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Now win like this at Anfield, Klopp tells Liverpool

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The Wasps were not yellow and black in colour on this occasion but their sting was much sharper. The previous time Jurgen Klopp brought a team to the Etihad Stadium, Borussia Dortmund swarmed relentlessly over Manchester City but emerged with only a 1-1 draw to show for their efforts after Joe Hart staged a oneman rescue mission. The City goalkeeper was impressive again on Saturday but here his performance extended only to preventing the scoreline from becoming one of total humiliation.

Liverpool scored four but could have had double that, Klopp's eighth game in charge of the club evoking memories of his Dortmund at their best as well as offering a tantalising vision of what life might grow to be like at Anfield through the spectacles of England's favourite German.

Klopp would not allow himself to be consumed by giddiness, though, and perspective and patience are words the manager encouraged. Liverpool's systematic dismantling of a City side who lurched from disorder to complete disarray during a halfhour period that left Manuel Pellegrini, the home team's manager, angrier than at any point in his near two and a half-year reign represented another step up from the 3-1 win against Chelsea in their previous Barclays Premier League away game. Yet the 2-1 home defeat by Crystal Palace that was sandwiched in between those results could not escape Klopp's thoughts as he sought to temper expectations.

"Somebody asks us if we can go to the top then it's not my problem, I don't think that way," Klopp said. "The money is in the Champions League but I can't promise it now. They changed the manager here. It wasn't because of the weather and it wasn't a problem with Brendan Rodgers but they had to change something. Only two weeks ago we lost to Palace. I can't say that we are good enough but if you want to write it you can. I would love to win a game like this at Anfield. That's the next challenge. The top four? It's only OK that you ask this if you ask it after we lose as well."

Plenty have questioned whether Klopp has the players to execute his high-intensity pressing game but the manager suggested it was more a case of personality than personnel, by virtue of a typically vivid analogy. "If you are stuck in the forest and it's dark and you are afraid and someone tells you not to be then it doesn't work," he said. "It's about your own mind. Only you can affect that. We need the confidence in ourselves but we cannot switch the lamp on and off, on and off. This was very good but we have to keep working at it."

On this evidence, his players believe all right. No one doubts the quality of Philippe Coutinho, scorer of Liverpool's second goal and the game's outstanding performer until he departed with a sore hamstring that could be scanned today. Yet it was the sight of the Brazilian sprinting to dispossess Bacary Sagna near the halfway line en route to fashioning Liverpool's first goal that seemed to delight Klopp most.

The German can celebrate a tackle or the neat execution of a small component of his game plan more exuberantly than a goal and there was applause on the touchline from the manager as he watched Coutinho hound Sagna off the ball before racing upfield and feeding Roberto Firmino, whose cross was turned in by the hapless Eliaquim Mangala.

Liverpool fans had come, in part, to berate a player the club sold in the summer but they soon discovered there was much more pleasure to be had in serenading Raheem Sterling's replacement. Firmino's pace and movement offered the ideal outlet for the imaginative bursts of Coutinho while Adam Lallana, who completed Liverpool's terrific attacking trident, had seldom had so much fun since he was playing firmly on the front foot under Mauricio Pochettino at Southampton.

Emre Can was exceptional in midfield, his disguised back-heel that helped to yield the third goal for Firmino worthy of repeat viewing, and James Milner dogged and determined against the club he recently left. Yaya Toure, City's captain, was hauled off at half-time, which said everything about the Ivorian's performance; Sterling was anonymous, his struggles encapsulated when he missed an open goal late on; at the back, the absence of Vincent Kompany rarely felt so pronounced.

Sergio Aguero, back after six weeks out, pulled a goal back for City on the cusp of half-time but had Hart not twice denied Firmino -- who also shot narrowly wide -- as well as Christian Benteke before Martin Skrtel claimed Liverpool's fourth, the inquest at City would have been even more severe.

"The manager wants a reaction when we lose that ball and wants to get after it quickly," Milner said. "It's one thing going after the ball at 100 miles an hour but when you win it you have to be calm and play."

The message appears to be getting through.

RATINGS Manchester City (4-2-3-1): J Hart 8 -- B Sagna 3, M Demichelis 4, E Mangala 3, A Kolarov 4 -- Y Toure 3 (sub: F Delph, 46min 6), Fernando 4 -- J Navas 4 (sub: Fernandinho, 46 6), K De Bruyne 5, R Sterling 4 -- S Aguero 6 (sub: K Iheanacho, 66 5). Substitutes not used: W Caballero, N Otamendi, G Clichy, P Zabaleta.

Liverpool (4-3-3): S Mignolet 6 -- N Clyne 7, M Skrtel 7, D Lovren 7, A Moreno 8 -- J Milner 7, L Leiva 7, E Can 8 -- A Lallana 8 (sub: K Toure, 90), R Firmino 8 (sub: C Benteke, 77), P Coutinho 9 (sub: J Ibe, 68 6). Substitutes not used: A Bogdan, D Sturridge, J Allen, C Randall. Booked: Skrtel, Can, Lucas.

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Liverpool's Jürgen Klopp wants home win to match rout of Manchester City

Jürgen Klopp stated the next challenge for Liverpool was to dismantle a team at Anfield as convincingly as they did Manchester City on their own patch in this memorable display on Saturday.

The 4-1 scoreline might have been 8-1 as City suffered what their manager,Manuel Pellegrini, labelled a “collective failure”, yet Klopp urged his men to show they can be consistent and produce a performance like this before their own supporters when Swansea City visit on Sunday.

Liverpool have now beaten Chelsea (3-1) and City away and Klopp said: “I would love to win a game like this at Anfield. That’s the next challenge. We have Swansea coming but I don’t know that much about them yet. We lost to [Crystal] Palace so we have to find a solution and we will.”

That defeat came in Liverpool’s last home match. Since the German became manager on 8 October the Reds have played eight times and lost only that once. There have been three draws, though, and no league victories at Anfield.

This victory over City was a triumph for Klopp’s gegenpressing ethos – the quick switch from attack to a high press – as City were cast as hapless patsies who made countless errors and gave up possession cheaply.

