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Klopp has reason to cheer after first taste of success

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It has taken four largely angst-ridden matches, but Jurgen Klopp finally knows what it is to be victorious as Liverpool manager. Bournemouth will go down as the first victims of his tenure but any historical significance was secondary to the sense of relief that Liverpool and their recently installed manager felt as progress to the quarter-finals of the Capital One Cup was secured by the narrowest of margins. Nathaniel Clyne's first Liverpool goal, which came after 17 minutes of a keenly contested affair, ensured that Klopp's wait for a win came finally to an end. Despite the slenderness of the scoreline, Liverpool, inspired by the lively Roberto Firmino, were worthy winners, although they were reliant on a fine save by Adam Bogdan from Adam Ritchie in stoppage time at the end of the game to guarantee their progress to the next round. Firmino had been given a big build-up with Klopp describing the Brazil forward as one of the Bundesliga's best performers last season when he was at Hoffenheim and backed him to become a success. That process could have been kick-started within 12 seconds of the kick-off as Firmino raced into a promising position on the edge of the Bournemouth penalty area only to drag his shot wide. Bournemouth's response was immediate as they launched a counterattack after Joe Allen was dispossessed only for Junior Stanislas to end the move with a shot that was too close to Bogdan, and the goalkeeper, deputising for Simon Mignolet, saved well. With four minutes gone the tone had been set for an attacking affair. Buoyed by his manager's praise, Firmino thrived more than most in the spaces that were opening up and he came close to scoring his first Liverpool goal with a powerful drive from 20 yards that Adam Federici, the Bournemouth goalkeeper, tipped over at full stretch. Having made nine changes to his starting line-up, Klopp's insistence that his rotation policy was in no way an indication of the League Cup being a lesser priority was being demonstrated by his team's positive showing in the early stages. With Cameron Brannagan, Connor Randall and Joao Teixeira making their full debuts, Klopp had placed his faith in youth and was rewarded after 15 minutes when the latter of the trio played an eye-catching role when Liverpool took the lead. Again Firmino was involved, threading a perfectly weighted through ball into Teixeira's path and the midfielder beat Federici with a flamboyant back-heel only for Adam Smith to clear off his goaline. Smith's desperate efforts proved in vain, though, as the loose ball fell to Clyne who finished into an empty net. As well as being Clyne's first for the club, the goal maintained Liverpool's record of having scored in every League Cup game at Anfield since 1995. It did little to deter Bournemouth, though, and Liverpool were again thankful for Bogdan's reflexes as the Hungary player denied Stanislas once more, this time with a parry from the midfielder's close-range header after enterprising approach play from Marc Pugh. The duel between Stanislas and Bogdan continued with the goalkeeper coming out on top once more as he clawed away a free kick. At the other end, Firmino produced another flash of individual brilliance as he nutmegged Matt Ritchie before curling a shot towards the top left-hand corner of the Bournemouth goal only for the ball to swerve too much, allowing Federici to save comfortably. For a spell the flowing football made way for a bout of lusty challenges as Bournemouth went against type and adopted a physical approach with the combative Harry Arter making a number of tackles in quick succession that irritated Klopp but Mike Jones, the referee, remained unmoved.

Liverpool continued to try to play their way through the Bournemouth defence and they almost succeeded once more on the stroke of half-time when Clyne picked out Teixeira who fired wide when well placed. Whatever the personnel, be it academy graduates, experienced professionals or a mix of the two, finishing off opponents remains a serious weakness for Liverpool who went into the game having scored more than a single goal in only one fixture since the start of May. It is a problem that continues to undermine their attempts to improve under Klopp and one that leaves them with little margin for error, as emphasised when Shaun MacDonald headed wide from a corner at the start of the second half. Without the cushion of a second goal, Liverpool became increasingly nervous, though Firmino could have eased the tension when he seized on some slack defending only to screw a shot wide. With Bournemouth looking to gain a foothold, Klopp opted to withdraw Brannagan, who had begun to tire, and replaced him with Lucas Leiva in an attempt to add more solidity. Lucas, whose last Liverpool goal came when Roy Hodgson was manager, almost improved that statistic with a powerfully struck halfvolley that Federici saved. The visiting goalkeeper then excelled himself with a plunging stop to deny Teixeira from a free kick after MacDonald had felled Allen on the edge of his penalty area. By that stage, the chances of Bournemouth equalising seemed remote but Liverpool's failure to put the result beyond doubt ensured the tie remained in the balance as it entered the final stages. Tokelo Rantie, a substitute, added to the tension with a driving run that culminated in a shot that cleared Bogdan's crossbar before Ritchie tested the goalkeeper shortly before the final whistle. Despite the nervous ending, Liverpool hung on and Klopp had the win that he had been craving. Liverpool (4-1-4-1): A Bogdan -- C Randall, K Toure (sub: M Skrtel, 33min), D Lovren, N Clyne -- J Allen -- J Ibe, C Brannagan (sub: L Leiva, 65), R Firmino (sub: A Lallana, 87), J Teixeira -- D Origi. Substitutes not used: R Fulton, P Coutinho, A Moreno, J Sinclair. Booked: Allen. Bournemouth (4-1-4-1): A Federici -- A Smith, S Francis, S Distin, C Daniels -- S MacDonald -- M Ritchie, H Arter (sub: J King, 71), J Stanislas (sub: T Rantie, 82), M

Pugh -- Y Kermorgant (sub: L Tomlin, 71). Substitutes not used: R Allsopp, S Cook, E O'Kane, B Cargill. Booked: MacDonald. Referee: M Jones.

