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Liverpool scrape past Carlisle on penalties but Rodgers' torment grows
 There was victory at last for Brendan Rodgers but no respite whatsoever. Liverpool needed a penalty shootout to overcome League Two Carlisle United as the home supporters were subjected to another aimless, laboured display that will do little to ease the pressure on the manager. The Premier League team booked a place in round four at home to Bournemouth but it was Keith Curle's men who took the acclaim.

Adam Bogdan saved from Danny Grainger, Luke Joyce and Bastien Héry in the shootout, the stand-in keeper's stop from the French midfielder sealing victory after James Milner, Emre Can and Danny Ings had converted for Liverpool. The Hungarian goalkeeper also saved Rodgers from the ignominy of a sixth game without a win, not that he had cause to celebrate edging past the Cumbrians on spot kicks.

Adam Lallana and Philippe Coutinho both missed their spot-kicks, in keeping with a poor Liverpool performance. Only Ings, who opened the scoring in normal time before the veteran striker Derek Asamoah equalised, Bogdan and Can exited the match with credit. This was another galling night for a manager who had awoken to reports that his job had been offered to the Champions League winner Carlo Ancelotti, rumours denied by the Anfield club.

Liverpool were booed off at the end of normal time – the condemnation louder than after Sunday's draw with Norwich City – and after both periods of extra time. Three rounds of booing in the one night takes some doing.

Rodgers' team had 46 shots during the 120 minutes and yet lacked invention against a team 65 places below them in English league football. Mark Gillespie in the visiting goal had a procession of shots to watch but precious few to trouble him. It was a case of work the ball square, back again, shoot wide and repeat. The play reflected the current direction of the Liverpool team – going nowhere.

The Liverpool manager passed post-match duties to his team coach, Gary McAllister. "Brendan is delighted, as we all are," said McAllister. "There was also a big sigh of relief in that dressing room. The positives are we are in the next round and we had around 50 shots on goal. We've been asking the players to take more responsibility in front of goal and we had that tonight, although we didn't work the keeper enough. It was a good night in that we are through to the next round. We want the performance to be better and that is what we are striving for."

Problems were not confined to the performance level. Dejan Lovren was taken off on a stretcher seconds before the end with what appeared a serious injury to his right ankle, although McAllister said the Croatian's problem is "hopefully not as bad as it first looked". Roberto Firmino also departed injured in the first half. Five years and one day ago Northampton Town had embarrassed Roy Hodgson's Liverpool in the League Cup but that was a second string Liverpool team. Rodgers opted for the security of seasoned internationals and even that did not suffice. It felt an age by the time Bogdan saved Carlisle's fifth and final penalty low to his left but Liverpool had begun brightly, peppering Gillespie's goal from the first whistle and passing more sharply than in recent weeks. Ings was their most prominent, relentless player up front and scored his second goal in two games to open the scoring. Alberto Moreno cut inside from the left and found Lallana running into the area. The midfielder swept over an inviting cross for Ings to head home from close range. It was a rare example of a quality final ball from Liverpool.

Asamoah, selected ahead of Carlisle's leading goalscorer Jabo Ibehre, had gone close to converting Alex McQueen's low cross as his side responded to their manager's call for greater intent. Seconds later a simple pass in midfield released Héry from Joe Allen and co, and he ran unchallenged down the centre of the pitch before putting in Asamoah behind a non-existent Liverpool central defence. The striker beat Bogdan with a powerful finish inside the near post while Anfield, and Rodgers, wondered why no one had attempted a tackle.

Carlisle were pegged back after the restart but there was desperation in Liverpool's play, not least when Martin Skrtel shot high into the Kop from 40 yards. Only seven minutes of the second half had elapsed at that wild point. The frequency of shots from distance also reflected Liverpool's inability to break down a League Two defence. Cambridge United and Plymouth Argyle managed four goals apiece against Carlisle in August.

Rodgers brought on his insurance policy, Coutinho, just after the hour. The Brazilian stung Gillespie's palms – also from long range – and floated a delightful ball into Lallana to waste but there remained a distinct lack of ingenuity and finesse to Liverpool's play. Carlisle's three-man central defence worked tirelessly to limit the openings and succeeded for 120 minutes. The lottery of a shootout, however, saved Liverpool and their manager.

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PS130m KOP FLOP; Lacklustre Liverpool limp past Carlisle
 LIVERPOOL 1

Ings 23
 CARLISLE 1
 Asamoah 34

Aet: Liverpool win 3-2 on pens LIVERPOOL scraped through to the fourth round of the Capital One Cup, needing a penalty shootout to overcome opponents placed mid-table in League Two.

Though Liverpool had more than 40 shots during the game, they never imposed themselves on Carlisle and were booed off at halftime of extra time, as the Kop's frustrations over the anaemic start they have made to the season boiled over. It has increased the already intense pressure on Brendan Rodgers, who is clinging to his job and it remains to be seen how long Fenway Sports Group, the club's owners, will be prepared to accept such paucity in performances.

Liverpool, who saw Dejan Lovren substituted late on with what appeared to be a serious ankle injury that required him to have oxygen on the pitch, took the lead midway through the first half when Danny Ings -- the only positive for Rodgers -- buried a header from Adam Lallana's pinpoint cross. But they were soon pegged back. Derek Asamoah beat Adam Bogdan from close range after Bastian Hery, the game's best performer, surged 30 yards up field unopposed to feed in a ball that cut Liverpool's defence in two.

Carlisle were outstanding, their energy, commitment and willingness to run even when their legs were burning in extra time. They defended as a unit, kept Liverpool comfortably at arms' length and even threatened to win it with a couple of counterattacks.

They have been inconsistent in League Two but, as was the case when they faced Queens Park Rangers in the last round, they rose to the occasion and deserved every bit of acclaim that came their way.

The side Rodgers selected said everything about how urgently he needed a win. The starting XI cost more than PS130million to assemble and, in PS28m Roberto Firmino, contained the third most expensive signing in the club's history.

