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Late strike by Coutinho makes Bolton regret loss of discipline

Bolton Wanderers 1 Gudjohnsen 59 (pen)

Liverpool 2 Sterling 86, Coutinho 90+1

At 9.29pm, with four minutes plus stoppage time remaining, Liverpool were 1-0 down and on their way out of the FA Cup. By 9.34pm, they were 2-1 up and sailing through to the fifth round. What a difference five minutes made as Bolton Wanderers were foiled in their desperate attempts to cling on with ten men. So many times down the years, the driving force behind a dramatic Liverpool comeback has been Steven Gerrard. For as long as his team remain in the FA Cup this season, the talk will be of the captain's bid to bow out with a trophy before his summer move to LA Galaxy, but at the Macron Stadium last night, as Liverpool secured a fifthround match away to Crystal Palace, it was made clear that he will have to get by with a little help from his friends. This time, Liverpool's match-winner was Philippe Coutinho. It was his wonderful shot from the edge of the penalty area that looped and curled beyond Andy Lonergan in the first minute of stoppage time. Five minutes earlier the equaliser came through an eye-catching link-up between Emre Can and Raheem Sterling, who volleyed the ball past a helpless Lonergan. If there was a Liverpool-born midfielder who was central to the drama, it was not Gerrard but Neil Danns, whose loss of discipline, resulting in a red card for a second bookable offence midway through the second half, left Bolton a man short. When Eidur Gudjohnsen had opened in the scoring ten minutes earlier, from a penalty won controversially by Zach Clough, an upset was in prospect. The result was a little harsh on Bolton, for whom everything was going to plan until they lost Danns, but they always struggled to contain Coutinho, whose excellent recent form was rewarded on Tuesday with a new, improved long-term contract. When he is in this mood, not just floating like a butterfly but stinging like a bee, he is one of the most watchable players in English football. With Daniel Sturridge only fit to appear for the final 20 minutes, it was Coutinho who posed the greatest threat to Bolton from the start. On five minutes Coutinho linked well with Adam Lallana, who hit a clever firsttime pass across the face of goal, but, with Sturridge on the bench, they lacked a penalty-box predator. Two minutes later, Gerrard, on a rare venture forward, had a shot saved by Lonergan, before the goalkeeper made a good save from Sterling's low, left-foot shot. The real scare for Bolton came on the half-hour after a patient build-up involving Alberto Moreno, Lallana and Coutinho. Sterling, with the ball at his feet, seemed to have taken too long, but he produced a clever shot that beat Lonergan and hit the outside of the post.

There were a couple of mesmerising turns in the middle of the pitch, which will go nicely on Coutinho's ever-expanding showreel, but, just as he was preparing to shoot, he was tackled by the impressive Tim Ream. A bigger scare followed for Bolton in firsthalf stoppage time as Coutinho curled a shot just wide of the post from the edge of the penalty area. In the main, though, Bolton were coping well. At Anfield 11 days earlier, when their impressive 0-0 draw was overshadowed by the giant-killing feats of others, Bolton spent the final halfhour defending with their backs against the wall. Last night involved a different discipline, with Liverpool looking to use the guile of Coutinho and Lallana to exploit Sterling's pace on the counterattack. Bolton were coping reasonably well, even threatening on the other end on a couple of occasions, where Matt Mills, a centre half by trade, adapted well to an unfamiliar attacking role in support of Gudjohnsen. Josh Vela set up the former Chelsea forward in the 16th minute, only for Gudjohnsen to miss the target. Nor could he quite react in time to latch on to a David Wheeler header, which was seized upon by Simon Mignolet. Coutinho sent Sterling clear early in the second half, but the England forward, too keen to get the ball back on to his right foot, was well tackled by Dorian Dervite. Sterling had a second bite, but this time his shot was well saved. The worry for Liverpool was a lack of dynamism from midfield, where Gerrard and Joe Allen looked restrained and subdued. With that in mind, Rodgers sent on Jordan Henderson in place of Lallana, but within minutes Bolton took the lead. Clough, a player of considerable promise, dribbled into the penalty area and, seeing Martin Skrtel's leg outstretched, took a tumble. It was careless and reckless from Skrtel, but it was also unnerving to see that the tumble came so naturally to a 19-year-old making only his third appearance at senior level. Penalty, said Roger East, the referee. Gudjohnsen made no mistake. Bolton's advantage was soon tempered by the loss of Danns, who, after a soft yellow card in the first half, was sent off for a mistimed challenge on Allen. Even a man short, Bolton threatened a second goal, but Gudjohnsen headed straight at Mignolet. Now it was time for Brendan Rodgers to send on Sturridge. The pressure on the Bolton goal increased as Liverpool rattled the woodwork for a second and third time through Henderson and then Can. Bolton found themselves dropping deeper and deeper as the game went on and, understandable as that may have been, it did not work. Rodgers pushed Can farther forward, into midfield, as Liverpool set up camp on the edge of the Bolton area. It was Can's perceptive pass, over the top of the Bolton defence, that was converted by Sterling for the equaliser. Now the only question, it seemed, was whether Liverpool would need extra time. As it was, Coutinho's spectacular strike settled the tie, earning Rodgers's team a trip to Selhurst Park. That was the scene of Liverpool's nadir this season -- and arguably last. Their manager maintained that, with momentum returning, it will be a different Liverpool team this time around.