the guardian

Jürgen Klopp's kids in credit as Liverpool see off Bournemouth

Like a Merseyside police officer seeking a lost soul inside Anfield, Jürgen Klopp has endured a frustrating search for his first win as Liverpool manager. It arrived at the fourth attempt as Nathaniel Clyne's early goal earned the eight-times winners a place in the quarter-finals of the Capital One Cup at the expense of Bournemouth. "It feels much better than a draw," the relieved Liverpool manager admitted. Southampton await in the last eight and, though Liverpool suffered another nervous finale having struggled to put the tie beyond Eddie Howe's team, there was further encouragement for their new manager. The stand-in goalkeeper, Adam Bogdan, produced a commanding display to thwart Junior Stanislas throughout the first half and Matt Ritchie at the death. Roberto Firmino had his finest game since arriving at the club for £29m from Hoffenheim while Klopp's willingness to give youth a chance – with João Teixeira, Connor Randall and Cameron Brannagan handed full debuts – paid dividends. There were hugs all round on the final whistle as Klopp celebrated his maiden Liverpool victory with every member of his backroom team, his substitutes and a few supporters near the dugout. It was a scoreline rather than a performance to savour, and a release after beginning his Anfield reign with three consecutive draws. Klopp said: "I didn't think the other games were so much worse than tonight but, of course, the result makes the biggest difference. We only had one hour's training with this new team and a new system but we got better minute by minute; we closed the spaces better and we also played football for the whole 90 minutes." Anfield, evacuated on Tuesday when a man was reported missing while on a stadium tour, witnessed decent debuts from the three youngsters and calm guidance from the experienced heads around them. Changes were necessary due to injuries and Saturday's trip to Chelsea – when Klopp expects Christian Benteke to have recovered from a slight knee problem – but also a reward for young talents who have impressed the German coach in training. "It was clear to me that the first chance I could give them I would do it," said Klopp.

Teixeira, an attacking midfielder from Sporting Lisbon, exuded confidence and played an audacious part in the decisive goal, the product of a fine, flowing Liverpool move that left Klopp jabbing the air in delight. Divock Origi received several furious rollickings from his manager in the first half but showed the workrate and movement demanded with a surging run down the right. The Belgium international squared inside to Firmino, the Brazilian released Teixeira behind the Bournemouth defence and with only Adam Federici to beat but running away from goal, the 20-year-old beat the keeper with an impudent back heel. A debut goal to remember beckoned until Adam Smith scrambled the ball off the line, only for Clyne to convert the rebound. Bournemouth were highly unfortunate to fall behind. But for Bogdan's one-man crusade against Stanislas in the first half the visitors would have established a commanding advantage. Three times Stanislas tested the Hungarian goalkeeper before the interval. Three times he was denied. The impact of costly injuries and shipping ten goals in their previous two league outings did not show in the visitors' approach.

Howe's team were close to an early lead when the lone striker Yann Kermorgant dispossessed Joe Allen. The fit-again, combative Harry Arter released Stanislas down the left and the midfielder had only Bogdan to beat when he cut inside the recalled Dejan Lovren. Simon Mignolet's deputy flew off his line to smother the shot. He also tipped over a Stanislas header at close range and clawed away the former Burnley player's attempt to beat him with a powerful free-kick angled towards the near post. Aside from the goal, Liverpool's brightest moments of the first half were two Firmino shots from distance that Federici saved well. Klopp said in his programme notes that it was the team's responsibility to enthuse the crowd, not vice-versa, and a subdued Anfield atmosphere reflected the fare on display.

Gradually, however, the noise increased in tandem with Liverpool's performance level. Firmino was at the heart of the home team's improvement, not only with a creative touch that maintained pressure on the Bournemouth goal but his willingness to press and challenge every opponent. One successful interception should have resulted in Liverpool edging into the comfort zone but having taken the ball off the toes of Marc Pugh and surged clear into the area, he dragged his shot wide of the Kop goal.

Shaun MacDonald headed wide from a Stanislas corner but otherwise, and despite the disruption caused when Kolo Touré departed early with a hamstring injury, Liverpool's defence was rarely stretched in the second half until the closing minutes. Randall merited credit for his part in the clean sheet. After a difficult opening, when Bournemouth doubled up on the often unprotected full-back, the defender recovered impressively to stifle the visitors and keep them pegged back with several determined runs down the right.

Federici saved well from a Teixeira free-kick and a powerful half-volley from the substitute Lucas Leiva but despite yet again offering opponents a way back, Liverpool this time held firm. Klopp is off the mark.

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KLOPP KOPS A WIN AT LAST; Clyne opens account as manager's gamble on youth is rewarded

WE have had lots of talk, some halfdecent jokes and some running lots of running from his players. Now, though, Jurgen Klopp has something more tangible to reflect on at Liverpool, a victory.

Given his club's barren recent run in terms of trophies one in nineand-a-half years Klopp may come to sense opportunity in a League Cup competition already shorn of Arsenal, Chelsea and Man United.

For now, though, this win as narrow as it was will serve a rather more short-term purpose. Any manager needs one before he can really start to move forward and the German will have slept more easily last night.

This was a brave Klopp team selection. His first team are arguably weak at the moment so this line-up were certainly vulnerable to a Bournemouth team who arrived to play on the front foot.

At times, Liverpool were indebted to their goalkeeper, Adam Bogdan, especially in the first half. Ultimately, though, they grew in a tight game in the wake of Nathaniel Clyne's first goal for the club and ended the night able to reflect on decent performances from the likes of the expensive Brazilian Roberto Firmino and the young Londoner Jordon Ibe.