For Liverpool the only sour note was the hamstring injury to Philippe Coutinho which the Brazilian, who was substituted, suggested may be serious. The club will decide on Monday if he requires a scan.

Klopp feels his players are starting to believe in themselves but have to keep on believing. He said: “If you are stuck in the forest and it’s dark and you are afraid and someone tells you not to be then it doesn’t work. It’s your own mind. Only you can affect that. We need the confidence in ourselves – we cannot switch the lamp on and off, on and off. So it’s very good against City but we have to work [more]. We are not satisfied. At 3-1 the game could have changed. They went 4-4-2 in the second half and it was difficult.”

Sergio Agüero’s sweetly curled 25-yard strike had pulled the contest back to 3-1 just before the break. Yet Eliaquim Mangala’s own goal and finishes from Coutinho and Roberto Firmino – both of whom were excellent – had allowed Liverpool to race 3-0 ahead after 32 minutes.

Klopp was correct about the course of the match potentially changing at 3-1, except that his side continued to dominate and Martin Skrtel emphasised that superiority when he made it four as the end neared.

Liverpool’s next eight league games are against Swansea City, Southampton, Newcastle United, West Bromwich Albion, Watford, Leicester City, Sunderland and West Ham United. This takes them to the 13 January when Arsenal visit Anfield. If Klopp’s side can replicate this form they could take all or the lion’s share of the 24 points available. They stand ninth, eight points behind the leaders, Leicester. The title may well be beyond Liverpool but the Champions League is surely a realistic possibility.

“It’s only OK that you ask this if you ask it as well after we lose,” said Klopp. “We can’t change our targets just because we have won. We don’t have to think about this. Our situation is difficult enough. But we played very well [against City]. “We have to be very careful. If something serious happens [to players] then we have a big problem. We have to work, that’s all. Somebody asks us if we can go to the top then it’s not my problem. I don’t think that way. The money is in the Champions League but I can’t promise it now. It’s hard work. They changed the manager here. It wasn’t because of the weather and it wasn’t a problem with Brendan Rodgers because he is a brilliant manager. But they had to change something. Only two weeks ago we lost to Palace. I can’t say that we are good enough but if you want to write it you can.”

Pellegrini was left baffled by his side. “Yes, absolutely it’s a collective failure – it’s strange, because we never played in this way before,” he said. “Really unbelievable the way we played. Sometimes you can be sat defending and concede easy goals and you lose the game. But to make it all wrong in attacking, defending and possession. It’s not the team we know.”

City were the proverbial bunch of strangers, and at half-time Pellegrini withdrew the anonymous Yaya Touré, though the manager played this down. “I know it was not a problem of just Yaya or [Jesús] Navas [also substituted]. We tried to change in the way we were playing, we tried to press high, and we continued playing in exactly the same way that we did in the first half.”

The injured Vincent Kompany and David Silva missed this hammering and are most unlikely to be available for the Champions League Group D match against Juventus in Turin. “I don’t think any of them will be ready for Wednesday,” said Pellegrini. He must now hope the rest of his players have recovered from this mauling by then.

Man of the match Roberto Firmino (Liverpool)

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I want us to win like this at Anfield; Klopp's rallying cry after City rout MAN CITY 1 LIVERPOOL 4

IN THE pages of one of the newspapers yesterday, Manchester City goalkeeper Joe Hart loomed large from an advert. 'Unbeatable,' it said.

We have known this not to be true for a while. City -- many people's champions-elect -- have kept only two clean sheets since the middle of September. If that's not a concern for manager Manuel Pellegrini then it should be.

On Saturday at the Etihad Stadium, however, we witnessed something that we really don't see very often. City, looking to weld themselves to the top of the Barclays Premier League before Christmas and New Year, were dismantled by Jurgen Klopp's insatiable Liverpool side.

It was a stunning evening in Manchester, made so by the irresistible nature of Liverpool's attacking play and by City's unexpected fallibility.

Afterwards, Pellegrini couldn't explain it. Either that or he just didn't want to.

Asked if this was the worst performance of his time in charge, the Chilean said: 'Yes, yes, it was, absolutely.' Perhaps it was only right that Pellegrini didn't say too much. It would only have made things worse ahead of the Champions League game at Juventus on Wednesday.

Liverpool manager Klopp, meanwhile, endeavoured only to play down the expectation that will inevitably soar after this stellar performance.

'We have to work, that's all,' he said. 'Somebody asks us if we can go to the top four then it's not my problem. I don't think that way.

'The money is in the Champions League but I can't promise it now. It's hard work to get there.

'They changed the manager here and that tells you something. It wasn't because of the weather and it wasn't a problem with Brendan Rodgers because he is a brilliant manager.

'But they had to change something. Only two weeks ago we lost to Crystal Palace. I can't say that we are good enough but if you want to write it you can.' The foundations for Liverpool's victory were laid in the first half. They were 3-0 up within half an hour and, as City failed to cope with their relentless energy and the intuitive nature of their football, it could have been more.

City's returning striker Sergio Aguero did score before half-time and perhaps the subsequent discussion in the visitors' dressing room provides the best insight into the challenges that still face Klopp.

Essentially the Liverpool manager admitted that he had to convince his players they were good enough to win a game of this magnitude.

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'I would love to win a game like this at Anfield. That's the next challenge. We have Swansea coming but I don't know that much about them yet. We lost to Palace so we have to find a solution and we will.' Having now won at Chelsea and City for the first time in the same season since 2008, Liverpoolwould appear to be on an upwards trajectory. Much of their improvement has come on the back of the Brazilian partnership of Philippe Coutinho and Roberto Firmino.

We know all about Coutinho -- who will have a scan on his hamstring if it is still sore today -- but summer signing Firmino has only really come to the fore since injuries thrust him in to the team as a makeshift forward at Chelsea last month.

'It's tough coming to the Premier League but each game he is getting better and better,' said Liverpool's former City midfielder James Milner. 'He was outstanding, him and Phil combined really well and hopefully that will continue.' Firmino was excellent on this occasion, providing Liverpool with an outlet far too dextrous and intelligent for a City defence missing key players.