Bolton Wanderers (3-4-1-2): A Lonergan -- D Wheeler, D Dervite, T Ream -- L Feeney, N Danns, J Vela, D Moxey -- Z Clough (sub: L Trotter, 72min)-- M Mills, E Gudjohnsen. Substitutes not used: R Fitzsimons, K McNaughton, R Hall, O Threlkeld, G Iliev, T Walker. Booked: Danns, Wheeler. Sent off: Danns. Liverpool (3-4-2-1): S Mignolet -- E Can, M Skrtel, M Sakho -- L Markovic (sub: F Borini, 66), S Gerrard, J Allen (sub: D Sturridge, 70), A Moreno -- A Lallana (sub: J Henderson, 53), P Coutinho -- R Sterling. Substitutes not used: D Ward, G Johnson, J Manquillo, R Lambert. Booked: Allen. Referee: R East.

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Sterling and Coutinho leave it late to shove past 10-man Bolton

Exiting on Burnden Way in the 86th minute, back on course for Wembley Way by the 91st, Liverpool rescued their FA Cup prospects with a late flurry of blows that devastated Bolton Wanderers. Cruel on Neil Lennon and his tireless Championship team perhaps, but it was the virtues of patience and class that gave Brendan Rodgers's men a shot of redemption against Crystal Palace in round five. Bolton were one goal up courtesy of the 36-year-old Eidur Gudjohnsen's penalty but a man down following the needless dismissal of Neil Danns as the match entered the final four minutes. The red card proved crucial. With a full complement Bolton held their Premier League visitors at bay, won every aerial challenge and last-ditch intervention inside their area and were on course to continue the fourth-round giant-cull. Liverpool had the space but not the clinical touch to profit. Their nerve, however, eventually told against the 10 men. Emre Can, pushed into central midfield to capitalise on Danns' departure, lofted a glorious pass over the Bolton substitute Liam Trotter and Raheem Sterling volleyed in a fine equaliser from close range. The groans from the home supporters about five minutes of stoppage time had not fallen silent when Philippe Coutinho marked his new five-year contract at Liverpool by taking aim from 20 yards and beating Andy Lonergan with a dipping shot in off the crossbar. Reprieve for Rodgers but a night of regret for his fellow Ulsterman in the home technical area. Lennon was fulsome in his praise of Bolton's heroic defending with the exception of the lapse in concentration from Trotter that enabled Sterling to level. He was also blunt in his appraisal of the referee Roger East's performance - "rubbish" - for what he deemed an unjust first yellow card for Danns when he lunged through Joe Allen. "I can understand the sending off but the first one wasn't a booking. It changed the game," said the Bolton manager, although his side were the beneficiaries of East's decision-making when he awarded a soft penalty when Martin Skrtel caught the toes of Zach Clough. The Bolton manager felt that playing away from home might suit Liverpool given his team would be inclined to take more risks in the replay and leave more spaces as a consequence. Rodgers claimed the Macron Stadium's "beautiful pitch" - a point he has stressed about several opposisave tion grounds lately as his frustration grows with the Anfield surface - would also work to his side's advantage. The script never unfolded that way for Liverpool. The task of breaking down a well-drilled, hardworking Championship opponent was just as complicated as at Anfield, and Bolton posed a greater threat on home soil. Rodgers fielded a strong side despite a Merseyside derby looming on Saturday and there were nervous moments when David Wheeler came through the back of Sterling's ankles to collect a merited yellow. The Liverpool forward limped on, mercifully to the very end for his side, but Lazar Markovic suffered a back injury that will have to be assessed before the trip to Goodison Park. The biggest selection surprise came from Bolton's manager who, keen to hustle Liverpool's back three, deployed the captain Matt Mills at centreforward instead of in central defence. Sterling forced Lonergan into a fine low in the first half and struck a post when Dorian Dervite stood off and invited him to shoot from 12 yards. Wheeler headed straight at Simon Mignolet at the opposite end and Gudjohnsen blazed over from Dean Moxey's inviting cross when he had time and space inside the area. Gudjohnsen made amends in telling fashion after the restart although, in truth, Sterling should have beaten the former Chelsea forward to it. Liverpool broke through courtesy of Coutinho's perfectly-weighted pass to Sterling but Dervite produced an exquisite tackle to thwart the hesitant forward. Sterling had a second bite but his shot towards the top corner was punched away by Lonergan. For the first time in the game Liam Feeney broke free down the right and delivered a deep cross towards Mills. His knockdown found Clough who took a touch into the area where he was clipped by Skrtel. The referee had no hesitation in pointing to the spot and Gudjohnsen stroked a nonchalant spot-kick down the centre of the diving Mignolet's goal. Bolton's prospect of holding out was dealt a severe blow when Danns was sent off for a second bookable offence, both for late and needless lunges on Allen, yet the home side had chances to double their advantage through Gudjohnsen and Clough. The Icelandic striker headed straight at Mignolet when he should have scored and Clough shot narrowly wide. They were opportunities that Bolton could not afford to miss. The pressure inevitably intensified from Liverpool. Can had a shot deflected just wide and another tipped superbly on to the bar by Lonergan. Henderson's half volley was diverted against a post by Wheeler before Can found Sterling, who equalised in style. The misery was not over for Bolton. Coutinho collected a pass 20 yards from goal and left Lonergan stranded with a shot that looped over and in off the underside of the bar.

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late show by coutinho; Liverpool relief as last-ditch goals sink Lennon's 10 men

OVER the course of two games against Bolton from the Championship, Liverpool have seemingly invented new methods of failing to score. With just minutes of this replay left, however, Brendan Rodgers' team finally found a way and Steven Gerrard's dream of a birthday FA Cup final lives on.