With young players Joao Teixeira, Cameron Brannagan and Connor Randall also stepping up for their first starts at this level, this was a night that one day may look to have represented a glimpse into the future. For now, though, the purpose they served was more immediate.

At the end of a first half that Liverpool ended with satisfaction, it was Bogdan who had actually made the definitive contribution.

There were nine new faces in this team including three young players with only 18 minutes ofLiverpool first-team football between them and it was tempting to wonder if it was too many.

Nevertheless, Bogdan justified his own inclusion ahead of Simon Mignolet with three very good saves to help Liverpool end the first 45 minutes a goal to the good.

Bogdan was superb here at Anfield for his previous club Bolton in the FA Cup back in January. Here the Hungarian signed by Brendan Rodgers in the summer made his first and best save in only the fifth minute.

Joe Allen's new beard and haircut gives him a look of Andrea Pirlo but the Welshman does not yet play like the Italian and when he gave up the ball in the centre circle Liverpool were in trouble. The Bournemouth break that followed was quick and sleek and Junior Stanislas looked set to score after turning inside Dejan Lovren only for Bogdan to advance and save well.

Possession was the watchword for Eddie Howe's team and they had plenty of it. Liverpool were decent on the counter, though, and grew into the game as the younger players settled down. Firmino screwed one early shot across goal and then brought a decent save from Adam Federici with a cute shot from the edge of the area.

That was better from Liverpool but, still, it was something of a surprise when they scored in the 17th minute. Again Liverpool advanced down the right and when Firmino played in the young Portuguese Joao Teixeira it looked as though he might score with an audacious backheel that had to be hacked from the line by Adam Smith.

Replays showed that the 22-yearold was only inches from a goal but it proved irrelevant as Clyne followed up from left back to drive his first Liverpool goal into an empty net from 10 yards.

On the touchline Klopp celebrated with enthusiasm. Just as they had been on Sunday, his team were ahead against a team from the South Coast. This time, they knew they had to make the most of it.

Bournemouth retained their ambition, however, and Howe's team would have equalised had Bogdan not managed to repel a Stanislas header from close range and then a free-kick from 20 yards from the same player.

During this spell Liverpool also lost stand-in captain Kolo Toure to a hamstring strain, though whether this was a good or a bad thing will depend very much on how you like your footballers to defend.

Liverpool's aerial defending can be suspect these days, whoever is playing. Indeed, just a minute into the second period Shaun MacDonald headed a corner inches wide. As Bournemouth's need for an equaliser grew more pressing, however, the space in which Liverpool could play began to grow. Firmino raced into one big hole after a mistake from Marc Pugh only to drag his shot wide as Federici approached. Then, less than 10 minutes later, Firmino was presented with another opportunity from Ibe's strong running only to slice wildly into the Kop.

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Firmino pulls the strings as Klopp opens his account

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Jurgen Klopp finally has a win to celebrate as a Liverpool manager. He is certain to enjoy more significant victories than this narrow win over Bournemouth, but everyone remembers their first time most fondly.

Nathaniel Clyne struck the only goal after 17 minutes but, as has often been the way at Anfield in recent seasons, it was a performance beautifully choreographed by a South American. This was the night Roberto Firmino arrived on Merseyside. He has been seen little since his expensive summer move from Hoffenheim, but repaid the first chunk of his PS29 million fee with a performance that earned a standing ovation when he was substituted four minutes from the end. The Brazilian's artistry really shone through. The League Cup and eight-times winners Liverpool have enjoyed a profitable relationship. Indeed it was the last major trophy to find its way to Anfield, during the second spell of Kenny Dalglish, in 2012. In search of his first win, the new coach was hoping to be received like an old friend in a favourable tournament. Klopp might have been concerned that the cup organisers would feel affronted by how many of his senior players he had left out. He insisted he was not demeaning the competition by plunging so many untried youngsters into his starting XI, but a glance at the team sheet left no doubt that the priority is Saturday's trip to Stamford Bridge.

Philippe Coutinho and Adam Lallana were on the bench, while Emre Can, Mamadou Sakho and Simon Mignolet were given the night off. James Milner's suspension forced his absence and the injuries to Christian Benteke and Daniel Sturridge kept Divock Origi hunting for goals as the sole senior striker.

This meant full debuts for Cameron Brannagan, Connor Randall and Joao Teixeira - an assortment of academy graduates.

Bournemouth were making their second trip to Anfield this season, no doubt their minds refreshed about the injustice of their last visit in August.

Then they were beaten by an 'off-side' goal having had what should have been a legitimate one of their own ruled out.

That might have been firing them at the first whistle as Eddie Howe's side looked the more assured in the early stages and should have led within five minutes.

Joe Allen tripped himself up in possession in the centre circle and Bournemouth pounced, working Junior Stanislas into a one-on-one with Liverpool's deputy keeper, Adam Bogdan. The Hungarian saved with his legs.

Liverpool were looking to Firmino as their most senior attacking presence. The Brazilian was signed amid a fanfare last summer, his credentials and references impeccable. Klopp was in no mood to lessen the hype when suggesting he was the Bundesliga's best player for a part of last year.

Injury and Brendan Rodgers's uncertainty of where to play the South American had deprived Anfield a glimpse of this talent, but he started to show it here.