Straight from kick-off, Ings, Adam Lallana and Firmino exchanged passes and darted in between blue shirts before Firmino fizzed a drive from 20 yards that stung the palms of Carlisle keeper Mark Gillespie.

But it was not the tone being set for an early blitz as Liverpool struggled to rattle a side that were 65 places beneath them in them in the league pyramid. They even missed two spot kicks in the shootout before scraping through.

LIVERPOOL (3-5-3): Bogdan 5; Lovren 5, Skrtel 5, Can 6; Moreno 6, Milner 5.5, Allen 4.5 (Coutinho 66min 5), Firmino 5 (Origi 29 4), Clyne 6; Lallana 6, Ings 7.
 Subs not used: Gomez, Brannagan, Rossiter, Fulton.

Booked: Origi. CARLISLE (3-5-1-1): Gillespie 7; Miller 7, Grainger 8, Raynes 7; Kennedy 6.5 (Gillesphey 73), Joyce 7, Dicker 7, McQueen 7, Sweeney 6.5 (Gilliead 64 7); Hery 8.5; Asamoah 7.5 (Ibhere 64 7).

Subs not used: Atkinson, Hanford, Balanta, Archibald-Henville.

Man of the match: Bastian Hery. Referee: Andrew Madley 6.

The Daily Telegraph

Rodgers feels the heat after Asamoah makes Liverpool go distance
 Liverpool 1

Ings 23
 Carlisle 1

Asamoah 34 Score after 90 mins
 Att: 42,518

Brendan Rodgers has found himself desperately seeking extra time as he fights for his job. Last night at Anfield it was the threat of another 30 minutes against League Two Carlisle United that plunged his reign into the deepest crisis.

This was supposed to be an evening to offer Rodgers sanctuary from the mounting speculation regarding his position. Instead, the Liverpool manager seems to be stuck in a nightmare from which he cannot escape.

This will have been the longest 120 minutes of his coaching career. Danny Ings deservedly headed Liverpool ahead midway through the first half, but once Derek Asamoah punished slack defending 10 minutes later it descended into another slack and often embarrassing cup tie for the Merseysiders.

The Cumbrian side deserve credit for becoming the latest visitors to Anfield to raise questions as to where this club are heading. Those observing in the United States will be getting increasingly twitchy.

It was a team picked to avoid calamity. There were over PS130 million worth of recruits in the starting line-up, Rodgers recognising how perilous his situation. James Milner, Nathaniel Clyne and Martin Skrtel were among the regulars selected. Ings can now consider himself the pick of the strikers until Daniel Sturridge is fully fit, and even Coutinho was on the bench in case of an emergency.

The way his side started he could not have imagined he would be needed or this would be a tricky evening against the League Two side. Carlisle's goal was peppered in the early stages, Roberto Firmino twice going close from distance as Liverpool sought a high tempo start. Mark Gillespie, in the visiting goal, was under incessant pressure, albeit most of the attempts were from outside the box.

Ings, relishing another opportunity as a striker, was most lively. The 23-year-old is more suited to how Liverpool play than the PS32.5 million striker he replaced, his movement and energy endearing him to his new public. He forced Gillespie into action on numerous occasions as it seemed the opening goal had to come.

Eventually it did on 23 minutes, Ings unsurprisingly making the breakthrough. Alberto Moreno fed Adam Lallana in space and his clipped cross picked out the ex-Burnley man who headed in from close range.

That should have been the platform for a more comfortable fixture for the hosts. Liverpool looked like they would outclass their lower level opponents for the first 30 minutes as Carlisle struggled to get out of their own half. Instead, relaxation bred complacency as familiar defensive ineptitude reared its head again. Carlisle earned themselves an equaliser to change the mood.

Bastian Hery somehow found space in midfield on 34 minutes, not so much as a flying boot to evade before he sent Asamoah scurrying into a one-on-one with Adam Bogdan, who was deputising for Simon Mignolet. The finish was excellent and the belief in Carlisle's ranks soared.

The composure that typified the start of the game was now gone, and an injury to Firmino - he had to leave the field on 35 minutes after hurting his back - did not help. It is a worrying trend at Anfield. Even when the side earn themselves a position of superiority, an edginess creeps in and all visitors fancy their chances the longer the game goes on.

The home side regained the initiative in the early stages of the second half, but it was barely believable they were toiling against a side 65 places below them in the English leagues. Skrtel's ridiculous shot over the bar from 30 yards after eight minutes of the second period was an indication of the increasing sense of desperation and anxiety.

As Rodgers pondered whether to summon Coutinho, Carlisle manager Keith Curle introduced his own rested players Jabo Ibhere - his top goalscorer - and Alex Gilliead.

The ovation for Liverpool's Brazilian on 64 minutes was a demonstration of belief that the Kop's talisman would make the difference. He forced Gillespie into action almost immediately but disbelief spread as Liverpool continued to be limited to long-range efforts.

To put matters into perspective, the home side were struggling to penetrate a team that was conceding four against Plymouth Argyle and Cambridge United earlier this season.

Milner was inches wide with 12 minutes remaining and Coutinho was probing, but Carlisle were growing in confidence that they could pull off a historic win. Liverpool (3-5-2) Bogdan 5; Lovren 4, Skrtel 4, Can 6; Moreno 5, Milner 5, Allen 5 (Coutinho 64), Firmino 5 (Origi 35), Clyne 6 (Ibhere 86); Lallana 6, Ings 8. Subs Gomez, Brannagan, Rossiter, Fulton (g). Booked Origi. Carlisle (3-5-1-1) Gillespie 7; Miller 7, Grainger 7, Raynes 7; Kennedy 7 (Gillesphey 73), Joyce 7, Dicker 7, McQueen 7, Sweeney 7 (Ibhere 64); Hery 8; Asamoah 7 (Gilliead 64). Subs Atkinson, Hanford (g), Balanta, Archibald-Henville.