Liverpool should have won the first game a week-and-a-half ago. Certainly they should have won more easily than this last night. Having hit the frame of the goal three times, they were staring at an embarrassing defeat as Eidur Gudjohnsen's second-half penalty set up another 2015 FA Cup shock.

With a one-man advantage after the subsequent sending off of Bolton's Neil Danns, Liverpool still looked as though they were heading out. With five minutes to go, however, pressure and numerical superiority finally told.

First defender Emre Can really a central midfielder delivered a lovely chip over the Bolton defence for Raheem Sterling to volley in the equaliser. Then, three minutes later and with extra-time seemingly inevitable, Phillipe Coutinho scored with a right-foot shot from 20 yards to hand Liverpool a fifth round game at Crystal Palace.

It was tough on Neil Lennon's Bolton. Struggling with injuries, they played for 90 minutes with a defender Matthew Mills up front. Had Danns not been sent off, they may have won.

Liverpool, though, somehow found a way. It's a habit they must keep.

Rodgers spoke in the run-up to the game about the manner in which his team had improved in recent weeks. It was easy to see his point but there will be a time soon when the Liverpool manager's need to get the club to a major final becomes great.

Here last night was an opportunity to take a significant step forward in a competition already deprived of the top two seeds, Chelsea and Manchester City. There had been disappointment after a goalless first game at Anfield but since then Bolton had struggled to maintain that form, losing one Championship game heavily at Rotherham, drawn another at home to Wolves and seeing a number of players succumb to injury.

Bolton manager Lennon was deprived of the hero of the first game, goalkeeper Adam Bogdan, and turned instead to Andrew Lonergan.

Early on, Liverpool did look as though they may make light work of the whole thing. They began brightly and stretched Bolton from the first minute.

There is, however, a continued and troublesome absence of cutting edge in this Liverpool team. It was a feature again during a first half that remained without a goal largely because of their failure to convert opportunities and make the right decisions.

Bolton were always in the game. With young hopeful Zach Clough playing in behind Mills and Gudjohnsen, the home team looked able when they had the ball. Liverpool goalkeeper Simon Mignolet was glad that a David Wheeler header from a free-kick in the 21st minute was directed straight in to his arms.

By then, though, Liverpool should have been ahead. The combination of Sterling, Coutinho and Adam Lallana certainly found enough space when Liverpool pushed forward but the visitors' finishing was not good enough.

Captain Gerrard should really have scored within 10 minutes after Lallana teed him up but the shot was too close to Lonergan.

Coutinho then dragged a shot wide from distance before Sterling found space on the left only to shoot tamely at the goalkeeper when team-mates were better placed to his right.

The closest Liverpool came, though, was just after the half hour when Sterling once again found himself with time and space inside the penalty area.

Once again he had team-mates waiting to receive a pass but this time he chose the correct option, squaring up his marker before curling a right foot shot towards the top corner only for it to rebound off the angle of post and bar.

One sensed that Liverpool only needed the first goal to drag Bolton out and open the game up, but until they managed to breakthrough this was a game that always had plenty in it for the home team.

Into the second half and little changed. Twice in the opening moments Liverpool could have scored and probably should have. Of the three opportunities they created Lonergan only had to save once.

First Sterling's pass to Lallana inside the box was marginally over hit when it really shouldn't have been and then Coutinho played Sterling through on goal.

A shot seemed imminent but Bolton defender Dorian Dervite was given enough time to tackle. Sterling retrieved the loose ball on the left only for his curling shot to be clawed away by the Bolton goalkeeper.

Rodgers had seen enough of Lallana by the hour and replaced him with Jordan Henderson. And within seconds Bolton Wanderers had the lead.

Young Clough seized on a loose ball in the Liverpool area, Martin Skrtel presented enough of a foot for him to fall over and Gudjohnsen placed the penalty down the middle as Mignolet dived to his right.

The Daily Telegraph

Coutinho keeps Gerrard's dream alive

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Philippe Coutinho almost broke the Bolton Wanderers net and certainly broke the hosts' hearts with a magnificent late strike to send Liverpool into the fifth round of the FA Cup where they face Crystal Palace. It was an astonishing goal, capping an amazing turnaround. Bolton had done brilliantly, playing with belief, taking the game to their Premier League visitors, parading the skills of young Zach Clough, and taking the lead when he was, apparently, fouled by Martin Skrtel, and Eidur Gudjohnsen stroked in the penalty. Liverpool had to rally, and Brendan Rodgers sent on striker after striker, Fabio Borini and Daniel Sturridge, laying siege to the Bolton goal. Liverpool had an attack late on of Raheem Sterling, Sturridge, Borini and the wonderful Coutinho. Bolton's hopes were not helped by Neil Danns being sent off for a second offence, and Liverpool ultimately made them pay. Sterling scored with a shot and then, deep into injury time, Coutinho completed the comeback. It was brutal on Bolton, whose fans saluted their players loudly at the final whistle. They had defended so well, especially the likes of David Wheeler.

Their keeper, Andrew Lonergan, made some exceptional saves but there was an irresistible momentum from Liverpool late on. They did not want to follow Chelsea and Manchester City out of the Cup. They did not want another half-hour's exertion with Everton up on Saturday. But they needed some real magic from Coutinho to end Bolton's resistance.

