra time, with Middlesbrough, of the Sky Bet Championship, proving a more stubborn obstacle for Liverpool to overcome than the local council planners who had approved their proposals to redevelop Anfield just hours before kick-off. The famous old stadium has witnessed numerous momentous occasions and the denouement of this one was as theatrical as many that had preceded it. Brendan Rodgers, the manager, had admitted beforehand that Liverpool needed a win to recover confidence after a morale-sapping defeat by West Ham United in their previous fixture. His players duly obliged, but only by the narrowest of margins, having once again committed the kind of defensive errors that continue to plague them, none more so than in stoppage time at the end of extra time when Kolo Toure mowed down Patrick Bamford and his victim calmly converted the penalty to ensure a shoot-out.

Coming through that test, albeit only just, meant that Rodgers could afford to have mixed feelings -- that was the best he could hope for after Liverpool had toyed with his emotions and tested his patience throughout -- with his relief at the most hard-earned of victories being tinged with regret at the multitude of mistakes that continue to perplex him. "It's good to win, no matter how you win," the Liverpool manager said. "It is good for our camaraderie and team spirit because we have a massive game at the weekend [against Everton], but we are making too many mistakes." By the time of Adomah's miss, the events that had taken place in regulation time seemed so distant as to have taken place in another game entirely. Initially, the narrative appeared to have been provided by Jordan Rossiter, a prodigiously talented youngster who has been compared to Steven Gerrard by Robbie Fowler. He opened the scoring with his first shot for Liverpool just ten minutes into his debut. "I am delighted for him, it was a wonderful finish and he showed great composure," Rodgers said. Middlesbrough -- and in particular Jamal Blackman, their goalkeeper making his debut -- will not recall the moment with anything like the fondness that Rossiter, who is now the second youngest goalscorer in Liverpool's history, will. Having been involved in a mix-up with Kenneth Omeruo that led to Rickie Lambert having a shot blocked, Blackman then made a hash of his attempt to trap Rossiter's low effort from 25 yards and looked on helplessly as the ball found its target. Like all of Liverpool's recent opponents, Middlesbrough looked to profit from set-pieces and almost did so on three separate occasions during the first half, Danny Ayala, a former Liverpool player, Kike and Lee Tomlin all going close to taking advantage. Recognising the precarious nature of their lead, Liverpool responded by pushing players forward in search of a second goal but, aside from the now customary industry of Raheem Sterling, they failed to create anything of note in the final third before the visiting team equalised. Predictably, the goal came from a set-piece as Liverpool's ongoing failure to deal with crosses again led to concession. Grant Leadbitter's free kick delivery was sufficiently dangerous to cause discomfort, but Jose Enrique's failure to track Adam Reach's run turned it into a clear goalscoring opportunity, which the winger accepted with a header beyond Simon Mignolet. The Liverpool goalkeeper then had to make a sprawling save to deny Adam Clayton and the midfield player went close to a dramatic winner in the 85th minute when he shot against a post after latching on to Tomlin's pass. Liverpool had a late claim for a penalty when Ayala appeared to handle Sterling's cross but Mike Jones, the referee, remained unmoved.

The ensuing additional 30 minutes were uneventful until Blackman saved well from Enrique and Sterling. He could do nothing to prevent Suso's goal, a low strike from 16 yards, though, after Enrique's low cross had caused chaos. That seemed likely to settle the tie in Liverpool's favour, only for Bamford to equalise from the spot in stoppage time after Toure's ridiculously rash challenge on the same player. Adomah's miss ensured that Liverpool came through their ordeal, but Middlesbrough had the greatest cause for pride, having taken last season's Premier League runners-up to the brink. "I'm very proud," Aitor Karanka, their manager, said. "It's the kind of game in which you have to be proud of your players and club; about everything." It was also one of those occasions that will live long in the memory for all who were present.

Liverpool (4-2-3-1): S Mignolet -- J Manquillo, K Toure, M Sakho, J Enrique -- Lucas Leiva, J Rossiter (sub: J Williams, 79min) -- R Sterling, A Lallana, L Markovic (sub: Suso, 98) -- R Lambert (sub: M Balotelli, 74). Substitutes not used: B Jones, A Moreno, F Borini, M Skrtel. Booked: Sakho.

Middlesbrough (4-4-2): J Blackman -- R Fredericks, D Ayala, K Omeruo, G Friend -- A Adomah, G Leadbitter (sub: P Bamford, 112), A Clayton, A Reach -- L Tomlin (sub: J Vossen, 112), Kike (sub: Y Wildschut, 76).

Substitutes not used: D Konstantopoulos, B Gibson, J Husband, E Nsue. Booked: Omeruo, Reach. Referee: M Jones.

the guardian

Spot of history saves laboured Liverpool

When it was all over, 27 of 30 penalties had been converted, Middlesbrough were on their knees in despair and Liverpool were too shattered to indulge fully in celebration. One of the most remarkable shoot-outs in English history brought relief for Brendan Rodgers' team as they edged into the fourth round courtesy of an exhausting finale at Anfield and one final miss from the unfortunate Albert Adomah. The Middlesbrough winger sliced the 30th and final spot-kick into the Kop to settle a seemingly never-ending tie at 10.42pm. Both teams had gone through the card in the shoot-out, goalkeepers included, with Patrick Bamford, whose penalty in extra-time stoppage time carried the Championship club so far, and Raheem Sterling having efforts saved before Adomah's miss.

It was the longest penalty shoot-out in the history of the League Cup, the previous record set at 9-8 on three occasions, and more extensive than the FA Cup's highest total when Macclesfield beat Forest Green 11-10 in 2001. Of major English competitions only the Football League Trophy can equal it, also boasting a 14-13 shoot-out. Rodgers could afford a wry smile afterwards, even though Liverpool's defending and lack of creativity were evident again, and this time against Championship opposition. It was simply cruel for the Boro manager, Aitor Karanka, having seen his side twice come from behind and pose a persistent threat all night. "I don't have words to explain my feelings now," said the former Real Madrid assistant manager. "I've never experienced anything like that before. We have played a Champions League team at Anfield and we've met them face to face. Everything was brilliant except the last penalty."

In normal circumstances this would have been the night Jordan Rossiter claimed the headlines, having marked his Liverpool debut with the opening goal from 30 yards. But with Liverpool unable to defend set pieces, enabling Adam Reach to head in a deserved Middlesbrough equaliser, Kolo Toure conceding a ridiculous penalty in the 122nd minute and both sides showing rare composure during the shoot-out, normality took its leave at Anfield.

"It's good to win no matter how you win," said the Liverpool manager. "We played OK, we didn't create much to be honest but we showed good perseverance. We made too many mistakes, as it has been for us at the moment, and we got punished." Rossiter, a 17-year-old born not far from Anfield, has caught the eye in Liverpool's youth teams in recent years and prompted inevitable comparisons with a young Steven Gerrard given his position, background and severe teenage haircut. It is premature of course, even though Robbie Fowler has also announced the midfielder has the potential to follow the Liverpool captain's career path, but a long-range goal on debut is not a bad way to start.