Certainly Pellegrini may look at his selection and wonder. Without the injured Vincent Kompany, he left arguably his second best defender, Nicolas Otamendi, on the bench. At half-time, meanwhile, Yaya Toure was dragged off.

'I don't want to talk about individual players or decisions,' was Pellegrini's contribution to that debate.

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Klopp's magic puts Liverpool on fast track to success

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The journey from Liverpool to Manchester is just 35 miles. Since their last visit, the Merseysiders have taken a detour via a different football stratosphere.

Just 70 days ago, eight of the starting line-up that harassed, humbled and humiliated Manchester City limped around Old Trafford in one of the most wretched Liverpool performances of the past 25 years.

It was a display that was the beginning of the end for Brendan Rodgers's reign.

The players were the same, the name on the badge identical and those multicoloured boots occupied by the same depth of talent, and yet everything about the Liverpool team at the Etihad Stadium was new.

Where there was turgidity there is vibrancy; where there was cowardice there is courage; where there was dourness there is now ebullience. Most reassuring for Jurgen Klopp, where there was doubt there is now belief - soaring, uncontainable belief. Klopp was exultant on the final whistle but he had sobered up by the time he made it to the assessment room. "The difference between then and now is not important," he said.

It was his only misstep on an otherwise flawless evening. Sorry Jurgen, but the difference is everything - especially for those Liverpool supporters who attended both Manchester dates this season. The difference is thrilling and rejuvenating.

With every pinch of possession, each purposeful forward pass, each rapid counter-attack and - most importantly - each elegantly crafted goal making City's defence resemble recently assembled amateurs, Klopp demonstrated what separates an elite, world-class coach from the pretenders. We knew it was a coup when Liverpool lured the German from his holidays, but few anticipated so much, so soon.

In successive away games they have not just beaten Manchester City and Chelsea, they have outplayed, out-thought and outworked them. Outstanding.

Roberto Firmino looked like a crab with a groin strain when asked to sprint from the wings in his first few games, but he was mesmerising in an advanced free role here, creating two and scoring another. He would have the match ball but for Joe Hart. Adam Lallana was under the misconception that he would be David Silva when joining Liverpool, but has been transformed into a technically gifted version of Dirk Kuyt, defying sports science with the kind of energy levels that might prompt a bid for his services from the National Grid.

Dejan Lovren's inclusion ahead of Mamadou Sakho provoked mass weeping on Merseyside three months ago, but he deservedly garnered as much praise from his coach on his return as the nimblefooted attackers.

City were confused as well as dismal, with Manuel Pellegrini citing the "worst performance of my reign". There was bemusement when Vincent Kompany's injury absence was exacerbated by the omission of Nicolas Otamendi, which Pellegrini deemed unworthy of explanation. When City flourish, the Chilean looks like an efficient, obedient overseer. When they fail, his refusal to offer meaningful insight into what went wrong is unimpressive.

For Raheem Sterling, part of him must consider how seamlessly he would have blended into Klopp's formation. Klopp, meanwhile, repelled questions about Liverpool's top-four prospects. "It's only OK that you ask this after we lose," he said. "We can't change our targets just because we have won. Our situation is difficult enough. We have to be very careful. Only two weeks ago we lost to Palace. We cannot switch the lamp on and off, on and off."

For the Klopp bandwagon to get overcrowded, Liverpool must deliver on their own turf. "I would love to win a game like this at An-field," he said. "We have to find a solution and we will."

Klopp said that he felt he was "walking alone" a fortnight ago. Now he has revealed he told his players "not to be afraid of the dark", to find the guts to perform like this. Many more displays like this and he will see that golden sky soon enough.

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Reds' statement of intent shows money isn't everything

You couldn't put a price on this. Having insisted that money wasn't everything in football, Jurgen Klopp watched in delight as his Liverpool side delivered a stunning performance which emphatically proved his point.

This was enough to make Sheikh Mansour choke on his caviar as Manchester City were routed in their own backyard.

Liverpool ended their seven-year wait for a league win at the Etihad in style as they comprehensively outfought and outplayed the billionaire's title favourites. Only the heroics of Joe Hart saved Manuel Pellegrini's side from a much greater pummelling. Statements of intent don't come much greater and how the 3,000-strong travelling Kop relished every second of it.

At the final whistle Klopp went over to celebrate with his adoring public. The show of appreciation for what he has achieved over the past six weeks was deafening.

Doubters have become believers

When the charismatic German was appointed as Brendan Rodgers successor he asked for "doubters to become believers" and now there can't be a Liverpool supporter on the planet who isn't enthused about what the future holds.

Without spending a penny, Klopp has transformed a season which was going nowhere by instilling belief, organisation, unity and a steely work ethic.

Before his arrival Liverpool had won just one of their 14 previous league visits to City, Manchester United, Arsenal and Chelsea. Under Klopp, it's two out of two.

Having triumphed at Stamford Bridge last month, he repeated the trick with another tactical masterclass at the Etihad. Liverpool blew City away during a desperately one-sided first half as Eliaquim Mangala's own goal was followed by strikes from the outstanding Philippe Coutinho and Roberto Firmino.

Sergio Aguero pulled one back but Martin Skrtel's thunderous strike crowned a night to cherish late on. "Sterling, what's the score?" crowed the away end as the boy who turned his back on Liverpool last summer endured a chastening night.

Liverpool grabbed initiative from the start

With Christian Benteke and Jordon Ibe dropped to the bench to accommodate the inclusion of Firmino and James Milner, Klopp's line-up could have been interpreted as a conservative approach.

It had the look of a team designed to contain and frustrate City before the second-half cavalry charge with the introduction of Benteke and possibly Daniel Sturridge. Klopp had pulled off a similar trick at Chelsea where Liverpool turned the screw after the break. Yet what transpired at the Etihad could hardly have been more different. Rather than sit back, Liverpool grabbed the initiative from the start with a breathtaking show of force.