However frustrated, Bolton can take pride from the performance and the reality that they troubled one of the Premier League's finest for so long, even taking the lead against them. Gudjohnsen's penalty after 59 minutes had rolled back the years, reminding Bolton fans of his early pomp. It was a deep frustration for Liverpool, who had tried so hard to break through. Brendan Rodgers's side had moments of hope in the scoreless first half, particularly when Sterling and Coutinho were running at goal but they found Bolton's defence standing firm, doing so well that Neil Lennon's players were applauded off by their supporters at the break. Lonergan was starting in goal for Bolton after the unfortunate ankle injury suffered by Adam Bogdan in training, depriving the shot-stopping headline-grabber of the first game of a chance to deny Liverpool again.

Lonergan immediately impressed, dropping low to stop a shot from Steven Gerrard and frustrate the Liverpool statisticians as well as the Liverpool captain. The visitors were chasing their 700th FA Cup goal as Gerrard made his 700th appearance for the club in boots with the number 700 stitched into the heel. Only Jamie Carragher (737) and Ian Callaghan (857) played for Liverpool more. Gerrard then had to close down a run from the hugely promising Clough, the Bolton youngster who had darted away from Joe Allen.

Clough may need to acquire some upper-body strength and work on his decision-making but he looks a breath of fresh for Bolton, a symbol of the new dynamism under Lennon. Making only his third appearance, the 19-year-old was always looking for the ball, always looking to turn quickly away from his marker, often bemusing them as Skrtel was to discover in the second period.

Clough looks a huge talent on this evidence. Clough was playing in the hole behind Gudjohnsen, who was partnered by Matt Mills in the absence of Emile Heskey with a hamstring strain. The game was very open, flowing from end to end. Sterling exchanged passes with Adam Lallana and drew a low save from Lonergan. Back down the other end the game went. Gudjohnsen skied a left-footed shot over the crossbar. Back came Liverpool, Coutinho making a glorious run through mid-field, juggling the ball over Danns and Liam Feeney.

Clough continued to impress, picking the ball up deep, and driving at the heart of the Liverpool defence. Danns was lively, breaking up Liverpool attacks and sweeping forward with the ball, soon winning a free-kick. Wheeler met the ball, powering a downward header which was clutched by Simon Mignolet.

On it went, some of it eye-catching, some excruciating. Dorian Dervite unleashed a shot that turned into a crossfield pass. Then Sterling wriggled through, opening some space, beating Lonergan but not the keeper's right-hand upright.

Liverpool could not break Bolton down in the first half. Wheeler was immense, dominant on the ground and in the air. Dervite put in a great tackle on Coutinho. Lonergan held a Lallana 25-yarder before watching Coutinho shoot just wide. Liverpool kept going close. Eight minutes into the second half, Josh Vela lost the ball to Coutinho, who released Sterling. Dervite put another fine challenge but Sterling was quick to the loose ball. This time he was thwarted by Lonergan, who caught his curling effort.

Then came that moment of controversy just before the hour. Clough dribbled into the box and was challenged by Skrtel. Contact seemed minimal but referee Roger East pointed immediately to the spot. However questionable the decision, there was no questioning the substance of the penalty. Gudjohnsen calmly deceived Lonergan and placed the ball firmly in the net.

As Bolton fans were still singing about Wembley, they lost Danns to a second yellow, this time for a foul on Allen after 65 minutes.

Rodgers sent on Daniel Sturridge, who was greeted with warm applause by the Bolton fans, who remember his loan spell here. Yet it was Bolton who almost scored next but Gudjohnsen was denied by Lonergan. Then Wheeler got in the way of a Jordan Henderson strike, diverting the ball away

Liverpool, attacking the end containing their anxious fans, lay siege to Lonergan's

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goal. Henderson went close. Gerrard drove the ball across goal, and when nobody in red made contact, Bolton fans let out a cry of relief and delight. As the clock ticked down, Emre Can let fly from 25 yards and the ball seemed heading inexorably into the net. But Loneragan had read the danger, and managed to stretch out a finger and tip the strike on to the bar. Bolton fans were willing their team to hold out, loving it when Mills took the ball down to the corner flag after 85 minutes. They shouted their approval when Wheater thumped the ball clear. But then came Sterling, collecting a superb pass from Can, and angling his shot in past Loneragan to keep hopes of a farewell Wembley appearance for Gerrard alive. Just when extra-time loomed, Coutinho struck, triggering a mass, writhing celebration amongst the Liverpool fans and heartache around the rest of the stadium.

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Liverpool FC's little magician answered manager's call to pull a rabbit out of the FA Cup hat

THE little magician pulled a rabbit out of the hat to put Liverpool back on the road to Wembley. Philippe Coutinho celebrated his new contract in the best possible fashion with a glorious late winner on a dramatic evening at the Macron Stadium. With extra-time looming, the Brazilian playmaker answered Brendan Rodgers' pre-match call to start adding goals to his game in order to make the leap to world class status. Coutinho's dipping 25-yarder crashed in off the underside of the bar in stoppage time to send the travelling Kop into raptures and leave Rodgers to breathe a sigh of relief. It was a triumphant end to a frenetic FA Cup fourth round replay during which Liverpool flirted with what would have been an embarrassing setback. Reds minutes away from second cup exit in just over a week Bolton were just four minutes away from dumping the Reds out of a second cup competition in the space of eight days.