Lucas Leiva's through-ball should have been routine for the on-loan Chelsea pairing of Kenneth Omeruo and the goalkeeper Jamal Blackman as it rolled into the Middlesbrough area. Blackman, making his Boro debut, came but failed to collect, spilling the ball to Rickie Lambert but blocking the Liverpool striker's first-time shot. The rebound fell to Rossiter who drove low from distance under the goalkeeper's poor attempt at an interception and into the centre of an unguarded goal. The goalscoring debutant's reaction was one to behold: a combination of astonishment, bewilderment and delirium producing a celebratory routine that had clearly not been rehearsed. Boro threatened on the counter-attack and from set pieces all game. There may have been greater energy and purpose to the Liverpool performance in the second half but, as has been the case for most of the season, it came almost entirely from Sterling, whose 122-minute outing was not ideal preparation for Saturday's Merseyside derby.

Lazar Markovic was anonymous on his second start for the club, Adam Lallana's work-rate could not be faulted but the pounds 25m summer recruit was unable to find an end product while his former Southampton team-mate Lambert endured a difficult first start of the season. The boyhood Liverpool supporter was also handed the captain's armband for the night, despite having appeared only as a substitute previously. Middlesbrough levelled from an inevitable source when Mamadou Sakho was penalised for handball and Grant Leadbitter's free-kick was glanced in by Reach. Adam Clayton had a chance to knock Liverpool out in the 85th minute but his close-range shot, after he was released by Lee Tomlin's clever reverse pass, struck the outside of a post. Then Suso appeared to have decided the outcome when he fired through a crowded area in extra time. Bamford's penalty, after Sterling had surrendered possession and Toure sent the on-loan Chelsea player sprawling, confirmed otherwise. It was merely a dress rehearsal for the madness to come.

Liverpool 4-2-3-1

Mignolet; Manquillo, Toure, Sakho -, Enrique; Rossiter (Williams 79), Lucas; Markovic (Suso, 98), Sterling, Lallana; Lambert (Balotelli 74).

Subs not used

Jones, Moreno, Borini, Skrtel.

Referee M Jones.

Middlesbrough 4-4-2

Blackman; Fredericks, Ayala, Omeruo -, Friend; Adomah, Clayton, Leadbitter (Bamford, 112), Reach -; Tomlin (Vossen, 112), Kike (Wildschut, 76).

Subs not used

Konstantopoulos, Gibson, Husband, Nsue.

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it's spot luck for 'pool; Liverpool survive crazy shootout after battling Boro go the distance

LIVERPOOL reached the last 16 of the Capital One Cup after one of the most extraordinary nights in this competition's history, beating Middlesbrough 14-13 on penalties. Shootouts are part of Liverpool's heritage they have won two European Cups and an FA Cup from 12 yards but this was quite remarkable, as 30 penalties were taken after the match finished 2-2 at the end of extra time.

Albert Adomah was the unlucky man for Middlesbrough, blazing his second effort wide after Suso had put Liverpool in the driving seat, but Brendan Rodgers' reaction - he barely moved when the game had been decided - told everything. Fortune favoured on his side, as they had been laboured and lethargic throughout. Suso looked to have won it for Liverpool in the 109th minute when he smashed a drive in from 15 yards following a goalmouth scramble but their Liverpool's inability to defend cost them dearly.

A shocking back pass from Raheem Sterling allowed Middlesbrough to launch one last attack and Daniel Ayala sent Patrick Bamford clear but his run was crudely halted by Kolo Toure. Bamford coolly stepped up to convert the spot-kick to send the contest to the lottery of the shootout. The drama continued for another 10 minutes, as penalties were successfully swapped until Adomah fired wide.

In Jordan Rossiter's dreams, his debut could not have started any better: 10 minutes in, Anfield packed to the rafters, the ball landing at his feet 35 yards out goal!

There is a buzz of expectation around this 17-year-old on Merseyside and, in the opening moments of his first Liverpool start, he showed why. Rossiter calmly buried a shot from long range to put the home side 1-0 ahead.

In the eighth minute Boro had the first meaningful attempt at goal when former Liverpool defender Daniel Ayala thumped a header straight at Simon Mignolet from Grant Leadbitter's corner.

In the next attack, though, came the moment that will live with Rossiter for the rest of his life. When Lucas lofted a ball forward, Rickie Lambert captain for the night on his first Liverpool start charged after it.

His shot was blocked by the advancing Jamal Blackman but the danger had not been cleared and Rossiter, showing remarkable poise for one so young, firmly and accurately returned his shot from 35 yards.

The ball skidded past Blackman, who made a comical attempt to try and salvage the situation on what was also his debut, and rolled into the unguarded net. For a moment, Rossiter standing out from the majority of players by wearing a simple pair of black boots could not quite believe what had happened.

Then he took off, jumping with delight and racing over to celebrate by Rodgers, who was clapping his hands in joyous approval.

There has long been talk that Rossiter has the potential to become a fixture in Liverpool's first team Robbie Fowler felt compelled to compare him on Twitter to Steven Gerrard in January 2013 and perhaps, in years to come, this clip will be shown over and over again. Time will tell whether that is the case but what Rossiter's strike did allow was for Liverpool to settle down and begin finding their stride. They pushed Middlesbrough back deeper and deeper as Raheem Sterling, Lazar Markovic and Adam Lallana began to get on the ball.

They could not, however, kill Middlesbrough off and failed to force a meaningful save from Blackman in the rest of the first half.

Lee Tomlin had Boro's best chance, thrashing a drive from 25 yards straight at Mignolet, but they could not get the clear sight at goal that would have caused the jitters to spread around Anfield. Yet the thing about this Liverpool team is that they will always, always give opponents a chance and the longer the game went on, the more Middlesbrough sensed they would get the chance to make their hosts suffer. Liverpool could not impose any authority on the contest the best they could do was one break from Sterling that ended when Lambert failed to find him. Middlesbrough's confidence grew. In the 62nd minute, they deservedly hauled themselves level and it came through a goal that left Rodgers standing in his technical area, arms outstretched, looking at his defenders in utter disbelief.

Mamadou Sakho may be regarded as one of France's best defenders but when he needlessly handled on the edge of the area, Leadbitter delivered a perfect free kick. With no Liverpool defender wanting to throw himself in the way and Mignolet refusing to come off his line, Adam Reach got in front of Jose Enrique and guided his header in.

Rodgers beckoned Mario Balotelli from the bench but the enigmatic Italian could not lift Liverpool or prevent penalties.