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Relief for Rodgers as Liverpool scrape past Carlisle on penalties
 Brendan Rodgers the embattled Liverpool manager was indebted to Adam Bogdan last night, the goalkeeper saving three penalties in a nervous shootout as the Premier League side scrapped past League Two Carlisle after being held over 120 minutes.

A bad injury to defender Dejan Lovren added to Rodgers' problems though, the Croatian being carried off in extra time after having a splint applied to his right leg.

With supporters able to pay on the gate it was beginning to feel like yesteryear at Anfield until the football started and the grim reality of the present was laid bare. Carlisle were 65 places below Liverpool in the league standings and had the worst defensive record in the bottom professional division of the English pyramid. Yet the statistics mattered not. This was excruciating in the most extreme for Liverpool and Rodgers, a team and a manager that could not find a way to beat a limited, though highly determined and organised opponent who were able to take the contest beyond 90 minutes.

Rodgers had said on Sunday after Liverpool failed to win against Norwich that his players were struggling to deal with the anxiety around Anfield, which for the majority of this evening remained silent. The strength of Rodgers' starting XI either reflected he is taking the League Cup more seriously than Europe at this moment, or, he recognises the delicacy of his position and, in fact, is becoming desperate. It was, instead, Keith Curle, Carlisle's manager, who decided to leave out key personnel, with the Football League's top scorer Jabo Ibehre sacrificed for the tactical benefit of the team.

Roared on by 6,000 Cumbrians, Carlisle took encouragement at the slightest thing; like when Bastien Hery burst from midfield and thumped a shot into the Kop, or when Danny Grainger slung in a cross but Derek Asamoah could not quite reach it.

That Liverpool took the lead through Danny Ings' header that did not dishearten the visitors. For a second time, Liverpool's midfield underestimated the power of Hery's running, forcing Dejan Lovren to split from the back three.

The break left Asamoah in space and he equalised, although Bogdan - making his debut - could have done more to save the shot that raced underneath him at the near post. Liverpool's confidence quickly turned to slop. Carlisle were matching Liverpool tactically. Liverpool could not penetrate a defence that had conceded four goals in successive matches with Cambridge and Plymouth in the opening weeks of the season.

Having substituted Roberto Firmino before half time with the Brazilian holding his back, Rodgers's hopes lay later with the introduction of Philippe Coutinho for Joe Allen. Coutinho, though, struggled to find room in a crowded midfield and Anfield's frustration grew.

Ings's waspish enthusiasm waned and rather than a Liverpool onslaught, Carlisle started to pose more questions in attack. When Alexander McQueen fashioned an opportunity by racing down the wing from his position at the back, the whole stadium held its breath as Ibehre, brought on for Asamoah, charged to meet it only for Emre Can to clear just as it seemed there might be a winner. .

For much of the second half Rodgers sat in the dugout whispering to first team coach Gary McAllister. With [pounds sterling]130m worth of signings on the pitch, it seemed impossible that Liverpool would not see this through. Yet they have not won a game comfortably since Newcastle were defeated on this ground 2-0 in April.

And so it went to extra time and the pattern of play continued, with Carlisle happy to afford Liverpool possession and wait for chances through free-kicks and the occasional corner.



BREN'S PULLED OUT OF A BOG; Keeper Adam denies Carlisle Kop scalp in tense shootout

LIVERPOOL have won many great victories on penalties - but this was not one of them.

The Reds' success in the shootout, thanks to Adam Bogdan's three saves, only slightly lessened the embarrassment they felt at being taken all the way by Carlisle.

Boss Brendan Rodgers managed a smile at the end of another fraught match at Anfield, but he has little to be happy about.

Yet again his side were guilty of not taking their chances and yet again they were caught napping at the back to gift the League Two side an equaliser.

This Capital One Cup tie was supposed to be a confidence booster. Instead, it exposed again the lack of self-belief and leadership in Rodgers' team.

James Milner was supposed to provide that leadership, but the harder he tried, the worse he got.

Dejan Lovren also supplied another entry for his personal gaffes DVD by virtually rolling out the red carpet for Carlisle to level before he was stretchered off in the 120th minute after landing awkwardly.

Danny Ings was Liverpool's bright spark and the Kop sang his name at the end in appreciation of their new hero. He shamed some of his team-mates with his energy, desire and work rate. He went close a couple of times before opening the scoring on 23 minutes when Adam Lallana crossed for him to head home from close range.

The former Burnley man then nodded wide before fizzing a shot over following a counter-attack.

Liverpool were in control, only to suffer a collective nervous collapse at the back to gift Carlisle an equaliser on 34 minutes.

Lovren backed off allowing Bastien Hery a free run at goal. He found Derek Asamoah on the left and with Alberto Moreno out of position, he scored past Bogdan at his near post.

It was a shocking goal for Liverpool to concede and shattered their fragile confidence.

They responded, presumably after a half-time rollicking from Rodgers (above), and Milner and sub Divock Origi forced saves from Mark Gillespie, while Ings fired into the side netting.

Milner went close again before Bogdan denied 10-goal Jabo Ibehre and the Cumbrians' Alex Gilliead almost won it at the death.

Cue penalties and Bogdan ensured he had a memorable debut denying Danny Grainger, Luke Joyce and Hery to rescue the Reds.

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Rarely has a victory ever felt this hollow.

[Liverpool](#) limped into the fourth round of the Capital One Cup as they narrowly avoided a humiliating exit at the hands of Carlisle United at Anfield.

Debutant Adam Bogdan was the Reds' hero as he saved three penalties in the shoot-out but this was a night when the pressure intensified on under-fire boss Brendan Rodgers. The low-key celebrations as Liverpool's players almost apologetically embraced Bogdan spoke volumes. They knew they had got out of jail. The fact that Liverpool needed spot-kicks to see off the mid-table League Two outfit was embarrassing in the extreme.