The Championship outfit led courtesy of Eidur Gudjohnsen's penalty and were desperately holding on after midfielder Neil Danns was dismissed for a second yellow. The heroics of Andy Lonergan and the woodwork repeatedly repelled Liverpool's advances. But the never-say-die spirit and character Rodgers has installed in this squad came to the fore as the Reds simply refused to accept that their fate and finished with a flourish.

Raheem Sterling volleyed home after a classy lofted pass from the outstanding Emre Can to restore parity and then Coutinho showed why his team-mates call him Harry Potter with his third goal of the campaign.

A chance to exorcise some demons Liverpool's reward is a trip to Crystal Palace a week on Saturday. That tie offers Rodgers' men the opportunity to exorcise their Selhurst Park demons after their recent horror shows in south London.

Victory came at a cost for the Reds with Lazar Markovic forced off with a back injury and Sterling and Fabio Borini also limping after coming in for rough treatment. Such a gruelling encounter was hardly ideal preparation for the Merseyside derby but the manner in which Liverpool won through will ensure they make the journey across Stanley Park with a spring in their step.

Steven Gerrard joins the 700 club with Callaghan and Carragher
Steven Gerrard, who took his place alongside Ian Callaghan and Jamie Carragher in Anfield's exclusive 700 club, remains on course to enjoy the dream finish to his glittering Reds career before he heads for Los Angeles.

A Wembley date on May 30 – his 35 birthday – is a step closer and with Chelsea, Manchester City and Tottenham having been dumped out, the road to the capital has opened up. The team sheet told you everything you needed to know about the importance Rodgers has attached to the FA Cup this season.

Despite the trip to the Macron Stadium coming just three days before the clash with Everton, it was virtually a full strength line up.

The only changes from the weekend win over West Ham saw Gerrard and Joe Allen return at the expense of Jordan Henderson and Lucas Leiva, who missed out due to a minor thigh problem. Rodgers' hopes of putting the tie to bed early on and being able to rest star names ahead of Saturday were dashed as Liverpool struggled to make their dominance count during the opening 45 minutes.

Plenty to admire but Reds again lacked killer instinct

As has been the case so often this season, there was plenty to admire about the Reds up to the edge of the opposition penalty box but no ruthless streak.

Gerrard threatened early on. After some neat build up play, Adam Lallana teed up the captain but he fired too close to Lonergan. Coutinho was at the heart of everything best about Liverpool with his trickery and eye for a pass. One mesmerising run threatened to find a way through but David Wheeler's last-ditch challenged denied him. The chances kept on coming. A left-footer from Sterling was spilled by Lonergan but the keeper recovered to prevent Lallana from tucking away the rebound. Bolton were largely on the back foot but they still had their moments. With Emile Heskey injured and Adam Le Fondre cup tied, Neil Lennon played defender Matt Mills as a makeshift striker and his aerial threat caused problems. Wheeler headed a free-kick straight at Simon Mignolet and the Reds keeper, who continued his recent revival, was off his line smartly to punch away from Dean Moxey. Just past the half hour mark Lallana picked out Sterling in space inside the box. As Dorian Dervite backed off, he had time to pick his spot but smacked it against the post with the keeper beaten.

It summed up Liverpool's first half display. Close but not close enough. Penalty stunner brought grandstand finish Rodgers brought on Henderson for Lallana but in the 58th minute the Reds were stunned. Martin Skrtel was penalised for tripping Zach Clough in the box and Gudjohnsen stepped up to score from the spot. Suddenly, Liverpool were on the ropes and Markovic limped off with Borini replacing him. Midway through the second half Rodgers' men were given a helping hand when Danns, who had already been booked, recklessly upended Allen and got a second yellow. Rodgers played his final card with Daniel Sturridge on for the ineffective Allen.

Despite being a man down, Bolton had two big chances to kill the tie off. First, Clough fired wide and then the unmarked Gudjohnsen nodded straight at Mignolet. Liverpool dug deep and produced a grandstand finish. Henderson's deflected strike hammered against the post and then Can's 20-yard

left-footer was tipped on to the bar by Lonergan. Time and hope was running out. But in the 86 minute the equaliser finally arrived. Can expertly put it on a plate for Sterling, who volleyed home from six yards. Energised by the equaliser, Liverpool poured forward as they looked to avoid extra time. Henderson found Coutinho, who delivered the killer blow in stunning fashion. Liverpool will head to Goodison bruised but buoyant.

Bolton : Lonergan, Wheeler, Dervite, Ream, Moxey, Vela, Danns, Feeney; Gudjohnsen, Mills, Clough (Trotter 72)

Not used: Fitzsimons, McNaughton, Hall, Threlkeld, Iliev, Walker.

Liverpool : Mignolet, Can, Skrtel, Sakho, Markovic (Borini 65), Gerrard, Allen (Sturridge 70), Moreno, Lallana (Henderson 55), Coutinho, Sterling.

Not used: Ward, Johnson, Lambert, Manquillo.

Referee: Roger East Attendance: 22,171

Goals : Gudjohnsen 59, Sterling 86, Coutinho 90.

Bookings : Danns, Wheeler, Allen Red cards : Danns

Man of the match : Emre Can. Outstanding performance from the young German who was solid defensively and showed a creative spark after being pushed further forward late on. Set up the equaliser with a wonderful pass.

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WANDERERS walked from the pitch with heads held high last night after Philippe Coutinho wrecked the chances of another White Hot night against Liverpool.

For 86 minutes the dream looked possible – Neil Lennon's patched up team riding their luck but holding their own. With this kind of mettle and a few extra bodies on board don't write anything off in the Championship just yet.