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(4-2-3-1) TEAM AVERAGE 6.05 Mignolet 6 Manquillo 6 Toure 6.5 Sakho 5 Enrique 6 Rossiter ? Williams 79 Lucas 6 Sterling 7 Lallana 6 Markovic ? Suso 98 Lambert ? Balotelli 74 6 Anfield Attendance: 41,857 2 Rossiter 10 Suso 109

2 LIVERPOOLMIDDLESBRO Reach 62 Bamford 123 (pen)0 Subs not used Jones, Moreno, Borini, Skrtel Manager Brendan Rodgers 6 Booked Sakho Man of the match Grant Leadbitter (4-4-2) TEAM AVERAGE 7.18 Blackman 6 Fredericks 7 Ayala 7 Omeruo 6.5 Friend 7 Adomah 7 Clayton 7.5 Leadbitter 8.5 ? Bamford 112 Reach 7.5 Tomlin ? Vossen 112 Kike ? Williams 79 Subs not used Konstantopoulos, Gibson, Husband, Nsue Manager Aitor Karanka 7 Booked Omeruo, Reach Referee Mike Jones 7 (after extra time; Liverpool win 14-13 on pens)

The Daily Telegraph

Liverpool 1 Rossiter 10
 Middlesbrough 1 Reach 62

Score AET. Liverpool win 14-;13 on pens Att: 41,857

One of the most astonishing shoot-outs in English history was finally settled when Albert Adomah, the Middlesbrough winger, missed the 30th kick, giving Liverpool a 14-;13 victory. The level of penalty-taking was phenomenal, and Mario Balotelli could give lessons in composure and technique from 12 yards. He was not the only one. Even the goalkeepers netted theirs.

It was a shoot-out that will surely find a place in the history books. According to the Guinness Book of Records, the 2005 Namibian Cup final had a shoot-out of 48 penalty kicks with KK Palace beating Civics 17-;16. There were 32 kicks when England's Under-;21s lost 13-;12 to their Dutch counterparts at the 2007 Euros in Heerenveen. This was certainly the highest in League Cup history, breaking the 9-;8 mark set by Arsenal against Rotherham in 2004 and Manchester City against Stoke City in 1982 and Aston Villa against Colchester, also in 1982. It eclipsing Macclesfield's 11-;10 defeat of Forest Green in the FA Cup in 2001 although the Football League Trophy boasts a grander scoreline, 14-;13 as Dagenham & Redbridge outlasted Leyton Orient in 2011. For all their frustration at going out, Middlesbrough should remember it with pride. Their players showed real character, walking towards a baying Kop, taking their penalties. Liverpool fans will love reflecting on the shootout, especially the memory of Balotelli's two finishes.

After two hours of football it had deservedly ended level, Balotelli took the first penalty, stuttering in his runup John Aldridge style, before placing the ball low past Jamal Blackman. Patrick Bamford, whose late penalty in extra time had set up the shoot-out, stepped up next but could not repeat his earlier feat and this time Simon Mignolet saved. Lucas then calmly walked forward and stroked his penalty in, heaping the pressure on Adam Clayton. The Kop jeered but Clayton stayed composed, placing his kick to Mignolet's left. Adam Lallana made no mistake with his kick, bringing Adam Reach to the spot. The midfielder ignored all the noise and swept his kick past Mignolet. Suso struck his kick firmly into the net, bringing Adomah on to the scene. Effortlessly, Adomah drove the ball into the net, such a contrast to his later effort. Raheem Sterling now walked forward confidently, but Blackman guessed right in every sense and saved well. As Middlesbrough's bench celebrated, Jelle Vossen brought the scores level. On it went, young Jordan Williams firing his kick home. As the Kop continued to boo, George Friend stayed calm and rolled his penalty low past Mignolet.

This brought Kolo Toure up and a few Liverpool supporters looked nervous but the defender's finish was emphatic, thumped into the net as the Kop leapt for joy. On it went, Daniel Ayala showing his poise with an unstoppable finish. Mamadou Sakho had not enjoyed the best of games but his penalty was expert, low to Blackman's left. Ryan Fredericks made it 7-;7 with another brilliant finish. It was turning into a day-nighter, into a rugby score. What time did Saturday's Merseyside derby kick-off? And on it went. Javier Manquillo, the Liverpool right-back, put the hosts clear. Kenneth Omeruo brought Boro back into it with his nerveless spot-kick. It was proving one of this most compelling shoot-outs with Jose Enrique giving the lead back to Liverpool. No matter. Yanic Wildschut almost broke the Kop net. It then became slightly surreal with Mignolet netting his kick past Blackman, who then did the same in return. And so it went round again. Up came Balotelli once more. Again he showed amazing technique, slowing down and then sweeping the ball in to make it 11-;10. The pressure was really on young Bamford, but how well he responded, scoring. It was stunning. Lucas knocked his penalty low and hard and in. Now it was Clayton's turn again. He scored again. So did Lallana. Reach juggled the ball to the spot, and then curled the ball in to make it 13-;13. Now the heat was on Suso. No sweat. He thundered his kick in. Finally, it ended. Poor Adomah, driving his kick into the Kop.

He was immediately consoled by his team-mates. It felt wretched luck on Middlesbrough, who had never given up, even when twice falling behind. Their 2,800 fans never stopped singing. Their midfielders like Leadbitter, Reach and Clayton were immense. Middlesbrough fell behind when Jordan Rossiter marked his debut with a goal after only 10 minutes. They particularly love a local player at Liverpool. "Jordan could walk to Anfield from where he grew up," said Brendan Rodgers. "He showed wonderful composure."

Rossiter's performance against Middlesbrough will not have surprised many within the club. His promise has long been noted. As Rossiter came off the bench in an Under-;19s match against Inter Milan in 2013, Robbie Fowler tweeted of the 15-year-old: "A young lad just about to come on for a few mins for Liverpool in nextgen... Jordan Rossiter, big shout but potentially a young Stevie G."

Comparisons with Gerrard can wait. Rossiter has plenty to learn, but the Merseyside is developing well, justifying Rodgers' faith. He showed calmness and vision to give Liverpool the lead after only 10 minutes. When Blackman, rushed out to deny Rickie Lambert, the ball bounced loose to Rossiter. From fully 30 yards, the mid-fielder coolly stroked the ball back through Blackman's legs and into the net. Liverpool's No 46 had beaten Middlesbrough's No 46. Glee flowed from the Liverpool terraces, their joy at their goal heightened by the identity of the scorer. Approval certainly came from Jamie Carragher, comparing his reaction to that when Jerzy Dudek kept out Andrei Shevchenko's spotkick as Liverpool won the Champions League in Istanbul in 2005. "Not celebrated as passionately since Dudek saved that pen!" tweeted Carragher.

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Rossiter is only 17. The Spice Girls were at No 1 with Mama/Who do you think you are when Rossiter emerged into the world. His emergence onto the Liverpool stage was certainly one for him to remember. It had begun in the rain but Rossiter enjoyed the rising damp, quickly setting to work disrupting Middlesbrough's midfield. Yet Boro refused to go quietly. When Sakho handled after 63 minutes, Leadbitter curled in the free-kick, Reach nipped in ahead of Enrique to flick the ball home. Clayton hit an upright, extra time began and Suso pounced from 15 yards in the second period, following good approach work from Enrique and Lallana. But Toure then fouled Bamford, who converted, setting up even more dead-ball drama.

Liverpool Mignolet, Manquillo, Toure, Sakho, Jose Enrique, Rossiter (Williams 79), Lucas, Markovic (Suso 98), Sterling, Lallana, Lambert (Balotelli 74). Subs Jones, Moreno, Borini, Skrtel.

Middlesbrough Blackman, Fredericks, Ayala, Omeruo, Friend, Adomah, Clayton, Leadbitter (Bamford 112), Reach, Tomlin (Vossen 112), Garcia (Wildschut 76). Subs Gibson, Konstantopoulos, Husband, Nsue.

Referee M Jones (Chester).