This was the most majestic first-half display Kopites had witnessed since the 5-1 rout of Arsenal at Anfield in February 2014.

Liverpool were slicker, quicker and more combative in all departments as City were made to look like the Dog & Duck.

Rather than drop deep to help out with defensive duties, Firmino set about tormenting centre-backs Martin Demichelis and Mangala.

The Brazilian attacker had shown signs of his undoubted ability prior to the international break but this was the night when his Liverpool career truly exploded.

City no answer to relentless visitors

The £29million summer buy from Hoffenheim wasn't short of support as Coutinho and the excellent Adam Lallana buzzed around him with intent.

The midfield trio of Emre Can, Lucas Leiva and Milner snapped into tackles and gave the Reds a platform to wreak havoc. There was an energy and purpose about Liverpool that City simply couldn't live with. Klopp's men led inside seven minutes.

The opportunity was created by the pressing of Coutinho, who picked Bacary Sagna's pocket and released Firmino. The first-time cross sparked panic with Mangala inexplicably turning it into his own net.

Liverpool were relentless – repeatedly forcing City to cough up possession and charging forward in search of greater reward.

The second goal arrived in the 23 minute as Firmino pounced on more defensive indecision and expertly cut the ball back across goal for Coutinho to gleefully tuck it between Hart's legs. The howls from the disgruntled home fans grew louder as Pellegrini sat in stunned silence on the bench.

With Mangala and Demichelis doing a passable impression of the Chuckle Brothers, Coutinho soon returned the compliment to present Firmino with his first goal for the rampant Reds. Latching on to Can's classy backheel, Coutinho squared for Firmino it turn it home from close range.

Sterling mercilessly booed

It was the first time City had conceded three first-half goals at home in the league since defeat to Arsenal in February 2003. Firmino could and should have had more. First, he failed to beat Hart when put through by Coutinho and then volleyed inches wide of the far post after more magic from his fellow countryman.

If anything 3-0 flattered City with Liverpool's only concern a booking for Lucas, which will force him to sit out the visit of Swansea next weekend.

City had shown nothing as an attacking force with Sterling, who was mercilessly booed by the away end, a passenger as he was expertly shackled by Nathaniel Clyne. However, with half-time in sight the hosts were gifted a lifeline. Skrtel's poor clearance left the Reds exposed and Aguero took full advantage.

Suddenly, the mood changed. City had hope and with Fabian Delph and Fernandinho on for Jesus Navas and Yaya Toure, Liverpool had to weather a storm early in the second half.

Skrtel delivered coup de grace

They did so with aplomb as Dejan Lovren – starting his first league game since September – made a mockery of fears that he would be a weak link.

The Croatian defender rose to the challenge as the Reds kept a star-studded frontline at bay. Mignolet produced a crucial save to thwart Aguero but Liverpool soaked up the pressure and then hit them on the counter.

Firmino and Benteke, who came on for the Brazilian, should have added to the Reds' account but it was left to Skrtel to deliver the coup de grace.

When Lallana's corner dropped kindly to him 16 yards out, the Slovakian thundered an unstoppable piledriver past Hart. It was his first goal for 11 months.

The long-serving centre-back slid on his knees in front of the away end before being engulfed by his team-mates.

Not since 1989 – long before the billions rolled in – had Liverpool won by such a margin on City's own patch.

This was a priceless night to savour.

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Klopp shows pressing matters

"I am not Jesus, I cannot walk on water," Jrgen Klopp had remarked on his first day as Liverpool's new manager. This, however, was water that tasted uncomfortably like cabernet sauvignon.

Save for an emphatic victory at Stamford Bridge, Klopp's record had been unremarkable but this was an astonishing indication of what he might achieve on Merseyside. Manchester City were outplayed and embarrassed on their own ground as they have rarely been in the Abu Dhabi era.

As part of their Junior Cityzens programme, City had flown one of their fans, eight-year-old Gabriel, from Brazil to Manchester to watch this game. It was especially generous of them to allow Gabriel see two of his countrymen, Philippe Coutinho and Roberto Firmino, take Manchester City apart. The boys from Brazil scored a goal apiece and, but for some fine goalkeeping by an over-exposed Joe Hart, they might have scored several more.

Manuel Pellegrini was as cold and angry as he can have been in his time as Manchester City manager. "It was a complete disaster," he said. Asked why he had substituted his captain, Yaya Tour[c], during the interval, he replied: "I was not happy with 11 players not just Yaya. They scored four times and could have scored three more. It is unbelievable. You cannot analyse a performance as low as that. It was a fake game."

To Liverpool and their fans it would have seemed very real. Asked to describe the performance, midfielder Adam Lallana said it was "great fun" and fun is a word that is rarely used to describe Premier League football. Liverpool's performance was exhilarating.

The last time Klopp had come to the Etihad Stadium, he had seen Borussia Dortmund dominate City and fail to win because of a Mario Balotelli penalty. When Sergio Aguero, returning for the first time since scoring five against Newcastle, thundered a shot past Simon Mignolet it seemed there might be an even more extraordinary comeback.

Mignolet saved brilliantly from the Argentine, who was not fully fit, and an emphatic drive from Martin Skrtel as Manchester City failed to deal with a corner ended any fantasy Raheem Sterling might have had of beating the club he had spurned.

The defeat of Manchester City in March represented the last significant triumph of Brendan Rodgers' regime, settled by a supreme finish from Coutinho. Suddenly, it seemed Steven Gerrard's farewell might include an FA Cup final and the gift of Champions League football. Then the bad fairies of Crystal Palace, Stoke City and Aston Villa came to spoil that sugar-coated ending.

Klopp reflected that this had not been a "perfect performance because we can defend better". So can Manchester City. From the moment Bacary Sagna allowed himself to be dispossessed in the run-up to the first goal, they gave Liverpool every assistance. Coutinho sprinted down the left flank and found Firmino, who cut the ball back. Eliaquim Mangala, [pounds sterling]42m worth of accidents waiting to happen, tripped over his own feet and propelled it into the net.