No club in the top four divisions of English football have conceded more goals than Keith Curle's Carlisle this season but once again the Reds toiled in the final third. Liverpool should have cruised through after Danny Ings' first-half opener but they gifted Derek Asamoah a cheap equaliser and then lost their way as they wasted a stack of chances. Over the course of 120 minutes the Reds had 47 shots - 16 on target - and forced 19 corners but failed to make it count as they grew increasingly desperate. Alarming, a Liverpool side containing 10 full internationals and assembled at a cost of more than £130million couldn't break down a team who recently conceded four at Plymouth. They still haven't scored more than once in a game since May.

Lack of belief is for all to see

On the day when the club moved to deny speculation that they had sounded out Carlo Ancelotti about the manager's job, the sense of unrest in the stands was palpable. From the boos and the groans to the sombre version of You'll Never Walk Alone, Liverpool's desperate lack of belief was there for all to see.

If Sunday's 1-1 draw with Norwich provided hope, this was a damaging leap backwards. There was also the worrying sight of Dejan Lovren being stretchered off with suspected ankle ligament damage. With captain Jordan Henderson and Christian Benteke already sidelined, it's another blow Rodgers could do without. The manager's team selection underlined how desperately he needed a win.

There were six changes following Sunday's 1-1 draw with Norwich City with Nathaniel Clyne, Martin Skrtel, Alberto Moreno, Emre Can and James Milner retained. However, unlike in Bordeaux a week earlier, there was no place for the club's youngsters. He went with experience as Lovren earned a recall at the back, while there was a first appearance of the season for Joe Allen.

The Welshman had been sidelined since pulling his hamstring in a friendly away to Swindon in early August.

Bogdan started in goal, while Lallana, Roberto Firmino and Ings were given the opportunity to form a front three.

Ings' work-rate striking a chord with supporters

Liverpool started promisingly as they pinned Carlisle back. There appeared to be a shoot on sight policy in a bid to end the Reds' woes in the final third as Firmino, Lallana, Moreno and Allen all tried their luck from distance. However, Mark Gillespie remained relatively untroubled until he parried Ings' strike and Milner nodded the rebound over. Firmino was lively early on and threatened to build on his cameo against Norwich but it didn't last. The Brazilian attacker had treatment after landing awkwardly following an aerial challenge and despite returning he became a passenger. The goal Liverpool's early dominance deserved finally arrived in the 23rd minute. Moreno found Lallana down the left and his inviting cross was gleefully headed home by Ings. The Kop responded by chanting the former Burnley striker's name - his work-rate and enthusiasm as much as his quality striking a chord with supporters who have had little to sing about this season. Liverpool were cruising and Ings went close to a second when his header from Moreno's centre dropped agonisingly wide.

But 11 minutes before the interval the hosts conspired to gift Carlisle a way back into it. The simplicity of the equaliser was alarming as Liverpool's lack of organisation was punished. Bastien Hery, whose pink poodle-style haircut hardly makes him inconspicuous, was in acres of space as he latched on to Luke Joyce's pass inside the centre circle. With Allen and Milner caught upfield, Hery burst forward, skipped away from Lovren's inept challenge and teed up Asamoah, who fired under Bogdan

Promise - but plenty of signs of panic

Suddenly, the swagger disappeared. Self-doubt and anxiety returned as the extent of just how brittle the Reds' confidence levels are was laid bare.

Divock Origi replaced Firmino but Liverpool continued to stumble as passes went astray. The interval gave Rodgers' side the chance to regroup and early in the second half Carlisle were under the cosh.

Antony Sweeney was fortunate to get away with bringing down Origi in the box.

The young Belgian striker came to life - with one piledriver beaten away by Gillespie before he volleyed horribly wide from Milner's nod down.

The chances kept coming with Ings hammering into the side-netting before the keeper clung on to Origi's header. However, in between some promising approach play there were plenty of signs of panic as Skrtel and Lovren both backed themselves to beat Gillespie from fully 35 yards.

Rodgers took action just past the hour mark as he brought on Philippe Coutinho for Allen. It was the only card he could play with the Brazilian the only senior pro on the bench.

Liverpool continued to flounder in their battle to find a way through the massed ranks of blue shirts. Lallana's sweet strike was straight at Gillespie, who also thwarted Coutinho. It was merely a succession of pot-shots from outside the box. Aside from the jubilant away end, Anfield was eerily quiet as the home fans largely suffered in silence. There were moments of alarm late on when Carlisle countered with menace and Can made one vital defensive header at the back post. Northampton delivered one of the fatal blows to Roy Hodgson's sorry reign five years ago and for a period it looked like Carlisle would do the same for Rodgers. Jordan Ibe replaced Clyne prior to the start of the extra half-hour.

Belated respite for under-fire Rodgers

In the first period Liverpool were abject, enduring the wrath of Anfield as they stood off Carlisle and allowed them to accept the 'oles' from their fans.

Substitute Jabo Ibehre, the highest scorer in the top four divisions, burst between Skrtel and Lovren but fired at Bogdan. At the other end Origi lashed over after Milner's effort had been kept out. The second period was no better with anger and frustration growing in the stands. Lovren glanced a header wide and Ings volleyed over before Gillespie saved well at Moreno's feet.

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MAGNIFICENT CARLISLE UTD PUSH LIVERPOOL ALL THE WAY IN CUP

Liverpool 1 Carlisle United 1 (AET; Liverpool win 3-2 on penalties): They had dreams and songs to sing, ending with a lament. But what a towering effort Carlisle United's fans saw from their team last night.

What a magnificent show they put up, walking down Anfield Road and taking these giants to penalties before losing cruelly, in front of their sea of supporters. Forget the spot-kicks and cherish the night. Keith Curle's team reduced the five-time champions of the continent to the harshest lottery imaginable before they could pass into the fourth round of the Capital One Cup.

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In a fairer world this morning we would be preparing for a replay. In the end, reality wore red. But for those long-suffering travellers who had a clear view of Adam Bogdan's deciding save from Hery, it remained an occasion that will take some forgetting.