His strength and technique provided a much-needed outlet, and he tested Bournemouth keeper Adam Federici for the first time after 15 minutes with a venomous shot from distance. It was a taster for a virtuoso performance from the PS29 million midfielder, who was involved in the opening goal two minutes later. It began with Origi stretching his legs down the right wing, before picking out Firmino on the edge of Bournemouth's penalty area. The Brazilian's delicate touch sent Teixeira clear and, from an awkward angle, a flamboyant backheel beat Federici and had defender Adam Smith scurrying to make a goal-line clearance.

Smith successfully prevented the cutest of goals, but could only find the advancing Clyne, who made no mistake with the goalkeeper and defenders stranded.

Bogdan denied Stanislas twice more before half-time, from a closerange header and a dipping freekick.

Liverpool were forced into a retreat, waiting for counter-attacks, although there was a purpose to much of their attacking that has been absent recently. Firmino was the catalyst for this as his trickery created another shooting opportunity after 35 minutes which Federici saved comfortably. Liverpoolwere forced into a change before the break when Kolo Toure pulled a muscle, forcing Martin Skrtel into action.

The home side continued to look most impressive when Firmino was in possession, but given the number of draws recently, Anfield craved the second goal. The Merseysiders had drawn their previous six ahead of this tie - matching a club record from the 1974/75 season - and eight of their previous nine.

Klopp looked for solidity by introducing Lucas for Brannagan after 66 minutes.

Howe sent on Lee Tomlin and Josh King in an effort to force extra time.

In the last round Liverpool struggled to overcome League Two Carlisle and there was a notable contrast in energy levels under Klopp's guidance. Like Firmino and several others, Jordan Ibe looked a different player from the one toiling a few weeks ago.

Lucas and Teixeira forced Federici into more saves from distance in the closing stages as the home side continued to seek an end to the possibility of a Bournemouth revival. Firmino departed, man of the match, to the customary embrace from his relieved manager.

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Clyne hands Klopp first win as Liverpool youngsters impress

Months after signing his first professional contract with Liverpool, a decision was taken by senior officials at the club's academy to rehouse Cameron Brannagan in accommodation with better connections to the outside world. The Salford-born Manchester United supporter was originally in digs with a bad phone signal, a place that struggled for internet access and he missed parents in Boothstown. Connor Randall is 20 years old. It was not until he approached his 16th birthday that it was deemed by the then youth coach Rodolfo Borrell that he should convert from goalscoring central midfielder to right-back because his power and speed would be better suited to the position. Borrell had also recognised the teenager's tendency to pass in straight lines, meaning the team-mate in space was not always found. The respective rises to this night, when both made their full Liverpool debuts, is a mark of determination and development as well as circumstance. Brannagan and Randall had trained so well at Melwood over the past few weeks that the Liverpoolmanager, Jrgen Klopp, felt he knew to whom he could turn when numbers in his squad were low. Randall's senior experience amounted to one minute as a substitute on loan at Shrewsbury Town last season while together with Joao Carlos Teixeira - another Anfield debutant - Brannagan's and the Portuguese's Liverpool careers amounted to a mere 18 minutes. Despite Klopp drawing each of his first three games in charge of Liverpool, his confidence in the trio was rewarded with a first victory for the German, albeit against equally depleted opposition clearly lacking confidence. Nathaniel Clyne's first-half goal means Liverpool are in the quarter-finals of the League Cup. With the club having lifted just one trophy in the last nine years - the most barren period they have experienced in more than half a century - Klopp may soon decide this is a competition worth prioritising. Brannagan's technical prowess had once alerted Barcelona to his abilities, and Liverpool worked hard to keep him, with coaches believing he would make the next step provided he started to imprint his personality on youth games by consistently becoming the best player on the pitch. He had chosen Liverpool over Manchester United, Manchester City and Everton in 2007 because Steve Heighway, the former academy director, persuaded his family that it was the best place for him, after he had originally been spotted at a satellite centre in Warrington. While the selection of Randall's club was rather more straightforward, as he had been raised by aLiverpool-obsessed family in Melling, Teixeira's path, from the night his wizardry helped dismantle aLiverpool Under-19s team in this stadium while playing for Sporting Lisbon in the now defunct NextGen Series, has been less than smooth. Liverpool spent nearly [pounds sterling]1m to take him from Portugal four years ago but first-team opportunities were not forthcoming under Brendan Rodgers following the exit from the academy of the person who encouraged his recruitment in the first place, Frank McParland. Teixeira's loan at Brighton & Hove Albion last season was proving to be a successful experience until he broke his leg in April. Rodgers did not register him for Liverpool's Europa League squad but Klopp has clearly been impressed by his talent and, based on his effort for Liverpool's opener here, it is easy to understand why. Roberto Firmino was beginning to illustrate why Liverpool had spent so much money in recruiting him from Hoffenheim in the summer by the time he spotted Teixeira's darting run across Bournemouth's defence. From there, the attacking midfielder had lots to do and his response was to backheel a shot that defeated Adam Federici but not Adam Smith, whose presence on the line prevented a goal. Fortunately for Liverpool, Clyne - selected at left-back - was well placed to dispatch the rebound. While Brannagan impressed largely because he was always looking to make a forward pass and Randall met the test posed by Marc Pugh reasonably enough, Liverpool did not have it all their own way in the first half. Adam Bogdan, chosen in goal because Klopp decided to give Simon Mignolet a rest, was forced into three saves, each one of them impressive: firstly from Pugh, who had tricked Dejan Lovren into falling over, then twice from Junior Stanislas, whose header and free-kick would have resulted in goals had Bogdan not been concentrating fully. Brannagan lasted until 25 minutes remained, when Lucas replaced him, as Klopp chose to stiffen the central area of his team that was already looking secure by then. Liverpool were a lot better after half-time and got closer than they have in any of the previous three games to meeting the standard that Klopp expects. Randall emerged as one of Liverpool's standout performers, impressing with his aggression and willingness to join in the attack. Klopp certainly appreciated his fortitude, ushering him over towards his technical area following one surging run to shake his hand. Teixeira, meanwhile, also remained and his self-belief was demonstrated when he took responsibility for a free-kick in front of the Kop that forced Federici into a save at full stretch. It was perhaps the presence of Firmino, however, that was the most significant. When he was substituted with five minutes to go, the stadium rose to applaud him. Maybe Anfield has a new hero. Maybe, even, it has more than one.