This has been a season when Vincent Kompany's position at the heart of the Manchester City defence has been in more question than at any time in his career at the Etihad Stadium and yet, when he is absent, the holes gape.

As Firmino marauded forward again, there must have been three blue shirts near him but the switched pass left them stranded and Coutinho's shot was drilled through Hart's legs for Liverpool's second.

If the first goal should have acted as a wake-up call, the second ought to have been a bucket of iced water but still Manchester City continued to slumber, their shoddiness emphasised by a free-kick that saw Tour[c] push a simple square pass to Fernando who allowed the ball to run over his feet.

Liverpool's third was the product of a sublime back-heel from Emre Can that released Coutinho through another horribly square City defence. The architect's son from Rio de Janeiro laid on a simple goal for the boy from the sugar cane plantations of Maceio. It summed up Liverpool's performance, beautifully constructed and very sweet.

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Man of the match: Firmino (Liverpool)

Match rating: 8/10

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Raheem Sterling may yet have the last laugh on those Liverpool supporters who taunted the Manchester City winger at the end of this destruction of the title favourites at the Etihad, yet he will not be able to say his former club have missed him. Sterling, whose acrimonious exit from Anfield in July ended one of the most unsavoury transfer sagas in recent memory, was subjected to chants of 'One greedy b-----' by the Liverpool supporters as the clock ticked down on this 4-1 rout, but the only surprise is that visiting fans actually noticed their former player on the pitch. On a day when the full potential of Jurgen Klopp's team was borne out, Sterling was not the only City player to go missing. But if he left Liverpool because the five-time European champions were not good enough for him, he was offered an emphatic reminder that big clubs always have the ability to hit back as Manuel Pellegrini's players were humiliated. But for England goalkeeper Joe Hart, City could have conceded seven, such was the calamitous nature of their performance.

Having seen title rivals Arsenal lose at West Bromwich Albion earlier in the day, City went into this game knowing that victory would take them back to the top of table and underline their credentials as favourites to a third Premier League crown in five seasons. They had every reason to optimistic. October had seen 20 goals scored in five games in all competitions at the Etihad Stadium, Sterling had begun to shine in a City shirt and Sergio Aguero, sidelined with a hamstring injury since scoring five in the 6-1 win against Newcastle United, was back in the starting line-up against Klopp's team. City could also take comfort from Liverpool's woeful recent record at this ground, with the Merseysiders winless in six attempts in the league dating back to a 3-2 victory in October 2008. But all of the above counted for nothing as a rampant Liverpool ripped City apart during an incredible opening 45 minutes of breathtaking counter-attacking football which could, perhaps even should, have seen the home side trailing by five goals at the interval.

Liverpool were good, but City certainly helped their opponents by producing one of the worst first-half performances of the Abu Dhabi era. Some of it was recklessly self-inflicted on City's part, however.

With captain Vincent Kompany once again missing through injury - the Belgian is now proving as reliable as a 15-year-old banger on a winter's morning - City had issues at the back before a ball had even been kicked, so Pellegrini's decision to start with Nicolas Otamendi on the bench was a puzzling one. Since his summer arrival from Valencia, the Argentine has been hugely impressive - tough, commanding and resolute - yet Pellegrini rested him in favour of Eliaquim Mangala and Martin Demichelis at centre-half.

Fernandinho, perhaps City's best player this season, was also left out of the starting line-up, therefore denying the hosts the Brazilian's box-to-box energy and midfield tenacity Pellegrini's selection blunder still had to be punished by Liverpool, however, yet the incessant pressing of Klopp's players quickly picked holes in the City line-up and they were ahead with just seven minutes on the clock. Bacary Sagna's carelessness in possession was exploited by Coutinho, who dispossessed the French full-back near the touchline before breaking for the City penalty area. Coutinho then released Roberto Firmino in the penalty area and the PS28 million signing from Hoffenheim saw Mangala open the scoring by bundling his pull-back past the helpless Joe Hart in the City goal.

Klopp, meanwhile, appeared unimpressed in the technical area, with the German ranting at any red shirt within shouting distance in an effort to maintain concentration levels, but he need not have worried.

It was City whose heads were in the clouds and they remained there as Liverpool poured forward, with Coutinho doubling their lead on 23 minutes when he threaded the ball through Hart's legs after being teed up by Firmino. When the third goal came on 32 min-utes, it was hardly a surprise, with Liverpool once again being given too much time and space to bear down on Hart. Emre Can was even allowed to send a back-heel to Coutinho in the penalty area before Firmino was fed by his compatriot to score from six yards.

Firmino should have made it 4-0 three minutes later, but after being released in space by Coutinho, he shot straight at Hart's legs.

City did throw themselves a lifeline on 44 minutes when Aguero delivered a reminder of his class by pulling a goal back with a right-foot strike from 20 yards. Half-time afforded Pellegrini the time to untangle the mess of his starting line-up and the Chilean quite rightly withdrew the hopelessly ineffective Yaya Toure and Jesus Navas, replacing the pair with Fernandinho and Fabian Delph. The changes made City more compact, but did little to inject attacking impetus, yet they at least enabled the home side to claim a foothold. A Liverpool goal and the game was over, but City's track record of late fightbacks would clearly have signalled the jitters for the visitors if the hosts reduced the arrears further.

Liverpool had the first clear opportunity of the second half, with Firmino once again shooting at Hart's leg. It was a bad miss, but moments later, Sterling lacked the courage and conviction to score when one-on-one with goalkeeper Simon Mignolet. Instead of shooting, Sterling passed to Aguero, whose shot from the edge of area was saved.

The goal Liverpool deserved came on 80 minutes, moments after Hart had denied Christian Benteke, when Martin Skrtel's volley almost burst the back of the net. It was a suitably forceful finish to a brutal demolition.