Hery's lonely walk to the tunnel, into the consoling arms of kitman Colin Nixon, was torture to watch, not least because the Frenchman had been an inspiration for 120 minutes when the ball had not been dead.

One shot, one save - that is all that prevented Carlisle bridging 65 league places and many millions of pounds against a flawed and unconvincing Liverpool team. In normal time they went behind to a Danny Ings goal and responded with magnificent heart, equalising through Derek Asamoah and subjecting Brendan Rodgers to a night of torture, before the final release.

How the under-pressure manager must have wished for, and surely expected, a smoother night.

On a day which had produced the deep distraction of Carlo Ancelotti having been linked with Rodgers' job (Liverpool "vehemently" denied contact with the Italian), the home manager ordered most of his fringe men to stay put. Carlisle had to contend with internationals aplenty. Contend they did.

A cluster of cameras surrounded Rodgers as he took his seat for kick-off. For the national media it must have felt like United were intruding on a developing story of a boss in peril. As the game began, Liverpool seemed in a mood to kill it early, Roberto Firmino testing Mark Gillespie after seven seconds and Adam Lallana bulleting one wide a couple of minutes later. This was United's first challenge - to cope with Liverpool's rapid movement out of the blocks. Carlisle, their fans behind them, defended deep and doggedly. Another raid from the left, involving Ings and Joe Allen, was fended off in the last ditch by Gillespie, who then parried a further Ings blast. All this occurred in a first 10 minutes spent entirely in Carlisle's half. There were ole's when the Blues settled and put some passes together and optimistic roars when Hery swept onto the ball and shot over Bogdan's bar on 14 minutes. Carlisle duly settled into a calmer rhythm, passing from the back. Any uncertainty from Liverpool was leapt upon by the travelling fans, such as a corner which ended all the way back with Bogdan.

Home anxiety, though, was soon eased with their next attack, which saw Lallana cruise into left-sided space and serve the busy Ings with a close-range cross he couldn't miss. Liverpool then ate up much of the rest of the next period, Dejan Lovren going close from a corner and Ings heading an Alberto Moreno cross wide as United again found it hard to clear halfway.

Yet when they next did, the result was stunning. Hery must have felt like he had been given an access-all-areas pass as he darted into glorious space, away from retreating red shirts. He slipped it to Asamoah and his finish in front of the Kop was greeted with a roar and blue smoke in the away end and a cartwheel and machine-gun celebration routine from Carlisle's veteran scorer.

"Sacked in the morning," was then the predictable taunt in Rodgers' direction from those delirious Cumbrians. Liverpool came back, but accuracy deserted them, Emre Can's daisy-cutter failing to disturb Gillespie and the likes of Joyce piling through defensive work to fend off other raids.

Carlisle and their fans were giddy at the sight of their team level with these giants

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at the break and were thinking the unthinkable as the sides re-appeared. Grainger blocked a Can drive, Gillespie saved a Milner toe-poke and the keeper parried a drive from Divock Origi, who had replaced the injured Firmino, as Rodgers' men tried again to avoid embarrassment.

Yet this was not a Liverpool side in confident command, not by a long chalk. Martin Skrtel's long-range shot high into the Kop on 52 minutes spoke more of desperation than certainty. Carlisle's players were taking enjoyment from the challenge on the famous turf, the hosts reduced to many more shots from distance. Curle, in a bold show of ambition, then sent on the country's top scorer Jabo Ibehre and the loanee, Alex Gilliead. Rodgers duly asked his chief sorcerer, Philippe Coutinho, to remove his tracksuit top. These were unlikely little match-ups, gifted by the cup and United's ever-impressive approach. Lallana failed once more to find a way past Gillespie, whose gloves were next warmed by Coutinho. Curle's next change was more defensive-minded, Macaulay Gillesphey sent on for his debut in Jason Kennedy's place and dispatched to the left, to keep watch on Nathaniel Clyne. He did so stoutly as the Kop watched Coutinho bend another shot in their direction. You could see and hear the concern around the ground – except at the Anfield Road End, where Ibehre's arrival had sent more energy flooding through the blue masses. However it was to end from here, Carlisle's plaudits were guaranteed. Tom Miller took one in the chops from Moreno and Coutinho tried and failed umpteen times again before Gillesphey, of all men, nearly met a McQueen cross at the other end. Yes – United had negotiated their way to the end without further damage, boos greeting Liverpool's failure to see them off, their lack of ideas deeply troubling for anyone in the red corner. And extra-time brought further disquiet, one little cameo of Carlisle possession seriously tormenting the home support. United's possession football, and their intent, remained admirable, and it created one further, decent chance for Ibehre which Bogdan got behind, before Origi hoicked one over for Liverpool when Milner's shot was blocked. Jordan Ibe, whose pace from the bench was Rodgers' last card, duly parked himself further in Carlisle's domain, yet a corner off Lovren's brow, a skied hit from Ings and an excellent Gillespie save from the galloping Alberto Moreno were the most their fans had to chew on as penalties approached. Before the spot-kicks, Lovren was stretchered off after a nasty fall and Gilliead nearly struck glory for the Blues. Then came the excruciating finale, as Grainger and Joyce were repelled, Gillespie kept out Lallana and Coutinho, and then the debutant Bogdan thwarted the desperately unfortunate Hery. Reprieve, at the very last, for Rodgers. But let the praise be unlimited for Curle's battling Blues.

MARK GILLESPIE - Brought into action after seven seconds, Gillespie had little chance with Ings' opener but got bravely behind many other Liverpool efforts, making some excellent stops and superbly saving two penalties.

TOM MILLER - On a demanding night for Carlisle's defenders, Miller did little wrong. Few attacking chances from his centre-half berth but was solid and defiant at the back, hobbling at the end.

MICHAEL RAYNES - Ings escaped attention to head opener, but Raynes was solid and competitive throughout as the hosts launched further raids on United's box.