But after Eidur Gudjohnsen's penalty had given them the lead midway through the second half, Neil Danns' dismissal for a second yellow card meant the numbers were just stacked too heavily against them. Raheem Sterling equalised four minutes before the end, Coutinho adding a winner in stoppage time. While there was disappointment, there was also so much for Lennon to take pride in. The Northern Irishman's lack of options because of injury and unavailability are well documented but when Matt Mills lined-up as an emergency striker it wasn't just Wanderers fans left scratching their head. Within 10 minutes of kick-off, the captain's name was trending on Twitter. As Lennon predicted, the game was certainly a more open affair and the Whites gave just as good as they got in the first half. Andy Lonergan was worked on a couple of occasions – most notably when he parried Raheem Sterling's low shot then had to react quickly to dive on the ball ahead of Joe Allen. But there was no sign in the early stages that Wanderers were rattled defensively, indeed David Wheeler and Dorian Dervite both produced moments of composed work to deny the marauding Philippe Coutinho, again Liverpool's most potent attacking threat.

Wanderers' best work came through Josh Vela in midfield; always available, always looking to slide a pass through. One marvellous piece of skill on the right touchline to flick the ball over his head was caught by the cameras and very nearly opened the visitors up. Hero of the last round, and Saturday, Zach Clough, rose to the occasion. The 19-year-old summed up the work which went into the first half by chasing from the Reds' six yard box to put a challenge in on Lazar Markovic just past halfway to bring the home crowd to their feet. Zach Clough was also busy early on but it was the old master Eidur Gudjohnsen who had the most clear-cut opportunity, lifting a left-footed shot over the bar from Vela's cross in a similar fashion to the one he wasted at Anfield. Wheeler also got above the Liverpool defence to power a header at goal, blocked by Simon Mignolet, but otherwise it was all rather comfortable as the two sides completed 135 minutes of football without a goal. Vela blotted his copybook slightly after the break as his errant pass was picked up by Coutinho and slipped through to Sterling – but again, Dervite's timing was impeccable as he slid to make the tackle. The England striker did eventually manage a shot at goal but Lonergan pushed his effort aside.

And then on 58 minutes Winter Hill nearly erupted.

Wanderers broke quickly down the right with Feeney and when Mills' header fell to Clough on the edge of the box, the youngster's quick feet drew a challenge from Martin Skrtel sending him sprawling to the floor.

Roger East seemed to spend an eternity thinking about it, then pointed to the spot. Gudjohnsen had bragged he'd never missed an important penalty when he netted one against Leeds last month, and oh boy did this fit that category.

But cool as you like the Iceman stroked the ball past Mignolet, and suddenly it looked possible. Within eight minutes Wanderers were dealt the mother of reality checks. Neil Danns had already picked up one caution for an over-exuberant challenge and when he tried to stem a Liverpool break with another mis-timed tackle on Joe Allen, he knew the writing was on the wall. It was time to dig deep, for that famous FA Cup magic to kick in. But rather than sit back and protect, Wanderers went on the attack.

Clough went close with a mazy dribble and shot before Gudjohnsen missed a glorious chance to make it two – heading straight at Mignolet at the far post after a great cross from Feeney. From there on in it was hearts in mouths.

Sub Jordan Henderson had a shot deflected on to his own post by Wheeler – an absolute giant at the back by this point. Lonergan tipped a rocket from Emre Can on to the bar with eight minutes to go but moments later the defences were breached as Henderson's pass picked out Sterling, and for the first time in nearly two full games against Bolton he got his angles right, drilling a volley into the bottom corner. Suddenly that Gudjohnsen miss was looking costly.

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The board went up for five minutes of added time – the official holding the ball confronted by a livid Lennon, snarling at how it had been so much. But the Reds didn’t need the full quota. Just two minutes later Coutinho picked the ball up on the edge of the box, looked up, and curled a quite brilliant shot into the top corner.