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 THE SUNDAY TIMES Liverpool send City crashing MAN CITY Aguero 44 1 LIVERPOOL Mangala og 7 Coutinho 23, Firmino 32, Skrtel 81 4 WAS it the way, from Adam Lallana's corner, Martin Skrtel walloped in his volley for 4-1? Was it the Liverpoolplayers hurdling the hoardings and jumping into their giddy fans? Was it Jurgen Klopp bearhugging his No2, Zeljko Buvac? Seeing even Dejan Lovren playing well? This, in the home of the title favourites; that home was devastated, ransacked. After only weeks of Klopp, Liverpool are unrecognisable. Their energy, their excellence produced something brutal here. You know momentum when you see it and the only question about this rout seemed to be: which moment best expressed a club's new confidence? City also raised questions. How could such a pedigree team be thrashed to such an extent? This could have been 5-1, 6-1, perhaps 7-2. How could Manuel Pellegrini get it so wrong, yet again, against opponents who quicken the pace? Young, fast Tottenham embarrassed City similarly in September, also 4-1. Starting with two in midfield was one Pellegrini crime and though he attempted repairs by hauling off Yaya Toure and introducing Fernandinho and Fabian Delph at halftime, it changed little. His back four was wrong: overrun while Nicolas Otamendi and Pablo Zabaleta sat on the bench. And, the biggest Pellegrini question of all, what does he continue to see in Jesus Navas? "A disaster," Pellegrini said afterwards. At least he got that right. Liverpool now bask in possibilities. The top four is, once again, a realistic target and you wonder, in the longer term, just what Klopp might do if he had a few more players of the standard of Philippe Coutinho -- City's chief tormentor, with Roberto Firmino his accomplice. We are learning about Klopp, that his gegenpressing is as much focused as it is frantic, and he pointed out there was strategy in this victory and Liverpool's positive approach was tactical, not some happy-clappy manifestation of that bright smile he wears. What a job his players did at picking out the slow and weak in Pellegrini's pack, and pouncing. Mostly it was the defenders. Eliaquim Mangala, Bacary Sagna, Martin Demichelis, Aleksandar Kolarov; none have quick feet, none are as smooth in possession as perhaps players of a very top side should be. Joe Hart described Klopp's Borussia Dortmund as attacking "like wasps" when they stung City in the Champions League in 2012 and another Klopp swarm was all over them yesterday. Mangala, especially, must have gone to bed with Firmino and Coutinho still buzzing in his head. It started, after seven minutes, when Hart kicked out to Sagna. He was in space but only for a second, as Klopp roared Coutinho to get over and the assault began. Coutinho sprinted across and nimbly stole the ball on Sagna's blindside. Firmino was already making his run and Coutinho found him with a reverse pass. Mangala, disorientated and clumsy, sidefooted Firmino's cutback past Hart: 1-0. Immediately, Klopp's decision to keep Christian Benteke and fit again Daniel Sturridge on the bench, and use Firmino as a 'false nine', was justified. City kept methodically trying to pass their way into the game, and Liverpool kept picking them off. 2-0 arrived from a brutal counter. After a turnover when City were committed forward, Lucas and Lallana knocked it on to Firmino, who veered between Demichelis and Kolarov before squaring for Coutinho, who passed his finish past Hart. On the sideline, Pellegrini scratched his head. He seemed passive. Klopp was a blur of instruction and activity, berating Lucas for not switching play, screaming when a break ended in James Milner's speculative shot when Coutinho should have been played in. After another swift break the Etihad scoreboard dis-played the stunning numbers, 0-3. Coutinho, charging down the middle, smacked a shot that Hart parried uncertainly. Alberto Moreno collected and fed Coutinho, who found Emre Can, who wrongfooted City's defence with a backheel and Coutinho was through. He nudged a pass to Firmino, who converted easily. Only 32 minutes had gone. How Liverpool fans enjoyed themselves. They baited Raheem Sterling, laughing at his early penalty claim and when Toure's through pass struck the back of his heels. Only Hart was keeping City respectable, saving superbly when Firmino went clear. Then, Firmino's volley drifted just wide of the posts. Both times Coutinho, on the second occasion after exquisite control, had fed his compatriot. The vehemency with which Aguero pursued another longshot penalty claim, for an imaginary Martin Skrtel handball, betrayed City's desperation. They pressed Nathaniel Clyne into an iffy pass, then pressured Skrtel, and Kolarov cut out Skrtel's panicky pass, heading to Aguero, who drove into space and curled a lovely shot round Mignolet from 25 yards out for 3-1. Pellegrini's changes made his midfield more energetic but the trouble with withdrawing Toure was City's best passer was gone. It left them, rather than constructing moves, just hunting for more mistakes, but they didn't punish them like Liverpool did. Hart, with a terrific stop using his legs, foiled Firmino. The corner Skrtel scored from resulted from Hart's save when Benteke went through. Were it not for Hart, how much worse would City's humiliation have been? To the end, Klopp remained all-action, Pellegrini doleful. Sometimes sides really do embody their managers. Manchester City: Hart 7, Sagna 4, Demichelis 4, Mangala 3, Kolarov 4, Fernando 5, Y Toure 5 (Fernandinho h-t, 5), Navas 3 (Delph h-t, 5), De Bruyne 6, Sterling 5, Aguero 7 (Iheanacho 66min, 5) Liverpool: Mignolet 7, Clyne 6, Skrtel 8, Lovren 7, Moreno 6, Milner 6, Lucas 7, Can 7, Lallana 7 (K Toure 90min, 5), Firmino 8 (Benteke 77min, 6), Coutinho 9 (Ibe 68min, 6) 						

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Liverpool wrecked Manchester City's hopes of returning to the top of the Premier League and delivered more evidence of vast improvement under new manager Jurgen Klopp with an emphatic victory at The Etihad. Klopp's side tore City apart with a dazzling first-half performance, which saw them take a 3-0 lead through Eliaquim Mangala's early own goal and cool finishes from Philippe Coutinho and Roberto Firmino.

Liverpool boss Klopp says win feels perfect

Sergio Aguero gave City faint hope when he pulled a goal back on half time but City were undermined by shambolic defending as they failed to cope with the absence of injured captain Vincent Kompany. Liverpool, however, never looked like conceding their advantage and Martin Skrtel's thunderous late fourth confirmed their superiority as they added this fine away win to their recent victory at champions Chelsea.