Tale of the spot-kicks Liverpool Balotelli Lucas Lallana Suso Sterling Williams Toure Sakho Manquillo Enrique Mignolet Balotelli Lucas S Lallana Suso Middlesbrough i Bamford Clayton Reach Adomah Vossen Friend Ayala Fredericks Omeruo Wildschut Blackman Bamford Clayton Reach Adomah



Agony for Adomah as Liverpool win amazing penalty shoot-out 14-13

Liverpool won an incredible, historic penalty shoot-out here last night to progress to the last 16 of the Capital One Cup, beating Middlesbrough 14-13 in a finale that saw both goalkeepers score before Albert Adomah's missed kick finally settled the tie. The shoot-out had gone round to the second set before the Ghanaian put his kick wide after the teams had scored 20 successive penalties.

Liverpool had been going through to the next round following Suso's goal in extra time before Kolo Tour[c] stupidly brought down Patrick Bamford to concede a penalty. Bamford converted to take the game to spot-kicks.

The 17-year-old Jordan Rossiter had scored on his debut to give Liverpool the lead in the first half against a Middlesbrough team that looks the best footballing side in the north-east (not, admittedly, a hotly-contested title).

In 1997, the year of Rossiter's birth, Middlesbrough had knocked Liverpool out of the League Cup on their way to the final and there were several moments when it looked as if history would repeat. Frankly, Liverpool, whose inability to defend a dead ball is now becoming a matter for serious concern, were lucky to take the tie into extra time as first Adam Clayton forced a full-length save from Simon Mignolet and then pounded a shot against the crossbar. The introduction of Mario Balotelli was greeted with a fervour laced with anxiety and there were to be many more bitten fingernails before the thrilling climax for the spot.

For a generation after he stopped stalking the dreams of English bowlers, journalists would wreck the career of successive Australian batsmen by describing them as "the next Don Bradman". So perhaps Robbie Fowler's description of Rossiter as "the next Steven Gerrard" ought not to be taken at face value.

Nevertheless, one thing is certain. Rossiter enjoyed the better debut. Gerrard remembered his first game at Anfield, a year after Rossiter was born, as one in which he felt utterly anonymous in front of The Kop. This was different.

It was the kind of debut that you would lie in your bedroom dreaming about. Announced on the back page of last night's Liverpool Echo, within 10 minutes of kick-off, he was on the score sheet. His breakthrough came via a long up-field punt from Lucas Leiva that Kenneth Omeruo tried to shepherd back to his goalkeeper, Jamal Blackman. Since they are both on loan from Chelsea, they ought to have a better understanding. Raheem Sterling got between them and the ball rebounded back towards Rickie Lambert. Blackman blocked his shot but it rolled out towards Rossiter who had the calmness to pick his spot from almost 30 yards. Boro had not won at Anfield since 1976, when their side included a young Graeme Souness, but they did not come here overawed. On Teesside, Aitor Karanka is constructing the most interesting side Boro have had since their relegation from the Premier League.

Given the fragility Liverpool's back four had displayed in successive matches against Aston Villa and West Ham, they were entitled to fancy their chances and they duly came. First Kike volleyed Grant Leadbitter's corner just over the bar and then, from another, Lee Tomlin's shot was beaten away by Simon Mignolet.

Boro resumed confidently after the interval. Rodgers' back four continued to give their manager anxiety. From a free kick awarded when Mamadou Sakho handled outside the area, Adam Reach slipped ahead of Jose Enrique to meet the ball and they were level. It counted as a shock but few in the stadium were entirely surprised. The duration of the shoot-out, however, was a real eye-opener.

REDS GIVEN APPROVAL FOR ANFIELD EXPANSION

Liverpool have been granted planning permission for phase one of the [pounds sterling]100m expansion of their Anfield stadium, Liverpool City Council announced yesterday.

In phase one the Main Stand will be expanded with a further 8,500 seats, taking the capacity of the stadium to 54,000. Liverpool hope to complete the first phase in time for the 2016-17 season, while there is no timescale on the second stage of the project, which will increase capacity of the Anfield Road end by 4,800 seats.



14-13 LIVERPOOL WIN EPIC SHOOT-OUT

LIVERPOOL somehow survived a Capital One Cup scare as they limped to a marathon penalty shootout victory.

But they were left mightily relieved after being given the shock of their lives when battling Boro took the tie to spot kicks by scoring with the last kick of extra time.

After an epic shoot-out, the home side eventually triumphed 14-13 when Albert Adomah fired wide.

They were taken to spot kicks when Patrick Bamford, on loan from Chelsea, converted from the spot in the 120th minute after he was brought down by a rash Kolo Toure tackle.

In the end, the experience of the Reds saw them through, but questions will now have to be asked about the struggles of last season's Premier League runners-up, given they look a pale shadow of the side that so nearly became champions.

Just like Liverpool's rising teenage star Jordan Rossiter, Boro winger Adam Reach has risen through the ranks as a home-grown talent at the Riverside but not for him the pampered development of a Premier League youngster.

After emerging as a 18 year old and scoring on his debut, the England under-20 star has had to emerge the hard way, with loan spells at places like Darlington and Shrewsbury.

But his determination paid off with a recall by boss Aitor Karanka following a spell at Bradford last season.

He has been a regular for the Championship side this time out and done so well on his return that scouts from Hull, Stoke, Leicester, Burnley, West Ham and QPR have all been watching him - and no wonder.

His goal that sent this tense tie into extra time showed he has a big-match temperament after Rossiter had put Liverpool ahead in the first half.

Just after the hour, Mamadou Sakho made what seems his customary mistake to give away a free kick for handball and when Grant Leadbitter swung over the free kick, Reach was there to head home after losing his dozing markers.

It might have been even better for Boro 15 minutes from normal time, as Simon Mignolet had to make a brilliant save from Adam Clayton's fierce 30-year-old drive as Liverpool nerves became frayed.

Rossiter has long been considered a Liverpool prospect, a fact acknowledged by Brendan Rodgers when he named the then 16-year-old on the bench for a visit to Chelsea 10 months ago.

And while the midfielder did not get on the pitch, he was marked out as a potential longterm replacement for Steven Gerrard.

He may have some distance to go before he achieves that, but last night he made the first steps on that journey, which he marked with a goal.

As strikes go, there was a real sense of romance about it, coming as it did after 10 minutes before the 17 year old had been given time to breathe in his new status as a first-teamer.

Rossiter made a debut for the Reds' under-18s on his 15th birthday.

He was skipper of the under-19s last season and became a regular for the under-21s, his passing ability again offering a hint of his long-term prospects.

The calm authority required was on display as he wrote a fairy tale start to his Anfield career, with a goal that required great composure.

As Raheem Sterling - who raised eyebrows with his selection when his manager rested him barely a week ago in a more important league game - chased down a Lucas ball, a mistake from Boro defender Kenneth Omeruo allowed Ricky Lambert to shoot.

His shot was saved by Jamal Blackman, but as the ball squirmed to Rossiter lurking 35 yards from goal, he had the coolness to find a path through prone defenders and roll the ball into the net.