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NEW KIDS ON THE KLOPP! Jurgen leaves it to the young guns to claim his first victory

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CAPITAL ONE CUP 4TH ROUND

JURGEN KLOPP has always passionately argued the need to give youth a chance, and Liverpoolproved exactly why last night. After three straight draws with the old guard he inherited from Brendan Rodgers, the German rang the changes and was rewarded with a place in the Capital One Cup quarter-final. And with Chelsea and Arsenal out, this competition now represents a fine opportunity to lift a trophy in his first season. But more than that, Klopp could take immense satisfaction his ideas are beginning to get through. Bournemouth have been depleted by injury, of course, and were probably glad to escape the trauma of the Premier League where they have conceded 10 in their last two matches. But here, the Reds were more secure, better organised, and crucially, more potent. With Connor Randall, Cameron Brannagan and Joao Teixeira all given a first game under the new boss - and Jordon Ibe also thrown into the mix - it was a youthful Reds side that showed both an energy and a willingness to be fluid around the box. They were rewarded before the break when impressive Teixeira combined with another youngster, Divock Origi, to create the vital goal for Nathaniel Clyne to score his first goal for Liverpool. How important that will be only time will tell, but Klopp now heads to Stamford Bridgehappy his side are begin-ning to get it, after they restricted Bourne-mouth in the first half and shut them out completely after the break. There is still much to be done of course, and the lack of goals will be a worry. But with Christian Benteke and Daniel Sturridge about to return, a n d Roberto Firmino finally looking a big money player, there is more creativity, and more movement in this young Liverpool side. They could have scored more, with Firmino twice denied and twice shooting wide, and Ibe having chances too, while Teixeira created panic in the visiting defence. But after three false starts, Klopp will be just glad to get off the mark with his first win - and something for the fans to go home happy about. The way the young players slotted in caught the eye. They often had too much movement and pace for a Bournemouth side who did not look as purposeful as they did on their previous visit in the league. Portugal Under-21 star Teixeira has sublime skill and the only question is if he can produce the work ethic to match, because the manager's bellowed instructions from the sidelines would suggest it is a mandatory requirement. Not that the Reds had it all their own way. Another newcomer in Adam Bogdan proved he was also up to the occasion, as he made three important first-half saves, the best of which from Junior Stanislav showed he can challenge for the No.1 slot.

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No more missing men jokes as Reds turn up for Klopp

Anfield has grown wearily accustomed to people going missing during Liverpool's struggles over the past 18 months. Twenty four hours before the visit of Bournemouth it was a supporter on a stadium tour who went AWOL and sparked a security alert as the ground was evacuated.

The jokes soon flowed about how it made a change from those in red on matchdays. However, there could be no such jibes after Nathaniel Clyne's first goal for the Reds booked their passage into the quarter-finals of the Capital One Cup. This was a night when a much-changed Liverpool line up stood tall and delivered impressively to end a frustrating sequence of five successive stalemates. There were no passengers. No-one hiding.

Jurgen Klopp, who warmly embraced each of his players, finally has the springboard he has craved from the moment he first arrived at Anfield three weeks ago. The outpouring of relief at the final whistle, followed by the thunderous applause for a shadow side's gutsy display, showed just what it meant to see the Reds finally return to winning ways.

For a group of players so painfully short of belief after the turmoil of this season, this was the perfect shot in the arm. Once again the goals didn't flow as Liverpool struggled to put the tie to bed. But there was a stack of positives for Kopites to cling to. Not least the man of the match performance from Roberto Firmino, who was left in no doubt about Anfield's glowing assessment when he was substituted late on. The Brazil international has endured a painfully slow start to his Reds career following his £29million move from Hoffenheim with injuries hampering his progress. But on his first start under Klopp he shone in the No 10 role behind Divock Origi. Firmino was at the heart of everything that was best about Liverpool all night with his clever movement and eye for a pass. All that was lacking from him was the finish. This was the gifted playmaker who had lit up the Bundesliga in recent years. Klopp took a gamble with his starting XI as Clyne and Origi were the only players retained following Sunday's 1-1 draw with Southampton.

It was a selection influenced both by the fact this was Liverpool fourth game in the space of 11 days and that a trip to Stamford Bridge awaits them on Saturday. Klopp's faith in youth and those on the fringes was handsomely rewarded after he granted Simon Mignolet, Mamadou Sakho, Alberto Moreno, Emre Can and Philippe Coutinho the evening off. It was a proud night for Liverpool's Academy staff as Connor Randall made his debut and Cameron Brannagan and Joao Carlos Teixeira were both handed their first starts.