BBC

Liverpool staged a stirring late comeback to strike twice in the closing minutes to beat Bolton Wanderers just as the Championship side threatened the latest FA Cup shock.
Eidur Gudjohnsen's contentious penalty just before the hour gave Bolton a lead they were clinging on to with increasing desperation in the concluding moments - especially after Neil Danns was sent off for a second yellow card.
Raheem Sterling broke Bolton's resistance with a cool finish in the 86th minute before, with extra time looming, Philippe Coutinho curled a magnificent winner into the top corner to seal a 2-1 victory and a fifth-round tie at Crystal Palace. Bolton were out on their feet with that numerical disadvantage near the end and simply could not survive a Liverpool siege, with Jordan Henderson and Emre Can striking the woodwork before Sterling made the crucial breakthrough.
This was a real scare for Brendan Rodgers' side but they will be relieved to advance after an FA Cup fourth round that claimed giants such as Chelsea, Manchester City and Tottenham.
It keeps Liverpool captain Steven Gerrard, making his 700th appearance for the club, on course for that Wembley appearance on his 35th birthday on May 30 before he leaves the club for LA Galaxy.
The real hero was diminutive Brazilian Coutinho, who celebrated signing a new deal to keep him at Liverpool until 2020 with a sensational winner to provide the decisive moment in a fiercely fought tie.
Gerrard returned to the side to reach that landmark, making him only the third Liverpool player to play 700 games. He is third on the club's all-time list behind Ian Callaghan, who made 857 appearances, and Jamie Carragher on 737.
And he was the first to raise the alarm for Bolton with a shot that brought a smart save from Andrew Lonergan, who also did well to save from Sterling.
Bolton's best chance looked to be exploiting Liverpool's occasional frailty at set pieces and it almost worked when Liam Feeney's free-kick found David Wheater, but he could only direct his header straight at Simon Mignolet.
Liverpool were still working the openings, however, with Sterling hitting the outside of the post after taking his time in the area and the influential Coutinho firing inches off target seconds before the break.
Sterling was the big danger to Bolton and it needed a brilliant recovery tackle from Dorian Dervite to stop him as he raced through, but Liverpool's man in form was still quick enough to regain his balance and bring a flying save from Lonergan.
The game took a dramatic twist on the hour when Bolton were awarded a penalty as Martin Skrtel tangled with Zach Clough. Contact appeared minimal but Skrtel paid the price for making a poor decision in that position.
Gudjohnsen slotted the penalty in with complete calm to the huge delight of Bolton's fans, who were suddenly sensing another FA Cup upset.
Bolton were inevitably going to come under severe pressure and Danns made the situation even more difficult with a senseless lunge at Joe Allen that was only ever going to bring a second yellow card.
Gudjohnsen then spurned a glorious opportunity to seal victory for Bolton as he directed a free header straight at Mignolet.
As Liverpool's urgency increased, Rodgers introduced Daniel Sturridge as his third and final substitute with 20 minutes left - but it was another replacement, Henderson, who almost brought them level with a shot that deflected off a Bolton defender on to the post.
Lonergan had distinguished himself as the replacement for Adam Bogdan and did so again with seven minutes left as he turned Can's rising shot on to the bar.
Bolton were struggling to keep Liverpool at bay and the leveller finally came when Can's perfect pass picked out Sterling, who demonstrated great composure with a low first-time finish.
The home side wilted visibly and were not even able to hang on for extra time as Coutinho settled matters with that outstanding 20-yard strike, curled past Lonergan into the top corner from 20 yards.

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Full time Match ends, Bolton Wanderers 1, Liverpool 2.

90:00+6:18Full time Second Half ends, Bolton Wanderers 1, Liverpool 2.

90:00+5:34 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Andy Lonergan.

90:00+5:32 Attempt saved. Fabio Borini (Liverpool right footed shot from a difficult angle on the right is saved in the bottom right corner. Assisted by Daniel Sturridge.

90:00+4:27 Attempt missed. Liam Trotter (Bolton Wanderers header from the centre of the box is close, but misses to the right. Assisted by Dorian Dervite with a headed pass following a set piece situation.

90:00+3:48 Foul by Emre Can (Liverpool.

90:00+3:48 Matt Mills (Bolton Wanderers wins a free kick in the attacking half.

90:00+0:45Goal scored Goal!Goal! Bolton Wanderers 1, Liverpool 2. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box to the top right corner. Assisted by Jordan Henderson.

89:58 Attempt blocked. Steven Gerrard (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Raheem Sterling.

89:20 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Josh Vela.

87:59 Attempt saved. Fabio Borini (Liverpool header from the centre of the box is saved in the bottom left corner. Assisted by Steven Gerrard with a cross.

85:18Goal scored Goal!Goal! Bolton Wanderers 1, Liverpool 1. Raheem Sterling (Liverpool left footed shot from the centre of the box to the centre of the goal. Assisted by Emre Can.

84:28 Emre Can (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.

84:28 Foul by Matt Mills (Bolton Wanderers.

83:26 Foul by Fabio Borini (Liverpool.

83:26 Eidur Gudjohnsen (Bolton Wanderers wins a free kick in the defensive half.

82:51 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Andy Lonergan.

82:46 Attempt saved. Emre Can (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is saved in the top centre of the goal. Assisted by Alberto Moreno.

81:21 Daniel Sturridge (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.

81:21 Foul by David Wheeler (Bolton Wanderers.

81:08 Delay over. They are ready to continue.

80:40 Delay in match Fabio Borini (Liverpool because of an injury.

80:13 Attempt missed. Jordan Henderson (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box misses to the right. Assisted by Raheem Sterling.

79:14 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Dean Moxey.

78:41 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Dorian Dervite.

78:38 Attempt blocked. Raheem Sterling (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is blocked.

78:36 Attempt blocked. Fabio Borini (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is blocked.

78:34 Attempt blocked. Daniel Sturridge (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is blocked. Assisted by Jordan Henderson.

74:34 Attempt blocked. Jordan Henderson (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked.

74:11 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Dean Moxey.

74:09 Attempt blocked. Emre Can (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Steven Gerrard.

72:18 Attempt missed. Steven Gerrard (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is high and wide to the right from a direct free kick.

71:55Substitution, Bolton Wanderers. Liam Trotter replaces Zach Clough.

71:06 Raheem Sterling (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.

71:06 Foul by Zach Clough (Bolton Wanderers.

70:32 Attempt saved. Eidur Gudjohnsen (Bolton Wanderers header from the centre of the box is saved in the bottom left corner. Assisted by Liam Feeney with a cross.

70:04 Martin Skrtel (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.

70:04 Foul by Matt Mills (Bolton Wanderers.

69:42Substitution, Liverpool. Daniel Sturridge replaces Joe Allen.

67:51 Attempt missed. Steven Gerrard (Liverpool header from the centre of the box misses to the left. Assisted by Philippe Coutinho with a cross following a corner.