LIVERPOOL: Mignolet 6, Manquillo 6, Toure 6, Sakho 5, Enrique 5, Rossiter 7 (Williams 79), Lucas 6, Markovic 5 (Suso 98), Lallana 7, Sterling 6, Lambert 6 (Balotelli 74, 6).

MIDDLESBROUGH: Blackman 6, Fredericks 6, Ayala 7, Omeruo 6, Friend 7, Adomah 6, Clayton 7, Leadbitter 8 (Bamford 112),

MOTM Reach 8, Tomlin 6 (Vossen 112), Kike 6 (Wildschut 76). REF: M Jones ATT: 41,857

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Even for a club renowned for heart-stopping drama in cup ties, this was new territory. Liverpool FC advanced to the fourth round of the Capital One Cup but only after the most extraordinary penalty shootout in the club's 122-year history. No fewer than 30 spot-kicks were required before Brendan Rodgers' players raced to embrace Simon Mignolet and relief engulfed Anfield with Middlesbrough defeated. The Reds' ambitious plans off the field to redevelop their historic stadium may have been given unanimous approval by the city council, but securing progress on the field is proving more problematic.

Teenage debutant Jordan Rossiter fired them in front early on but the Championship outfit hit back and deservedly equalised through Adam Reach. Liverpool substitute Suso appeared to have settled the tie in the second period of extra time but this team's habit of causing problems for themselves reared its ugly head once again. In the dying seconds Raheem Sterling's slack backpass led to Kolo Toure upending Patrick Bamford, who slammed the resulting penalty past Mignolet. Liverpool also drew first blood in the shootout as Mario Balotelli scored and Bamford was denied. Lucas Leiva, Adam Clayton, Adam Lallana, Adam Reach, Suso, Albert Adomah all converted, giving Sterling the opportunity to win it but his effort was weak. Substitute Jelle Vossen sent it to sudden death and both sides refused to caved in. Debutant Jordan Williams, George Friend, Kolo Toure, Daniel Ayala, Mamadou Sakho, Ryan Fredericks, Javier Manquillo, Kenneth Omeruo, Jose Enrique and Yanic Wildschut all netted, leaving the keepers to do battle at 9-9. Mignolet and Jamal Blackman beat each other and it was back to the start again. Balotelli, Bamford, Lucas, Clayton, Lallana, Reach and Suso scored but Boro finally blinked with Adomah blazing wide.

It was an epic ending to a night when Liverpool flirted with what would have been a disastrous setback. Rodgers made seven changes following the weekend setback at Upton Park with Mignolet, Manquillo, Lucas and Sterling the only players retained. Steven Gerrard and Dejan Lovren were among those given the night off ahead of Saturday's Merseyside derby but there were sufficient quality on show to avoid such a struggle. There was an early scare when former Reds defender Ayala rose to meet Grant Leadbitter's corner but Mignolet kept it out. Liverpool soon settled with Sterling leading the charge from a central role behind Rickie Lambert in Rodgers' 4-2-3-1 formation. It was the presence of the teenager which helped spark the panic that led to Rossiter's opener inside 10 minutes. As Sterling pursued Lucas' through ball, Blackman and Omeruo – both on loan from Chelsea – made a mess of clearing their lines. Lambert pounced but his strike was blocked by Blackman. The rebound dropped to Rossiter 30 yards out and he drilled it hard and low past the debutant shot-stopper and into the net.

Anfield erupted as the 17-year-old from Everton Valley set off on a celebratory dash towards the Main Stand, the youngster leaping into the air with joy etched across his face. It was the sixth fastest goal by a Liverpool player making his debut post-War – beating the likes of Luis Suarez and Fernando Torres.

Rossiter continued to impress as he snapped into tackles and used the ball intelligently. The fact he felt so at ease at this level was underlined by the sight of him barking orders to Toure, a two-time Premier League title winner who was playing top-flight football in England when Rossiter was five years old. Liverpool dominated possession with Enrique and Lallana linking up well down the left, but they failed to turn it into clear cut chances. The longer the first half went on the more Boro's grew in stature. Kike saw his volley deflected over the bar off Lambert and then the Spanish striker was thwarted when Mignolet reacted smartly to save bravely at his feet. Rodgers' decision to play the Belgian, rather than hand an opportunity to deputy Brad Jones, was surely based on a desire to help restore some confidence after the struggles of recent weeks. Mignolet was called into action again eight minutes before the interval when he beat away Lee Tomlin's fierce strike. Rather than nipping the Boro revival in the bud, Liverpool allowed it to blossom with a sloppy start to the second half.

Just 11 seconds had elapsed when Tomlin was allowed to charge forward unchallenged from halfway and flash a 25-yarder narrowly wide. The warning wasn't heeded and the equaliser arrived in the 62nd minute in painfully familiar circumstances. Sakho was booked for handling Adomah's cross and yet again a set-piece proved Liverpool's undoing. Leadbitter whipped it into the six-yard box and Reach got ahead of Enrique to nod home from close range.

Liverpool struggled to muster a response and the Kop roared its appreciation when Rodgers summoned Mario Balotelli from the bench.

The Italian replaced Lambert, who passed the armband to Kolo Toure having endured a frustrating night on his first start. Worryingly, Middlesbrough looked the more likely to find a winner in normal time. Mignolet clawed away Adam Clayton's shot and Toure slid in to prevent Tomlin from converting the rebound. Rodgers handed out a second Reds debut late on as 18-year-old Wales youth international Williams came on for Rossiter. Boro were inches away from glory when Clayton hammered against the angle of post and bar, while at the other end Ayala somehow got away with handling Sterling's cross. It was a similar story in extra-time with Liverpool creating their own problems by giving away a string of needless free-kicks. When they did work the ball into decent areas Lazar Markovic's infuriating reluctance to shoot meant Blackman went untested. It was no surprise when the Serbian made way for Suso.

In the second period both Enrique and Sterling forced sprawling saves from Blackman before the Reds went in front in the 109th minute. Enrique exchanged passes with Lallana and his cross sparked chaos in the box. The loose ball fell to Suso, who clinically tucked away his first goal for the club. Liverpool were seconds away from victory when they pressed the self-destruct button. Sterling's backpass was pounced on by Ayala, who sent Bamford racing clear. Toure brought him down and the substitute picked himself up to score from the spot. Somehow the night enjoyed a happy ending. Liverpool (4-2-3-1): Mignolet, Manquillo, Toure, Sakho, Enrique, Lucas, Rossiter (Williams 79), Markovic (Suso 98), Sterling, Lallana, Lambert (Balotelli 74). Not used: Jones, Moreno, Borini, Skrtel. Middlesbrough (4-4-2): Blackman, Fredericks, Ayala, Omeruo, Friend, Adomah, Leadbitter (Bamford 112), Clayton, Reach, Tomlin (Vossen 112), Kike (Wildschut 76). Not used: Konstantopoulos, Gibson, Husband, Nsue. Referee: Mike Jones Attendance: 41,857 Goals: Rossiter 10, Reach 62, Suso 109, Bamford 120. Bookings: Omeruo, Sakho, Reach. Man of the match: Jordan Rossiter. The teenager could hold his head high after shining on his debut.