DANNY GRAINGER - Stayed calm in possession when Liverpool tried to box Carlisle into a corner. Cleared good lines and made a couple of brave blocks against top-flight hosts. Cruelly had first penalty saved.

ALEX MCQUEEN - Liverpool often targeted Carlisle's right, and McQueen was given a thorough defensive workout by Lallana and co. Did his best to get on front foot when Blues counter-attacked and kept growing into game.

LUKE JOYCE - One of many who drenched his performance in sweat as he fought to keep Carlisle competitive against high-class opponents. An excellent, industrious effort all game long by Joyce, who deserved better than his ill-fortune from the spot.

GARY DICKER - Some classy touches in midfield helped Carlisle release pressure at times. Dicker played a watchful role as United impressively contained the hosts, and relished the Blues' possession game.

ANTONY SWEENEY - Tried to time a few attacking runs when United burst forward. Otherwise worked hard on the left to support the manful defensive effort.

JASON KENNEDY - Dogged in the challenge as United fought to stay in, and then get back into, the game, before he was replaced by debutant Gillesphey.

BASTIEN HERY - Alertness saw the recalled Frenchman lead Carlisle's best early attacks, and he opened Liverpool up for United to equalise. Always influential and imaginative on the ball, regardless of cruel penalties finale.

DEREK ASAMOAH - Handed the thankless job of chasing down Liverpool's centre-halves, and got an unforgettable reward when the veteran fired home in front of the Kop.

Subs: Alex Gilliead (for Asamoah 64) – Ran hard for cause; Jabo Ibehre (for Sweeney 64) – Hungry play lifted travelling fans; Macaulay Gillesphey (for Kennedy 72) – Strong defensive effort on a debut to remember. Not used: Dan Hanford, David Atkinson, Angelo Balanta, Troy Archibald-Henville.

Goals: Asamoah 35

Liverpool: Bogdan, Clyne (Ibe 86), Moreno, Skrtel, Lovren, Can, Milner, Allen (Coutinho 64), Lallana, Firmino (Origi 36), Ings. Not used: Fulton, Gomez, Brannagan, Rossiter. Goals: Ings 24 Booked: Origi Ref: Andrew Madley (West Yorkshire)

Crowd: 42,518



Liverpool scraped into the fourth round of the League Cup by beating League Two side Carlisle on penalties at Anfield.

The Reds went in front when Danny Ings headed in Adam Lallana's cross from close range, but Derek Asamoah equalised with a low shot.

There were boos from home fans despite Liverpool having 47 shots and 16 on target in the 120 minutes.

Goalkeeper Adam Bogdan, on his Liverpool debut, saved three penalties in the shootout.

The Reds, who had not won in their previous five matches in all competitions, struggled in front of goal and - the shootout aside - have scored only six times in eight games.

Despite having 19 corners, they struggled to break down a side that have conceded 17 league goals this season, the joint-most in the top four divisions. Liverpool will play Bournemouth in the fourth round in a repeat of a Premier League game they won in [controversial fashion](#) in August.

So close for Carlisle

Carlisle, who are 10th in League Two and were once managed by Liverpool's legendary former boss Bill Shankly, grew in confidence the longer the game progressed.

Asamoah's equaliser came against the run of play but the visitors defended resolutely.

Keeper Mark Gillespie made several saves, while Alex Gilliead went close with a long-range effort late on in extra time.

Bogdan saves the day

Hungary keeper Bogdan, 27, arrived at Anfield [on a free transfer](#) in the summer following his departure from Championship side Bolton.

He became an instant hero, saving three penalties at the Anfield Road End - in front of the 6,000 away supporters - to help the Reds avoid an embarrassing defeat.

Rodgers under pressure

BBC Sport chief football writer Phil McNulty: "Liverpool may have made progress in the Capital One Cup - but the tortuous performance and need for penalties to oust Carlisle does nothing to ease pressure on manager Brendan Rodgers.

"On a day when Liverpool dismissed speculation suggesting former AC Milan, Chelsea, Paris St-Germain and Real Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti was being lined up as a potential replacement for Rodgers, it required heroics from deputy keeper Adam Bogdan in the shootout to see off a team 65 places below them on the league ladder. "Anfield delivered a resounding raspberry in the direction of Liverpool's players at various points throughout a very long evening, and there is no doubt Rodgers owes the keeper signed from Bolton Wanderers in the summer a large debt of gratitude. "That is because defeat by lowly Carlisle may just have been too much even for those among a Liverpool fanbase who still support Rodgers. "Rodgers is a manager seemingly always one defeat away from a crisis - but a cup exit here may have sparked a chain of events even more significant than that. "Instead, Liverpool stumble into the next round of the Capital One Cup to at least earn Rodgers a little breathing space - but not much.

"Yes it was a victory, and an important one, but not a win or performance that will dispel a single doubt over a manager who has been under serious scrutiny ever since Liverpool owners Fenway Sports Group kept faith with him in the summer. "It will get better"

Liverpool first-team coach Gary McAllister:

"There were big sighs of relief in that dressing room and the players are extremely happy. "And it will get better. The feeling is that we're working hard in training, we'll persevere, and we'll try to win games and perform well.

"Maybe this is one of those little things that can just pull us together as we look forward to the weekend. "The positives were we are through to the next round and we've had over 50 shots at goal."

Carlisle manager Keith Curle:

"You are looking at a team which made a lot of friends tonight. "What next? Liverpool face a game against fellow strugglers Aston Villa at Anfield on Saturday, while Carlisle host Newport, who are bottom of League Two.