67:33 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Zach Clough.

66:35 Attempt missed. Zach Clough (Bolton Wanderers right footed shot from outside the box is close, but misses to the left. Assisted by Matt Mills.

66:04 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Dean Moxey.

65:20Dismissal DismissalSecond yellow card to Neil Danns (Bolton Wanderers for a bad foul.

65:17 Joe Allen (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.

65:17 Foul by Neil Danns (Bolton Wanderers.

64:28Substitution, Liverpool. Fabio Borini replaces Lazar Markovic because of an injury.

63:27 Delay over. They are ready to continue.

62:25 Delay in match Lazar Markovic (Liverpool because of an injury.

60:38 Corner, Bolton Wanderers. Conceded by Emre Can.

59:18Booking Joe Allen (Liverpool is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.

59:04 Foul by Joe Allen (Liverpool.

59:04 Zach Clough (Bolton Wanderers wins a free kick in the attacking half.

58:10Goal scored Goal!Goal! Bolton Wanderers 1, Liverpool 0. Eidur Gudjohnsen (Bolton Wanderers converts the penalty with a right footed shot to the bottom right corner.

57:24 Penalty conceded by Martin Skrtel (Liverpool after a foul in the penalty area.

57:24 Penalty Bolton Wanderers. Zach Clough draws a foul in the penalty area.

56:00 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by David Wheeler.

54:04 Raheem Sterling (Liverpool wins a free kick on the right wing.

54:04 Foul by David Wheeler (Bolton Wanderers.

53:58Substitution, Liverpool. Jordan Henderson replaces Adam Lallana.

52:46 Attempt saved. Raheem Sterling (Liverpool right footed shot from the left side of the box is saved in the top right corner.

49:09 Offside, Liverpool. Philippe Coutinho tries a through ball, but Steven Gerrard is

caught offside.

48:07 Offside, Bolton Wanderers. David Wheeler tries a through ball, but Eidur Gudjohnsen is caught offside.

47:29 Foul by Martin Skrtel (Liverpool.

47:29 Matt Mills (Bolton Wanderers wins a free kick in the attacking half.

46:12 Simon Mignolet (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.

46:12 Foul by Eidur Gudjohnsen (Bolton Wanderers.

45:00 Second Half begins Bolton Wanderers 0, Liverpool 0.

45:00+1:08Half time First Half ends, Bolton Wanderers 0, Liverpool 0.

45:00+1:02 Foul by Emre Can (Liverpool.

45:00+1:02 Matt Mills (Bolton Wanderers wins a free kick on the left wing.

45:00+0:26 Attempt missed. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is close, but misses to the right. Assisted by Lazar Markovic.

44:03 Attempt missed. Neil Danns (Bolton Wanderers right footed shot from outside the box misses to the left.

41:07 Offside, Liverpool. Philippe Coutinho tries a through ball, but Raheem Sterling is caught offside.

36:04 Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.

36:04 Foul by Dorian Dervite (Bolton Wanderers.

35:44 Attempt saved. Matt Mills (Bolton Wanderers right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the centre of the goal.

35:16 Offside, Liverpool. Philippe Coutinho tries a through ball, but Alberto Moreno is caught offside.

34:10 Foul by Joe Allen (Liverpool.

34:10 Eidur Gudjohnsen (Bolton Wanderers wins a free kick in the attacking half.

33:45 Attempt saved. Adam Lallana (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is saved in the bottom right corner. Assisted by Raheem Sterling.

31:44 Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.

31:44 Foul by Zach Clough (Bolton Wanderers.

30:34 Raheem Sterling (Liverpool hits the right post with a right footed shot from the centre of the box. Assisted by Adam Lallana.

28:16Booking Neil Danns (Bolton Wanderers is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.

28:08 Emre Can (Liverpool wins a free kick on the right wing.

28:08 Foul by Neil Danns (Bolton Wanderers.

24:56 Attempt missed. Dorian Dervite (Bolton Wanderers right footed shot from outside the box misses to the left. Assisted by Matt Mills.

24:02 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Dean Moxey.

22:22 Foul by Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool.

22:22 Neil Danns (Bolton Wanderers wins a free kick in the attacking half.

19:33 Attempt saved. David Wheeler (Bolton Wanderers header from the centre of the box is saved in the bottom left corner. Assisted by Liam Feeney with a cross.

18:50 Foul by Adam Lallana (Liverpool.

18:50 Neil Danns (Bolton Wanderers wins a free kick on the left wing.

15:26 Attempt missed. Eidur Gudjohnsen (Bolton Wanderers left footed shot from the centre of the box is too high. Assisted by Josh Vela with a cross.

13:53 Attempt saved. Raheem Sterling (Liverpool left footed shot from the left side of the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Adam Lallana.

11:53 Attempt missed. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box misses to the left. Assisted by Steven Gerrard.

10:05 Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.

10:05 Foul by David Wheeler (Bolton Wanderers.

9:11 Emre Can (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.

9:11 Foul by Matt Mills (Bolton Wanderers.

8:24 Foul by Lazar Markovic (Liverpool.

8:24 Josh Vela (Bolton Wanderers wins a free kick on the left wing.

7:57 Delay over. They are ready to continue.

7:13 Delay in match Raheem Sterling (Liverpool because of an injury.

6:45 Attempt saved. Steven Gerrard (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the bottom right corner. Assisted by Adam Lallana.

0:00 First Half begins.

0:00 Lineups are announced and players are warming up.