GAZETTE LIVE

Battling Boro went out of the Capital One Cup at Liverpool in a sensational spot-shoot out as Albert Adomah missed the 30th penalty kick in a nerve-shredding finish. Boro twice clawed from behind to draw 2-2 after extra-time in a pulsating clash with the Champions League big boys only to go out 14-13 in the shoot-out. Jordan Rossiter put Liverpool ahead in the first half and Adam Reach squared it after the break and Boro held on for extra-time.

Liverpool looked to be going through as Suso slammed home through a crowd on 108 minutes then deep into added time Patrick Bamford won then scored a penalty. Then the game was decided in a lengthy, nervous and barely believable penalty shoot-out that finished 14-13, Adomah missing the 31 penalty of the game. Boro gave on-loan Chelsea keeper Jamal Blackman his debut in a team with six changes from the one that romped to a 4-0 home win over Brentford on Saturday. Daniel Ayala was back from a ban to start against his old side in place of Ben Gibson while Adam Clayton, Lee Tomlin, Adam Reach and Kike all returned in place of suspended Dean Whitehead, Jelle Vossen, Emilio Nsue and Patrick Bamford. Liverpool won a corner after 30 seconds but it was easily cleared and when it was cleared Kike and Grant Leadbitter combined to send Adam Reach streaking down the left but his cross was scrambled away.

Then a good run by Tomlin won a free-kick 25 yards outside the box but Leadbitter's out-swinger was nodded clear. Boro then won three throws on the left and when George Friend's third was flicked on by Tomlin, Kike hooked a shot wide of the near post. Sterling made a surge down the left for Liverpool on five minutes but was easily brushed aside then the home side won a corner by the ref blew for a foul as it sailed in. Good work by Kike won a corner on eight minutes and when Leadbitter delivered into a crowd Ayala powered in a 10 yard header that was comfortably saved. Then Liverpool plundered the opener against the run of play after a defensive misunderstanding on 10 minutes.

A long ball forward skidded into the box and there was a mix-up between Blackman and Kenneth Omeruo as they both rushed in to clear.

The loose ball fell to Lambert and although the keeper did well to dive in and block the first shot with his feet the rebound fell for teenage debutant **JORDAN ROSSITER** to drill a low shot from 22 yards out that squeezed under the studs of Blackman's outstretched boot and flew in. Boro then had a rocky spell and had to soak up a lot of pressure and were in danger on 15 minutes after Lallana burst past Ryan Fredericks to get into the box but alert Ayala was quick to cover and tackle. Then on 18 minutes Sterling sprinted in from the right to get into the box but Omeruo tracked back and put in a perfectly timed tackle to steal it as the England man shaped to shoot. And Liverpool threatened again on 27 minutes as after a patient passing build-up, Lallana picked up a back 25 yards out, did a quick spin then drilled a low shot a yard wide. Boro almost broke out on 27 minutes when a well spotted long pass by Clayton sent Adomah racing with Enrique into the box but the Liverpool man won by a whisker and played it safely back to keeper Mignolet. Boro went close on the half-hour as good work by Kike won a corner on the left and when Leadbitter sailed in an out-swinger if fell for the Spanish striker but his 12 yard side-foot volley was deflected over off Lambert for another flag-kick that was scrambled clear. Boro threatened again on 36 minutes as Tomlin twisted and turned his man twice then slotted a ball into the box that sent the keeper diving in to fumble away at Adomah's feet and when Kike chipped the loose ball in it was scrambled away for a corner.

Then when the corner was only cleared as far as Tomlin he drilled in a 25 yard low effort that sent the keeper diving to parry but a defender beat Adomah to the loose ball. Then when another corner came in the whistle went as Reach fouled keeper Mignolet as he tried to head. On 42 minutes Liverpool won a free-kick wide on the right and when Lallana whipped it in it bounced dangerously through the box before Omeruo hooked it clear. And on the stroke of half-time Markovic cut in from the right and played a one-two with Lambert to get into the box but Omeruo put in a timely tackle.

HALF-TIME: LIVERPOOL 1 BORO 0

Boro went close straight from the restart as Clayton pushed a ball forward for

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Tomlin to lash a low 25 yard effort wide. Liverpool responded with a good soon after they picked their way down the left to send Lallana weaving into the box near the byline but Ayala stopped the danger. On 52 minutes Boro cut forward quickly but when Kike laid the ball back Leadbitter screwed a 25 yard effort high and wide. On 57 minutes Omeruo was booked after a body-check on Lallana in full-flight. Boro broke quickly on the hour as Reach darted in to steal off sluggish Lucas then sent Friend racing down the left but his cross towards Kike was headed away. And they were deservedly level on 62 minutes after they won a free-kick just outside the on the right after Sakho handled an Adomah cross to earn a yellow card. When Leadbitter whipped it towards the near post **ADAM REACH** got in front of his man and stooped to head home from close range.

That sparked jubilation among the 2,800 travelling fans in the Anfield Road stand, who had out-sung the home fans all evening. Boro stepped up a gear and were flying into tackles and closing rattled Liverpool quickly as they looked to press home their advantage to no avail But Liverpool rallied and for a spell Boro had to work hard. The home side went close on 70 minutes as Lallana crossed from the right and Omeruo did well to head away before Lambert could make contact.

Then on 72 minute a neat ball behind the defence sent Lallana clear into the box but Reach came sliding in from behind to steal the ball with a perfectly executed tackle. On 74 minutes Liverpool put on Ballotelli for Lambert and two minutes later Boro put on Yanic Wildschut for his debut in place of Kike.

Boro almost snatch the lead on 77 minutes as a stinging 20 yard Clayton shot was palmed by the keeper into the path of Tomlin but under pressure from Toure he stabbed just wide. On 79 minutes Boro put on Williams for Rossiter.

Then on 85 minutes Boro almost grabbed the winner after Tomlin held up the ball on the edge of the box then swept a lovely reverse pass into the path of over-lapping Clayton and he slammed an angled effort against the post.

That lead to a long high-tempo spell of scrappy pressure as Boro tried to force the ball into the box and Liverpool dug deep to defend nervously.

Then in stoppage time it was Liverpool's turn to bombard the box with Boro nervously heading and hoofing clear. There was a scare deep in added time as Sterling floated a cross in and Ayala headed it away then it grazed his hand leaving the home fans screaming for a penalty which was waved away.

FULL-TIME: LIVERPOOL 1 BORO 1

Liverpool piled on the pressure in the opening stages of extra-time and Boro had to dig deep to defend. They broke free on 96 minutes when the ball was cleared to Leadbitter in the Boro half and he played it first time to send Wildschut racing with Sakho into the box but the Liverpool man stretched to poke the danger away. Liverpool threatened on 97 minutes as Markovic tricked to the edge of the box but as he prepared to shoot Omeruo sent him sprawling with a powerful but legal challenge that left the home fans screaming for a penalty again.

On 98 minutes Liverpool put on Suso for Markovic. Boro threatened on 102 minutes as Leadbitter sent a free-kick towards the far top corner sending keeper Mignolet scrambling across to claw away. Play switched down the other end as Sterling and Ballotelli exchanged passes on the edge of the box but the Italian's shot was charged down by Ayala then on the stroke of half-time Suso sent an angled 25 effort from outside the box flashing beyond the far post.