BBC

Full time Match ends, Liverpool 1(3, Carlisle United 1(2).
 120:00+5:11 Second Half Extra Time ends, Liverpool 1, Carlisle United 1.
 120:00+4:35 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Gary Dicker.
 120:00+3:22 Attempt missed. Alex Gilliead (Carlisle United right footed shot from outside the box is close, but misses the top right corner. Assisted by Jabo Ibehre.
 120:00+2:47 Attempt missed. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box misses to the left. Assisted by James Milner following a corner.
 120:00+1:59 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Macaulay Gillesphey.
 120:00+0:37 Delay over. They are ready to continue.
 116:47 Delay in match (Liverpool).
 115:46 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Mark Gillespie.
 115:44 Attempt saved. Alberto Moreno (Liverpool left footed shot from the left side of the six yard box is saved in the bottom left corner. Assisted by Philippe Coutinho.
 114:31 Attempt missed. Emre Can (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is too high. Assisted by James Milner.
 114:05 Attempt missed. Emre Can (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box misses to the left.

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<p>112:34 Attempt missed. James Milner (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box misses to the left. Assisted by Philippe Coutinho.</p> <p>111:31 Attempt blocked. Adam Lallana (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Danny Ings.</p> <p>110:41 Attempt missed. Danny Ings (Liverpool left footed shot from the left side of the box is high and wide to the left. Assisted by Alberto Moreno.</p> <p>109:43 Attempt saved. Dejan Lovren (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Philippe Coutinho.</p> <p>108:38 Attempt missed. Dejan Lovren (Liverpool header from the centre of the box misses to the left. Assisted by Jordon Ibe with a cross following a corner.</p> <p>108:21 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Macaulay Gillesphey.</p> <p>106:42 Emre Can (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is too high.</p> <p>105:00 Second Half Extra Time begins Liverpool 1, Carlisle United 1.</p> <p>105:16 First Half Extra Time ends, Liverpool 1, Carlisle United 1.</p> <p>104:36 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Mark Gillespie.</p> <p>103:21 Foul by James Milner (Liverpool).</p> <p>103:21 Alex McQueen (Carlisle United wins a free kick on the right wing.</p> <p>102:07 Foul by Jordon Ibe (Liverpool).</p> <p>102:07 Macaulay Gillesphey (Carlisle United wins a free kick in the defensive half.</p> <p>100:12 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Michael Raynes.</p> <p>99:42 Jordon Ibe (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked.</p> <p>99:10 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Michael Raynes.</p> <p>99:08 Divock Origi (Liverpool left footed shot from the centre of the box is blocked.</p> <p>99:05 James Milner (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked.</p> <p>97:55 Attempt saved. Jabo Ibehre (Carlisle United left footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Bastien Héry with a through ball.</p> <p>97:08 Foul by Emre Can (Liverpool).</p> <p>97:08 Alex Gilliead (Carlisle United wins a free kick in the defensive half.</p> <p>94:11 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Danny Grainger.</p> <p>94:10 Attempt blocked. Divock Origi (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Adam Lallana.</p> <p>90:10 Emre Can (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.</p> <p>90:10 Foul by Jabo Ibehre (Carlisle United).</p> <p>90:00 First Half Extra Time begins Liverpool 1, Carlisle United 1.</p> <p>90:00+3:15 Full time Second Half ends, Liverpool 1, Carlisle United 1.</p> <p>90:00+3:02 Offside, Liverpool. James Milner tries a through ball, but Adam Lallana is caught offside.</p> <p>90:00+2:27 Offside, Carlisle United. Alex McQueen tries a through ball, but Jabo Ibehre is caught offside.</p> <p>90:00+1:54 Attempt missed. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box misses to the right. Assisted by Alberto Moreno.</p> <p>90:00+0:41 Booking Divock Origi (Liverpool is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.</p> <p>90:00+0:34 Foul by Divock Origi (Liverpool).</p> <p>90:00+0:34 Danny Grainger (Carlisle United wins a free kick in the defensive half.</p> <p>89:24 Attempt missed. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is close, but misses to the right. Assisted by Adam Lallana.</p> <p>85:07 Substitution, Liverpool. Jordon Ibe replaces Nathaniel Clyne.</p> <p>83:54 Corner, Carlisle United. Conceded by Emre Can.</p> <p>82:58 Attempt missed. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is close, but misses to the right. Assisted by Alberto Moreno.</p> <p>82:36 Attempt blocked. Alberto Moreno (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Emre Can.</p> <p>81:04 Attempt missed. Adam Lallana (Liverpool right footed shot from the right side of the box misses to the right. Assisted by Philippe Coutinho.</p> <p>78:49 Corner, Carlisle United. Conceded by Alberto Moreno.</p> <p>78:21 Attempt saved. Dejan Lovren (Liverpool header from the centre of the box is saved in the bottom right corner. Assisted by Adam Lallana with a cross.</p> <p>77:54 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Luke Joyce.</p> <p>77:51 Attempt blocked. James Milner (Liverpool left footed shot from the right side of the box is blocked. Assisted by Emre Can.</p> <p>77:40 Danny Ings (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is blocked.</p> <p>77:06 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Tom Miller.</p> <p>74:44 Attempt missed. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is high and wide to the right. Assisted by Danny Ings.</p> <p>72:51 Substitution, Carlisle United. Macaulay Gillesphey replaces Jason Kennedy.</p> <p>72:06 Attempt missed. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is too high.</p> <p>72:02 Adam Lallana (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is blocked.</p> <p>71:56 Attempt saved. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the top centre of the goal. Assisted by James Milner.</p> <p>71:09 Attempt saved. Adam Lallana (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is saved in the bottom right corner.</p> <p>70:08 Attempt missed. Alberto Moreno (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is too high following a corner.</p> <p>69:47 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Luke Joyce.</p> <p>69:00 James Milner (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.</p> <p>69:00 Foul by Michael Raynes (Carlisle United).</p> <p>68:14 Attempt blocked. Jabo Ibehre (Carlisle United right footed shot from the centre of the box is blocked. Assisted by Michael Raynes with a headed pass.