Randall showed few signs of nerves as he got better and better as the tie went on. The 20-year-old right-back from Melling was rock solid defensively and provided a real outlet going forward. Brannagan was neat and tidy during his hour alongside Joe Allen, while Teixeira produced flashes of his exciting talent. The Portuguese attacker still finds himself thrown into the category labelled 'exciting potential' but the truth is he's not a kid anymore. The clock is ticking for the 22-year-old, who has spent three years trying to make the grade at Anfield following his move from Sporting Lisbon. If it's going to happen for Teixeira at Liverpool, it's got to happen this season and this performance should secure him more game time. Teixeira was the target of much of Klopp's touchline bellowing in the first half as he was provided with a steady stream of tips about his positional play. The message clear – what you do without the ball is just as important as your work with it. Yet there is no doubting Teixeira's quality in the final third and he was heavily involved as the deadlock was brilliantly broken in the 17minute. Anfield had waited a long time for a move of such fluency and flair.

Origis was positive and direct down the right and found Firmino in the middle. The Brazilian's pass expertly picked out the run of Teixeira, whose classy backheel was hacked off the line by Adam Smith. Clyne, who was switched to left-back to accommodate Randall, was on hand to gleefully open his account for the club. Prior to the goal Firmino had already forced an acrobatic finger tip save from Adam Federici after unleashing a fierce left-footer. As has been the case so often at Anfield over the past 18 months, going in front wasn't followed by the Reds turning the screw. Instead they were indebted to Adam Bogdan as he kept out Junior Stanislas' header and then beat away the former West Ham midfielder's curling free-kick. Bogdan was the hero in the previous round when he saved Liverpool's blushes against Carlisle and the Hungarian keeper maintained those high standards on his second outing for the Reds. He had come to the rescue early on with a fine stop to thwart Stanislas, who had got the better of the recalled Dejan Lovren in front of the Kop. Stand-in captain Kolo Toure had found his severely opportunities limited so far this term and his night was cruelly cut short by a hamstring injury before half-time. When the veteran Ivorian limped off, Martin Skrtel was summoned off the bench. As well as Firmino flourishing, there were also welcome signs of Jordon Ibe rediscovering his mojo.

The teenage winger has looked largely devoid of confidence for much of this season, the fearless displays of spring an increasingly distant memory. But this was more like the Ibe of last term as he gave left-back Charlie Daniels plenty of uncomfortable moments. One mazy run from Ibe ended with Teixeira stabbing the ball into the side-netting. In the second half Liverpool's grip on the contest tightened. Firmino should have made it 2-0 when he picked Marc Pugh's pocket and surged into the box but dragged narrowly wide of the far post.

Lucas Leiva, who replaced Brannagan, saw his 25-yarder beaten away by Federici before Teixeira's sweetly struck free-kick was clawed behind.

Bogdan thwarted Matt Ritchie deep into stoppage time but the Reds were good value for their victory. The road to Wembley has opened up and Klopp has a platform to build on.

MATCH FACTS

Liverpool: Bogdan, Clyne, Toure (Skrtel 33), Lovren, Randall, Allen, Brannagan (Lucas 65), Teixeira, Ibe, Firmino (Lallana 87), Origi.

Not used: Fulton, Moreno, Coutinho, Sinclair

Bournemouth: Federici, Smith, Distin, Francis, Daniels, Stanislas (Rantie 82), Arter (King 70), MacDonald, Ritchie, Pugh, Kermorgant (Tomlin 70).

Not used: Allsop, Cook, O'Kane, Cargill.

Referee: Mike Jones **Attendance:** 41,948 **Goals:** Clyne 17 **Bookings:** Allen, MacDonald **Man of the match:** Roberto Firmino. Caused Bournemouth problems all night.

DAILY ECHO

Nathaniel Clyne's winner earns Jurgen Klopp first Liverpool victory

Jurgen Klopp's first victory as Liverpool manager was secured via the unlikelyst of sources as defender Nathaniel Clyne scored the only goal to beat Bournemouth 1-0.

The England defender, playing in an unfamiliar left-back position, netted his first goal for the club he joined in the summer to book a Capital One Cup quarter-final place.

Considering the club's problems with their strikers of late - Christian Benteke not deemed 100 per cent fit to join Daniel Sturridge and Danny Ings on the sidelines - it required someone else to step up.

Clyne would not have been many people's choice as the match-winner but after three successive draws Klopp was more than happy to take it after making nine changes from the side which drew at home to Southampton on Sunday, with only Clyne and Divock Origi surviving.

The German handed first starts to academy graduates Joao Teixeira, Cameron Brannagan and Connor Randall, making his debut and all fared well. But the fact none of starting XI had scored this season and only two, Dejan Lovren and Joe Allen, had ever found the net for the club would have given Bournemouth, who made six changes, encouragement.

And considering the Liverpool defence's long-held lack of confidence the result could have been different had they taken the lead after five minutes. Junior Stanislas cut inside Lovren, leaving the Croatia international on his backside, but gave Adam Bogdan the chance to save with his legs.

The Bournemouth midfielder had two other chances in the first half with a close-range header and free-kick but on both occasions the Liverpool goalkeeper was more than a match.

Even with the regular generosity presented by their opponents' defence visitors cannot afford to squander too many opportunities at Anfield and with £29million summer signing Roberto Firmino starting to find his feet in a central, attacking midfield role Liverpool began to dominate.

The Brazil international, who twice threatened with shots from outside the area, played a significant part in their 17th-minute goal as his slide pass picked out the perfectly-timed run of Teixeira.

Showing the cockiness of youth the 22-year-old Portuguese's clever backheel beat Adam Federici and although Adam Smith got back to clear off the line Clyne, who had charged forward from left-back, fired home the weak clearance.

Firmino should have doubled the lead after half-time when Randall's pressure forced Marc Pugh to concede possession to the Brazilian but his angled shot flew wide of the far post.