Klopp's revival continues

The optimism engendered by Klopp's arrival was punctured by Liverpool's home defeat by Crystal Palace, but all the signs of what the former Borussia Dortmund coach wants from his side were on show here. Liverpool put City under pressure in possession right away and it was not long before City's impatient fans were getting stuck into their team for their inability to get the ball out of their own half. The visitors were able to cut through City's defence almost at will, with Klopp urging his players not to take a backward step as they went in search of what would be a highly impressive victory. The contrast between the two managers could not have been starker. Klopp was all action and animation in his technical area while City counterpart Manuel Pellegrini stood motionless for much of the match, hands in his pockets or with arms folded in frustration. The body language reflected the performances of their teams.

Coutinho and Firmino the key factors

Coutinho struggled to hit his previous heights earlier this season but the little Brazilian magician has come to life with the arrival of Klopp.

His equaliser right on half-time time at Chelsea paved the way for victory at Stamford Bridge and has reignited him. He was masterly as Liverpool cut City to shreds in the first 45 minutes, dropping deep into positions where he could not be countered then darting into the area to get a goal and create countless problems. The same applies to £29m summer signing Firmino. He initially struggled with the pace of the Premier League after arriving from Hoffenheim but has grown in confidence backed by the faith of Klopp, who has started him in an advanced role in preference to Christian Benteke in the wins at Chelsea and now City. It is a ploy that has reaped a rich reward.

Can City cope with Kompany?

City defender Eliaquim Mangala opened the scoring with an own goal

Aguero's absence is always a source of anxiety to Manchester City - but on this evidence the damage is even worse when Vincent Kompany is missing.

The injured City captain looked on grim-faced from the stands as Mangala and Martin Demichelis floundered - although they were by no means the only offenders in what was a shocking display from Pellegrini's team.

Without Kompany, City lacked authority and composure at the back and had Liverpool scored more they could have had few complaints.

Man of the match - Philippe Coutinho

What they said

Manchester City manager Manuel Pellegrini: "Today we did it all wrong - the performance, the way we defended, the way we went forward. It was a fake night, a fake game. It is difficult to understand. "If we meant to do it on purpose we couldn't have done it that badly. We tried to make changes and have some options to score. We tried to fight but continued making so many mistakes with the ball." Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp: "It feels perfect. The game was not perfect but it was very good. "City couldn't start like they want but that is important for us. We played with big passion and that's the most important thing for us. "The good news is that we can do better. At half-time I told the boys they were surprised to be winning 3-0, and we must do better in that situation. "We have quality, we could have more goals but 4-1 is perfect. The boys can believe now that they are stronger than many people think."

The stats you need to know

This game saw Man City concede three goals in the first half of a competitive game at the Etihad Stadium for just the second time (2-3 v Manchester United in the FA Cup in Jan 2012, the other)

This is only the second time that Man City have conceded four goals in a competitive game at the Etihad (Man City 2-4 Aston Villa in the League Cup in September 2012 the other) It's the first time they have conceded four at home in the Premier League since February 2003 against Arsenal. That game, at Maine Road, ended 5-1 Sergio Aguero became the top-scoring South American player in Premier League history (85 goals)

Liverpool have scored as many goals in their last two away Premier League games (7) as they managed in their 11 before that

What's next?

Manchester City travel to Juventus in the Champions League on Wednesday. Group leaders City lead the second-placed Italians by a point.

Liverpool are also in Europe, but in the Europa League on Thursday when they face Bordeaux at Anfield. Klopp's side are second in Group B, three points ahead of the French side and two behind leaders FC Sion.

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Full time Match ends, Manchester City 1, Liverpool 4.

90:00+4:11Full time Second Half ends, Manchester City 1, Liverpool 4.

90:00+3:58 Bacary Sagna (Manchester City wins a free kick in the defensive half.

90:00+3:58 Foul by Jordon Ibe (Liverpool.

90:00+3:43 Attempt blocked. Jordon Ibe (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Lucas Leiva.

90:00+2:23 Corner, Manchester City. Conceded by Kolo Touré.

90:00+1:12 Foul by Fernando (Manchester City.

90:00+1:12 Emre Can (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.

89:34Substitution SubstitutionSubstitution, Liverpool. Kolo Touré replaces Adam Lallana.

88:39 Attempt missed. Fernandinho (Manchester City right footed shot from the centre of the box is close, but misses to the right. Assisted by Kelechi Iheanacho.

86:54 Fernando (Manchester City wins a free kick on the left wing.

86:54 Foul by Christian Benteke (Liverpool.

86:38 Eliaquim Mangala (Manchester City wins a free kick in the defensive half.

86:38 Foul by Christian Benteke (Liverpool.

84:59 Corner, Manchester City. Conceded by Nathaniel Clyne.

84:52 Attempt saved. Fabian Delph (Manchester City right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the bottom right corner. Assisted by Fernandinho.

84:35Booking Nathaniel Clyne (Liverpool is shown the yellow card.

83:17 Foul by Raheem Sterling (Manchester City.

83:17 Nathaniel Clyne (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.

80:38Goal scored Goal!Goal! Manchester City 1, Liverpool 4. Martin Skrtel (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box to the centre of the goal following a corner.

79:56 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Joe Hart.

79:55 Attempt saved. Christian Benteke (Liverpool right footed shot from the right side of the box is saved in the bottom right corner. Assisted by Jordon Ibe with a through ball.

79:22 Corner, Manchester City. Conceded by Martin Skrtel.

78:50 Martín Demichelis (Manchester City wins a free kick in the defensive half.

78:50 Foul by Christian Benteke (Liverpool.

76:54 Attempt missed. Kelechi Iheanacho (Manchester City left footed shot from outside the box misses to the left. Assisted by Kevin De Bruyne.

76:19Substitution SubstitutionSubstitution, Liverpool. Christian Benteke replaces Roberto Firmino.

74:51 Attempt blocked. Kelechi Iheanacho (Manchester City left footed shot from the right side of the box is blocked.

74:15 Corner, Manchester City. Conceded by Dejan Lovren.