Immediately after the extra-time interval Reach was booked for a foul on Manquillo. Liverpool went close on 107 minutes when over-lapping full-back Enrique cut back inside on the left hand corner of the box then hammered in a sting shot that Blackman did well to push around the post. In a busy spell the keeper then clawed away a Sterling snap-shot and a Suso header. But Boro's defence was finally breached on 108 minutes when an Enrique cross was scrambled away for Ballotelli to stab goalwards and when Friend blocked it fell for **SUSO** to hammer a low 10 yard effort through the crowd. On 112 Boro put on Bamford and Vossen for Leadbitter and Tomlin in a bid to salvage the game. Boro almost carved through on 114 minutes as Bamford twisted and turned to wriggle past his marker on the right then darted into the box and cut the ball back for unmarked Adomah but the winger slipped and the loose ball was hacked away. At the death Boro snatched a deserved equaliser from the spot after a superb Ayala ball sent Bamford streaking forward and as he reached the box Toure brought him down. And **PATRICK BAMFORD** bounced up to slam home the resulting spot-kick three minutes into added time to take the game into a penalty shoot-out.



Liverpool won a record-equalling penalty shootout 14-13 to progress to the fourth round of the Capital One Cup at Middlesbrough's expense.

After the match ended 2-2, it took 30 penalties before Boro winger Albert Adomah missed to send the Reds through.

Liverpool had taken the lead through debutant Jordan Rossiter but Boro equalised when Adam Reach headed in.

In extra-time, Suso drilled home for the Reds but Patrick Bamford's last-minute penalty forced a shootout.

Then came the real drama as the joint highest-scoring spot-kick contest in English professional football unfolded in front of a barely believing Kop.

Simon Mignolet saved Boro's first penalty from Bamford only for Raheem Sterling to miss Liverpool's fifth and send the shootout to sudden death.

Amazingly, the next 20 penalties were all scored as player after player from each side - including both goalkeepers - handled the pressure with aplomb, with several scoring twice.

But when Adomah pushed his kick wide, Liverpool could finally celebrate victory.

The 14-13 scoreline matched the outcome of a Football League Trophy shootout between Dagenham & Redbridge and Leyton Orient in August 2011.

The result will relieve Liverpool boss Brendan Rodgers, whose side have lost three of their first five league matches and face Everton in the Merseyside derby on Saturday.

Boro, in contrast, will be devastated to have come so close to recording their first win at Anfield since 1976 after more than matching the Reds over 120 minutes of a pulsating cup tie.

With captain Steven Gerrard rested, 17-year-old academy product Rossiter was given his debut at the base of the Reds midfield, and he only took 10 minutes to make his mark.

After a long ball caused chaos in the Boro defence, debutant goalkeeper Jamal Blackman saved sharply from Rickie Lambert. But the ball fell kindly to Rossiter, who swept a low shot past Blackman's flailing legs before wheeling away in delight.

Boro scored a deserved equaliser on the hour after Mamadou Sakho was penalised for handling a cross.

Grant Leadbitter's free-kick from the right flank eluded the Liverpool defence and invited Reach to apply the headed finish from inside the six-yard box.

Rodgers introduced Mario Balotelli for the ineffective Lambert, but still Boro threatened.

And with five minutes remaining, Lee Tomlin's superb reverse pass sent Clayton clear, but his strike cannoned off Mignolet's near post.

In extra-time, Blackman saved long-range strikes from Jose Enrique and Sterling before substitute Suso put the Reds in front with his first Liverpool goal.

Adam Lallana and Enrique linked up well down the left and when Balotelli's effort was only half cleared, the Spanish forward picked his spot from 12 yards.

But there was still time for another twist as Boro were awarded a penalty in the last-minute of extra-time.

After Sterling had given the ball away, Kolo Toure fouled Bamford, and the Boro substitute stepped up to beat Mignolet and take the tie to penalty kicks.

Middlesbrough manager Aitor Karanka:

"These are the kind of games where you have to be very proud of your players, your group, your club, everything.

"I think we have shown everybody what kind of club Middlesbrough are. I don't have many words to explain my feelings right now.

"We have played against a Champions League team at Anfield and you know how difficult this is for us - and we have played face to face against them.

"Although we have lost, our players should enjoy this."

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120:00+4:27 Second Half Extra Time ends, Liverpool 2, Middlesbrough 2.
 120:00+2:46Goal scored Goal!Liverpool 2, Middlesbrough 2. Patrick Bamford (Middlesbrough converts the penalty with a left footed shot to the bottom right corner.120:00+1:56 Penalty conceded by Kolo Touré (Liverpool after a foul in the penalty area.
 120:00+1:56 Penalty Middlesbrough. Patrick Bamford draws a foul in the penalty area.
 120:00+1:29 Delay over. They are ready to continue.
 120:00+0:56 Delay in match Lucas Leiva (Liverpool because of an injury.
 118:54 Attempt saved. Suso (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the top centre of the goal. Assisted by Javier Manquillo.
 114:54 Adam Lallana (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.
 114:54 Foul by Jelle Vossen (Middlesbrough.
 113:17 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Ryan Fredericks.
 112:03 Javier Manquillo (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 112:03 Foul by Adam Reach (Middlesbrough.
 111:49Substitution SubstitutionSubstitution, Middlesbrough. Jelle Vossen replaces Lee Tomlin.
 111:38Substitution SubstitutionSubstitution, Middlesbrough. Patrick Bamford replaces Grant Leadbitter.
 109:31 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by George Friend.
 108:05Goal scored Goal!Liverpool 2, Middlesbrough 1. Suso (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box to the centre of the goal.
 106:26 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Jamal Blackman.
 106:23 Attempt saved. Raheem Sterling (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the top left corner. Assisted by Suso.
 105:59 Attempt saved. José Enrique (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is saved in the bottom right corner. Assisted by Javier Manquillo with a cross.
 105:24Booking Adam Reach (Middlesbrough is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.
 105:20 Javier Manquillo (Liverpool wins a free kick on the right wing.
 105:20 Foul by Adam Reach (Middlesbrough.
 105:00 Second Half Extra Time begins Liverpool 1, Middlesbrough 1.
 106:00 First Half Extra Time ends, Liverpool 1, Middlesbrough 1.
 105:00 Attempt missed. Suso (Liverpool left footed shot from the centre of the box misses to the left. Assisted by Mario Balotelli.
 104:06 Attempt blocked. Suso (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Javier Manquillo.
 101:30 Foul by Javier Manquillo (Liverpool.
 101:30 Adam Reach (Middlesbrough wins a free kick on the left wing.
 97:40Substitution SubstitutionSubstitution, Liverpool. Suso replaces Lazar Markovic.
 96:07 Simon Mignolet (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 96:07 Foul by Daniel Ayala (Middlesbrough.
 95:11 Foul by José Enrique (Liverpool).
 95:11 Lee Tomlin (Middlesbrough wins a free kick on the right wing.
 94:17 Foul by Mario Balotelli (Liverpool).
 94:17 Albert Adomah (Middlesbrough wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 91:33 Attempt blocked. Lucas Leiva (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is blocked. Assisted by Raheem Sterling with a cross.
 91:33 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Daniel Ayala.
 91:14 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by George Friend.
 90:00 First Half Extra Time begins Liverpool 1, Middlesbrough 1.
 90:00+3:15Full time Second Half ends, Liverpool 1, Middlesbrough 1.
 90:00+0:18 Raheem Sterling (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 90:00+0:18 Foul by Grant Leadbitter (Middlesbrough.
 89:06 Mario Balotelli (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 89:06 Foul by Daniel Ayala (Middlesbrough.
 86:38 Attempt missed. Mario Balotelli (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box misses to the right. Assisted by José Enrique.
 85:41 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Grant Leadbitter.
 85:39 Attempt blocked. Mario Balotelli (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Raheem Sterling.
 84:20 Adam Clayton (Middlesbrough hits the left post with a left footed shot from a difficult angle on the left. Assisted by Lee Tomlin with a through ball.
 81:35 Lucas Leiva (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 81:35 Foul by Lee Tomlin (Middlesbrough.
 81:00 Attempt missed. Javier Manquillo (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is high and wide to the right.
 79:10 Raheem Sterling (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 79:10 Foul by George Friend (Middlesbrough.
 78:53Substitution SubstitutionSubstitution, Liverpool. Jordan Williams replaces Jordan Rossiter.
 77:45 Attempt blocked. Lucas Leiva (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked.
 76:28 Attempt saved. Adam Clayton (Middlesbrough right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the bottom left corner. Assisted by Lee Tomlin.
 75:44Substitution SubstitutionSubstitution, Middlesbrough. Yanic Wildschut replaces Kike.
 74:47 Foul by Mario Balotelli (Liverpool).
 74:47 Daniel Ayala (Middlesbrough wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 74:24 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Daniel Ayala.
 74:02 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Kike.
 73:49Substitution SubstitutionSubstitution, Liverpool. Mario Balotelli replaces Rickie Lambert.
 73:06 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Adam Reach.
 72:34 Attempt blocked. José Enrique (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Lucas Leiva with a headed pass.