It may have been because it was only the League Cup, possibly because Bournemouth had offered little threat or even because there has been something of a sea-change at Anfield, but there was none of the previous anxiety a 1-0 lead would have held heading into the last 20 minutes.

The Kop appeared much more relaxed and that seemed to filter down to the players with Teixeira's confidence still on a high as he forced Federici into a good save from his 20-yard free-kick.

But with no alarms at the other end Liverpool managed to hold on to a lead for only the fourth time this season to offer yet more progress for Klopp.

Date: 28 October 2015 Opposition: Bournemouth Competition: League Cup	Times	Telegraph	Echo		28 October 2015
	Guardian	Mirror	Daily Echo		
	Independent	Mail	BBC		

BBC

Jurgen Klopp earned his first win as Liverpool boss after Nathaniel Clyne's maiden Reds goal saw off Bournemouth in the Capital One Cup fourth round. Reds keeper Adam Bogdan stopped Junior Stanislas's close-range shot with his legs as Bournemouth started brightly. Liverpool, who drew their three opening games under Klopp, led when Clyne pounced after Adam Smith cleared Joao Carlos Teixeira's flick off the line. Bogdan saved from Matt Ritchie in injury time as Liverpool held on. The Reds, who have won the League Cup on a record eight occasions, move into the quarter-finals for the second successive season. Klopp will take his team to Premier League rivals Southampton in the last eight. Firmino ready to shine?

Liverpool's attack has been severely depleted by injury, with Christian Benteke joining Daniel Sturridge on the sidelines after being ruled out of the tie on Wednesday morning. Their absence, both through knee injuries, meant Klopp placed his faith in £29m summer signing Roberto Firmino and 20-year-old Belgium international Divock Origi.

Ex-Dortmund boss Klopp said Firmino was "the best player in the Bundesliga" for a short time last season - and the Brazil international responded with a standout performance against the Cherries. Firmino's vision created the winning goal, picking out Teixeira whose cheeky backheel could only be cleared into the path of Clyne. And former Lille striker Origi, who is yet to score for the Reds since arriving at Anfield this season following a loan year in France, can also take credit for his part in the winner. He had few opportunities to break his scoring duck, but his pace pulled apart the Cherries defence, allowing Firmino to pick out Teixeira. Cherries shore up defence

Bournemouth had conceded 10 goals in their previous two Premier League matches, and Cherries boss Eddie Howe had warned his side they must defend better at Anfield. Howe made six changes to the team that started Sunday's 5-1 home defeat by Spurs - and admitted only several injuries and the unavailability of loan players stopped him making more. On the whole, they were much tighter defensively, and while Liverpool created the better opportunities, the visitors were rarely cut open easily. Teixeira's curling free-kick had to be pushed clear by keeper Adam Federici after the break, while Firmino dragged a shot wide after Cherries midfielder Marc Pugh lost possession. On the other hand, once Bogdan had made three smart first-half saves from Stanislas, Eddie Howe's men offered little attacking threat themselves.

Manager reaction

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp:

"My first win feels better than a draw. I'm really satisfied because this team had never played together and the young players did really well.

"We had many chances against a side which played with nearly their first team. We were dominant, played football and got the win we deserved.

"It was very important to win because we decided to go with a new team. To win is always good for the feeling of the whole team."

Bournemouth manager Eddie Howe:

"I think we should have got something from the game. We created some good chances in both halves, but especially in the first half we had that cutting edge and their keeper made some good saves.

"Some of our passing and build-up play was very good - the only thing missing was the goals. We grew into the game, even in the second half when we didn't create chances, we played well. We don't want to get used to losing, but it was a positive day for us."

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Full time Match ends, Liverpool 1, Bournemouth 0.

90:00+3:09Full time Second Half ends, Liverpool 1, Bournemouth 0.

90:00+2:18 Offside, Bournemouth. Lee Tomlin tries a through ball, but Simon Francis is caught offside.

90:00+1:56 Corner, Bournemouth. Conceded by Adam Bogdan.

90:00+1:54 Attempt saved. Matt Ritchie (Bournemouth right footed shot from the right side of the box is saved in the bottom right corner. Assisted by Adam Smith.

86:24Substitution SubstitutionSubstitution, Liverpool. Adam Lallana replaces Roberto Firmino.

84:49 Attempt missed. Tokelo Rantie (Bournemouth left footed shot from outside the box is too high.

84:28 Hand ball by Lucas Leiva (Liverpool.

84:12 Foul by Divock Origi (Liverpool.

84:12 Shaun MacDonald (Bournemouth wins a free kick in the defensive half.

82:28 Attempt missed. Joshua King (Bournemouth with an attempt from the centre of the box misses to the right. Assisted by Charlie Daniels with a cross following a set piece situation.

82:05 Foul by Lucas Leiva (Liverpool.

82:05 Marc Pugh (Bournemouth wins a free kick on the left wing.

81:18Substitution SubstitutionSubstitution, Bournemouth. Tokelo Rantie replaces Junior Stanislas.

80:57 Attempt missed. Connor Randall (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box misses to the left following a corner.

80:24 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Adam Federici.

80:22 Attempt saved. João Teixeira (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the top right corner.

79:25Booking Shaun MacDonald (Bournemouth is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.

79:15 Joe Allen (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.

79:15 Foul by Shaun MacDonald (Bournemouth.

76:50 Attempt blocked. Nathaniel Clyne (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Divock Origi.

76:40 Attempt saved. Lucas Leiva (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the top centre of the goal.

72:34 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Simon Francis.