73:08 Raheem Sterling (Manchester City wins a free kick in the attacking half.

73:08 Foul by Roberto Firmino (Liverpool.

71:26 Foul by Fernando (Manchester City.

71:26 Adam Lallana (Liverpool wins a free kick on the right wing.

70:44 Attempt saved. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the centre of the goal.

70:09 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Martín Demichelis.

67:50Substitution SubstitutionSubstitution, Liverpool. Jordon Ibe replaces Philippe Coutinho because of an injury.

67:49 Delay over. They are ready to continue.

66:54 Delay in match Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool because of an injury.

65:50 Corner, Manchester City. Conceded by Dejan Lovren.

65:08Substitution SubstitutionSubstitution, Manchester City. Kelechi Iheanacho replaces Sergio Agüero.

64:42 Attempt missed. Fernando (Manchester City left footed shot from very close range is high and wide to the left. Assisted by Kevin De Bruyne with a cross following a set piece situation.

64:04 Raheem Sterling (Manchester City wins a free kick on the right wing.

64:04 Foul by Alberto Moreno (Liverpool.

63:31 Attempt saved. Sergio Agüero (Manchester City right footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the bottom right corner. Assisted by Raheem Sterling.

62:43 Foul by Fernando (Manchester City.

62:43 Lucas Leiva (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.

61:59 Offside, Liverpool. Roberto Firmino tries a through ball, but Philippe Coutinho is caught offside.

60:30 Attempt saved. Dejan Lovren (Liverpool header from the centre of the box is saved in the bottom left corner. Assisted by Alberto Moreno with a cross.

59:36 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Joe Hart.

59:34 Attempt saved. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Emre Can.

58:20 Attempt blocked. Raheem Sterling (Manchester City left footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Kevin De Bruyne.

54:22 Attempt missed. Fabian Delph (Manchester City left footed shot from outside the box misses to the right.

53:53 Corner, Manchester City. Conceded by James Milner.

50:36 Foul by Sergio Agüero (Manchester City.

50:36 James Milner (Liverpool wins a free kick on the right wing.

50:25 Attempt blocked. Dejan Lovren (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Martin Skrtel.

50:11 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Martín Demichelis.

50:09 Attempt blocked. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from the left side of the box is blocked. Assisted by Roberto Firmino.

47:57 Kevin De Bruyne (Manchester City wins a free kick in the attacking half.

47:57 Foul by James Milner (Liverpool.

46:34Booking Emre Can (Liverpool is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.

46:20 Fernandinho (Manchester City wins a free kick in the defensive half.

46:20 Foul by Emre Can (Liverpool.

45:00 Second Half begins Manchester City 1, Liverpool 3.

45:00Substitution SubstitutionSubstitution, Manchester City. Fabian Delph replaces Jesús Navas.

45:00Substitution SubstitutionSubstitution, Manchester City. Fernandinho replaces Yaya Touré.

45:00+2:02Half time First Half ends, Manchester City 1, Liverpool 3.

45:00+0:44 Attempt missed. Fernando (Manchester City header from the centre of the box misses to the right. Assisted by Aleksandar Kolarov with a cross following a corner.

45:00+0:26 Corner, Manchester City. Conceded by Martin Skrtel.

43:08Goal scored Goal!Goal! Manchester City 1, Liverpool 3. Sergio Agüero (Manchester City right footed shot from outside the box to the bottom right corner. Assisted by Aleksandar Kolarov with a headed pass.

39:33 Corner, Manchester City. Conceded by Nathaniel Clyne.

37:47Booking Lucas Leiva (Liverpool is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.

37:43 Sergio Agüero (Manchester City wins a free kick in the attacking half.

37:43 Foul by Lucas Leiva (Liverpool.

36:39 Fernando (Manchester City wins a free kick on the right wing.

36:39 Foul by Emre Can (Liverpool.

35:22 Attempt missed. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool left footed shot from the centre of the box is close, but misses to the right. Assisted by Philippe Coutinho.

34:29 Attempt saved. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool right footed shot from the right side of the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Philippe Coutinho with a through ball.

31:40Goal scored Goal!Goal! Manchester City 0, Liverpool 3. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool right footed shot from the left side of the six yard box to the bottom left corner. Assisted by Philippe Coutinho.

31:25 Attempt saved. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the top centre of the goal. Assisted by Emre Can.

30:44 Fernando (Manchester City wins a free kick in the defensive half.

30:44 Foul by Lucas Leiva (Liverpool.

29:39 Jesús Navas (Manchester City wins a free kick in the defensive half.

29:39 Foul by Roberto Firmino (Liverpool.

28:30 Corner, Manchester City. Conceded by Lucas Leiva.

24:58 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Fernando.

22:29Goal scored Goal!Goal! Manchester City 0, Liverpool 2. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box to the centre of the goal. Assisted by Roberto Firmino with a through ball.

19:21 Aleksandar Kolarov (Manchester City wins a free kick on the left wing.

19:21 Foul by Adam Lallana (Liverpool.

18:31 Attempt missed. James Milner (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is high and wide to the right. Assisted by Adam Lallana.

16:48 Offside, Liverpool. Nathaniel Clyne tries a through ball, but Adam Lallana is caught offside.

13:52 Offside, Liverpool. Nathaniel Clyne tries a through ball, but Adam Lallana is caught offside.

9:09 Corner, Manchester City. Conceded by James Milner.

8:40 Offside, Liverpool. Dejan Lovren tries a through ball, but Roberto Firmino is caught offside.

6:54Goal scored Goal!Own Goal by Eliaquim Mangala, Manchester City. Manchester City 0, Liverpool 1.

5:50 Offside, Liverpool. Adam Lallana tries a through ball, but Emre Can is caught offside.

3:54 Offside, Manchester City. Eliaquim Mangala tries a through ball, but Fernando is caught offside.

3:50 Attempt blocked. Raheem Sterling (Manchester City right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Kevin De Bruyne.

3:11 Corner, Manchester City. Conceded by Adam Lallana.

0:00 First Half begins.

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