</p> <p>65:51 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Alex Gilliead.</p> <p>65:32 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Danny Grainger.</p> <p>65:29 Attempt blocked. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool left footed shot from the right side of the box is blocked. Assisted by Divock Origi.</p> <p>64:27 Attempt blocked. Adam Lallana (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Emre Can.</p> <p>63:53 Substitution, Liverpool. Philippe Coutinho replaces Joe Allen.</p> <p>63:29 Substitution, Carlisle United. Jabo Ibehre replaces Antony Sweeney.</p> <p>63:21 Substitution, Carlisle United. Alex Gilliead replaces Derek Asamoah.</p>	<p>61:05 Attempt missed. Divock Origi (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is high and wide to the right. Assisted by Alberto Moreno.</p> <p>59:29 Foul by Divock Origi (Liverpool).</p> <p>59:29 Tom Miller (Carlisle United wins a free kick on the right wing.</p> <p>58:14 Attempt saved. Dejan Lovren (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the bottom right corner. Assisted by Emre Can.</p> <p>57:25 Attempt saved. Divock Origi (Liverpool header from the centre of the box is saved in the top right corner. Assisted by Emre Can with a cross.</p> <p>55:25 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Luke Joyce.</p> <p>55:23 Attempt blocked. Emre Can (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by James Milner.</p> <p>53:31 Attempt missed. Divock Origi (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box misses to the right. Assisted by James Milner with a headed pass.</p> <p>52:49 Attempt missed. Danny Ings (Liverpool right footed shot from the right side of the box misses to the right. Assisted by Nathaniel Clyne.</p> <p>52:07 Attempt missed. Martin Skrtel (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is high and wide to the right. Assisted by Joe Allen.</p> <p>50:52 Liverpool. Adam Lallana tries a through ball, but Divock Origi is caught offside.</p> <p>50:47 Attempt saved. Divock Origi (Liverpool left footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the bottom right corner. Assisted by Adam Lallana.</p> <p>49:29 Attempt saved. James Milner (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the bottom right corner. Assisted by Nathaniel Clyne.</p> <p>48:18 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Danny Grainger.</p> <p>47:54 Attempt blocked. Emre Can (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Joe Allen.</p> <p>46:14 Foul by Divock Origi (Liverpool).</p> <p>46:14 Michael Raynes (Carlisle United wins a free kick in the defensive half.</p> <p>45:00 Second Half begins Liverpool 1, Carlisle United 1.</p> <p>45:00+1:11 Half time First Half ends, Liverpool 1, Carlisle United 1.</p> <p>45:00+0:53 Attempt saved. Divock Origi (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Adam Lallana.</p> <p>44:59 Attempt missed. Emre Can (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box misses to the left. Assisted by Martin Skrtel.</p> <p>39:56 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Michael Raynes.</p> <p>37:53 Attempt missed. Danny Grainger (Carlisle United right footed shot from outside the box is high and wide to the right. Assisted by Bastien Héry following a corner.</p> <p>37:14 Corner, Carlisle United. Conceded by James Milner.</p> <p>34:58 Substitution, Liverpool. Divock Origi replaces Roberto Firmino because of injury.</p> <p>34:07 Goal scored Goal! Liverpool 1, Carlisle United 1. Derek Asamoah (Carlisle United right footed shot from the right side of the box to the bottom right corner. Assisted by Bastien Héry with a through ball.</p> <p>33:37 Attempt missed. Danny Ings (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is too high. Assisted by James Milner.</p> <p>32:23 Attempt missed. Danny Ings (Liverpool header from the centre of the box is close, but misses to the right. Assisted by Alberto Moreno with a cross.</p> <p>28:33 Attempt missed. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is high and wide to the right. Assisted by James Milner.</p> <p>26:04 Attempt missed. Dejan Lovren (Liverpool header from the right side of the box is too high. Assisted by James Milner with a cross following a corner.</p> <p>25:34 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Alex McQueen.</p> <p>22:58 Goal scored Goal! Liverpool 1, Carlisle United 0. Danny Ings (Liverpool header from very close range to the bottom right corner. Assisted by Adam Lallana with a cross.</p> <p>21:03 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Luke Joyce.</p> <p>21:02 Attempt blocked. Danny Ings (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Roberto Firmino.</p> <p>19:11 Foul by James Milner (Liverpool).</p> <p>19:11 Luke Joyce (Carlisle United wins a free kick in the defensive half.</p> <p>18:34 Attempt blocked. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool left footed shot from the right side of the box is blocked. Assisted by Adam Lallana.</p> <p>18:02 Carlisle United. Tom Miller tries a through ball, but Derek Asamoah is offside.</p> <p>17:41 Attempt missed. Danny Ings (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box misses to the left. Assisted by James Milner.</p> <p>13:10 Attempt missed. Bastien Héry (Carlisle United right footed shot from outside the box is too high. Assisted by Derek Asamoah.</p> <p>12:00 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Alex McQueen.</p> <p>11:02 Offside, Carlisle United. Luke Joyce tries a through ball, but Antony Sweeney is caught offside.</p> <p>10:04 James Milner (Liverpool header from the centre of the box is too high.</p> <p>10:00 Attempt saved. Danny Ings (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Roberto Firmino.</p> <p>8:14 Attempt saved. Joe Allen (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the bottom left corner.</p> <p>7:35 Attempt saved. James Milner (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the bottom right corner. Assisted by Danny Ings.</p> <p>6:11 Attempt saved. Alberto Moreno (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Roberto Firmino.</p> <p>4:31 Offside, Carlisle United. Danny Grainger tries a through ball, but Tom Miller is caught offside.</p> <p>4:01 Foul by Emre Can (Liverpool).</p> <p>4:01 Jason Kennedy (Carlisle United wins a free kick in the defensive half.</p> <p>3:37 Attempt missed. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is close, but misses to the left. Assisted by Adam Lallana.</p> <p>1:35 Attempt missed. Adam Lallana (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box misses to the left. Assisted by Roberto Firmino.</p> <p>0:06 Attempt saved. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Adam Lallana.</p> <p>0:00 First Half begins.</p> <p>0:00 Lineups are announced and players are warming up.</p>
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