70:05Substitution SubstitutionSubstitution, Bournemouth. Joshua King replaces Harry Arter.

70:03Substitution SubstitutionSubstitution, Bournemouth. Lee Tomlin replaces Yann Kermorgant.

64:51Substitution SubstitutionSubstitution, Liverpool. Lucas Leiva replaces Cameron Brannagan.

62:26 Attempt missed. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool right footed shot from a difficult angle on the right misses to the right.

62:23 Attempt blocked. Jordon Ibe (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Roberto Firmino.

60:57Booking Joe Allen (Liverpool is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.

60:52 Foul by Joe Allen (Liverpool.

60:52 Shaun MacDonald (Bournemouth wins a free kick in the defensive half.

60:26 Attempt blocked. Harry Arter (Bournemouth left footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Matt Ritchie.

57:16 Attempt missed. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool right footed shot from the right side of the box is close, but misses to the left.

53:48 Foul by Martin Skrtel (Liverpool.

53:48 Marc Pugh (Bournemouth wins a free kick in the attacking half.

50:58 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Adam Smith.

47:56 Attempt missed. Shaun MacDonald (Bournemouth header from the centre of the box is close, but misses to the left. Assisted by Junior Stanislas with a cross following a corner.

47:29 Corner, Bournemouth. Conceded by Dejan Lovren.

46:55 Foul by Roberto Firmino (Liverpool.

46:55 Shaun MacDonald (Bournemouth wins a free kick in the defensive half.

45:00 Second Half begins Liverpool 1, Bournemouth 0.

45:00+2:01Half time First Half ends, Liverpool 1, Bournemouth 0.

45:00+1:12 Attempt missed. João Teixeira (Liverpool left footed shot from a difficult angle on the left is close, but misses to the left. Assisted by Nathaniel Clyne.

45:00+1:07 Attempt missed. Divock Origi (Liverpool header from very close range misses to the left. Assisted by Jordon Ibe with a cross.

43:35 Foul by Harry Arter (Bournemouth.

43:35 Divock Origi (Liverpool wins a free kick on the right wing.

42:55 Foul by Yann Kermorgant (Bournemouth.

42:55 Martin Skrtel (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.

42:26 Attempt saved. Matt Ritchie (Bournemouth header from the centre of the box is saved in the bottom right corner. Assisted by Harry Arter.

38:57 Jordon Ibe (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.

38:57 Foul by Marc Pugh (Bournemouth.

38:12 Attempt saved. Junior Stanislas (Bournemouth right footed shot from a difficult angle and long range on the left is saved in the top left corner.

37:18 Foul by Joe Allen (Liverpool.

37:18 Junior Stanislas (Bournemouth wins a free kick on the left wing.

35:39 Foul by Cameron Brannagan (Liverpool.

35:39 Shaun MacDonald (Bournemouth wins a free kick in the defensive half.

34:17 Attempt saved. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the top right corner.

33:09 Foul by Jordon Ibe (Liverpool.

33:09 Matt Ritchie (Bournemouth wins a free kick on the left wing.

32:36Substitution SubstitutionSubstitution, Liverpool. Martin Skrtel replaces Kolo Touré

because of an injury.

31:25 Delay over. They are ready to continue.

29:28 Delay in match Kolo Touré (Liverpool because of an injury.

26:19 Nathaniel Clyne (Liverpool wins a free kick on the left wing.

26:19 Foul by Adam Smith (Bournemouth.

23:36 Foul by Cameron Brannagan (Liverpool.

23:36 Shaun MacDonald (Bournemouth wins a free kick in the attacking half.

21:54 Offside, Bournemouth. Sylvain Distin tries a through ball, but Yann Kermorgant is caught offside.

20:47 Foul by João Teixeira (Liverpool.

20:47 Shaun MacDonald (Bournemouth wins a free kick in the defensive half.

19:09 Corner, Bournemouth. Conceded by Adam Bogdan.

19:07 Attempt saved. Junior Stanislas (Bournemouth header from the left side of the six yard box is saved in the top centre of the goal.

18:01 Attempt missed. Harry Arter (Bournemouth right footed shot from outside the box misses to the left. Assisted by Junior Stanislas.

17:31 Foul by Jordon Ibe (Liverpool.

17:31 Charlie Daniels (Bournemouth wins a free kick in the defensive half.

16:47Goal scored Goal!Goal! Liverpool 1, Bournemouth 0. Nathaniel Clyne (Liverpool left footed shot from a difficult angle on the left to the centre of the goal.

16:42 Attempt blocked. João Teixeira (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is blocked. Assisted by Roberto Firmino.

14:27 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Adam Federici.

14:25 Attempt saved. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the top centre of the goal. Assisted by Jordon Ibe.

12:51 Foul by João Teixeira (Liverpool.

12:51 Adam Smith (Bournemouth wins a free kick in the defensive half.

12:03 João Teixeira (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.

12:03 Foul by Adam Smith (Bournemouth.

10:06 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Sylvain Distin.

8:34 Corner, Bournemouth. Conceded by João Teixeira.

7:48 Attempt blocked. Marc Pugh (Bournemouth right footed shot from outside the box is blocked.

4:01 Attempt saved. Junior Stanislas (Bournemouth right footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the bottom right corner. Assisted by Harry Arter.

3:32 Foul by Matt Ritchie (Bournemouth.

3:32 Nathaniel Clyne (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.

0:15 Attempt missed. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box misses to the left. Assisted by Jordon Ibe.

0:00 First Half begins.

0:00 Lineups are announced and players are warming up