66:55 Attempt missed. Adam Reach (Middlesbrough header from the centre of the box misses to the left. Assisted by Albert Adomah with a cross.
 64:04 Attempt saved. Raheem Sterling (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Lucas Leiva.
 63:23 José Enrique (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 63:23 Foul by Albert Adomah (Middlesbrough.
 61:52Goal scored Goal!Liverpool 1, Middlesbrough 1. Adam Reach (Middlesbrough header from very close range to the bottom left corner. Assisted by Grant Leadbitter with a cross following a set piece situation.
 60:58Booking Mamadou Sakho (Liverpool is shown the yellow card for hand ball.
 60:52 Hand ball by Mamadou Sakho (Liverpool).
 59:48 Raheem Sterling (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 59:48 Foul by Grant Leadbitter (Middlesbrough.
 57:46 Attempt missed. Adam Lallana (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box misses to the right. Assisted by José Enrique following a set piece situation.
 57:31 Adam Lallana (Liverpool wins a free kick on the left wing.
 57:31 Foul by Adam Clayton (Middlesbrough.
 56:08Booking Kenneth Omeruo (Middlesbrough is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.
 56:03 Adam Lallana (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.
 56:03 Foul by Kenneth Omeruo (Middlesbrough.
 55:01 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by George Friend.
 51:30 Attempt missed. Grant Leadbitter (Middlesbrough right footed shot from outside the box is high and wide to the right. Assisted by Ryan Fredericks.
 49:28 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by George Friend.
 45:11 Attempt missed. Lee Tomlin (Middlesbrough right footed shot from outside the box is close, but misses to the left. Assisted by Adam Reach.
 45:00 Second Half begins Liverpool 1, Middlesbrough 0.
 45:00+1:01Half time First Half ends, Liverpool 1, Middlesbrough 0.
 42:31 Raheem Sterling (Liverpool wins a free kick on the left wing.
 42:31 Foul by Ryan Fredericks (Middlesbrough.
 39:34 Foul by Lucas Leiva (Liverpool).
 39:34 Albert Adomah (Middlesbrough wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 38:35 Hand ball by Kike (Middlesbrough).
 37:57 Adam Lallana (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.
 37:57 Foul by Adam Clayton (Middlesbrough).
 37:04 José Enrique (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 37:04 Foul by Adam Reach (Middlesbrough).
 36:59 Attempt saved. Lee Tomlin (Middlesbrough right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the centre of the goal.
 36:29 Corner, Middlesbrough. Conceded by Kolo Touré.
 35:56 Corner, Middlesbrough. Conceded by José Enrique.
 35:50 Attempt missed. Lee Tomlin (Middlesbrough left footed shot from outside the box misses to the right. Assisted by Ryan Fredericks.
 30:53 Lazar Markovic (Liverpool wins a free kick on the right wing.
 30:53 Foul by Lee Tomlin (Middlesbrough).
 29:58 Corner, Middlesbrough. Conceded by Rickie Lambert.
 29:56 Attempt blocked. Kike (Middlesbrough left footed shot from the centre of the box is blocked. Assisted by Grant Leadbitter with a cross.
 29:26 Corner, Middlesbrough. Conceded by Lucas Leiva.
 24:40 Attempt missed. Adam Lallana (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box misses to the left. Assisted by Lucas Leiva.
 21:18 Foul by Lucas Leiva (Liverpool).
 21:18 Adam Clayton (Middlesbrough wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 20:17 Attempt blocked. Raheem Sterling (Liverpool left footed shot from the left side of the box is blocked. Assisted by José Enrique.
 18:55 Attempt missed. Adam Reach (Middlesbrough left footed shot from more than 35 yards misses to the right.
 17:59 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Kenneth Omeruo.
 15:44 Lazar Markovic (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.
 15:44 Foul by Grant Leadbitter (Middlesbrough).
 14:43 Kolo Touré (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 14:43 Foul by Kike (Middlesbrough).
 13:14 Adam Lallana (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 13:14 Foul by Ryan Fredericks (Middlesbrough).
 12:24 Foul by Lucas Leiva (Liverpool).
 12:24 Lee Tomlin (Middlesbrough wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 9:35Goal scored Goal!Liverpool 1, Middlesbrough 0. Jordan Rossiter (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box to the bottom left corner.
 9:31 Attempt saved. Rickie Lambert (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the bottom left corner.
 8:39 Attempt saved. Daniel Ayala (Middlesbrough header from the centre of the box is saved in the top left corner. Assisted by Grant Leadbitter with a cross.
 8:08 Corner, Middlesbrough. Conceded by Mamadou Sakho.
 7:53 Foul by Lucas Leiva (Liverpool).
 7:53 Kenneth Omeruo (Middlesbrough wins a free kick in the attacking half.
 6:49 Foul by Rickie Lambert (Liverpool).
 6:49 Daniel Ayala (Middlesbrough wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 6:14 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Ryan Fredericks.
 2:55 Attempt missed. Kike (Middlesbrough header from the centre of the box is high and wide to the left. Assisted by Lee Tomlin with a cross.
 1:01 Foul by José Enrique (Liverpool).
 1:01 Lee Tomlin (Middlesbrough wins a free kick in the attacking half.
 0:13 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Daniel Ayala.
 0:00 First Half begins.
 0:00 Lineups are announced and players are warming up.