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Origi's goal hands home advantage to battling Liverpool
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They may lack the raw aggression to play the footballing "heavy metal" of Jurgen Klopp's famous description, let alone to drown out the Borussia Dortmund crowd, but, back on their manager's old stomping ground, Liverpool at least mustered the spirit to keep their Europa League hopes alive. Dortmund comprehensively outplayed Liverpool for long periods last night, playing a slightly more fluent game under Thomas Tuchel than they did in that heady seven-year period under Klopp. That they did not win was largely down to some of the traits they will recognise. No, not Klopp's beloved gegenpressing, but certainly a surprising show of the spirit and the resilience that he has looked to instil in this Liverpool team, with what had hitherto been mixed results. If this was, in some respects, one of their finest team performances under Klopp -- at least in terms of showing the battling qualities to give them hope of finishing the job at Anfield next Thursday -- then it also contained some strong individual displays. The oft-maligned central defensive duo of Dejan Lovren and Mamadou Sakho were excellent and Emre Can and James Milner were not too far behind, competing well in midfield.

The biggest beneficiary of Liverpool's evening, though, was Divock Origi, who justified Klopp's decision to start him rather than Daniel Sturridge in attack. There was a horses-for-courses element to that selection, based on Klopp's desire to stretch a defence that he knows so well, but even a fully fit, inform Sturridge does not conform naturally to the former Dortmund manager's expectations of his centre forwards. Origi may not quite fit the prototype either, but the young Belgium forward made a strong contribution all evening as well as scoring the goal that put Liverpool ahead in the 36th minute. At that point, it seemed as if Klopp's game plan might be working to perfection, but there was always the feeling that Dortmund's pressure would tell in the end. The back four was led well by Lovren and Sakho in the first half -- even if a little too much of their defending was of the seat-of-the-pants variety -- but a serious lapse in concentration allowed Mats Hummels to head Dortmund's equaliser after a quickly taken corner early in the second period. Earlier, Dortmund had started in ominous fashion through Henrik Mkhitaryan and Gonzalo Castro in the advanced midfield roles. Mkhitaryan, whom Dortmund signed from under Liverpool's noses in the summer of 2013, excels at finding space and producing deft, clever touches. He also has a knack of timing his runs into the penalty area. From one, in the 12th minute, he was found by Marcel Schmelzer's cross, but for once miscontrolled the ball. From another, again from Schmelzer's cross, he drove the ball goalwards, only for his shot to be blocked impressively by Sakho. Sakho was a central figure in the first half, producing some important interceptions but also courting trouble in a way that called to mind Joey Barton's description of the France defender's approach in possession as being like a clown juggling plates. He kept taking risks in congested areas, as did Simon Mignolet, who dared to perform not one but two Cruyff turns when under serious pressure. Klopp must have had his heart in his mouth. After all, Mignolet and Sakho are not exactly Manuel Neuer and Hummels with the ball at their feet. Sakho was doing an excellent job. As well as that block, there was a vital interception from Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang's cross on the half-hour, when Lovren and the rest of the Liverpool defence seemed to have been caught short after a poor pass from Jordan Henderson.

Henderson departed through injury at half-time, replaced by Joe Allen, having struggled to impose himself in midfield. A misplaced cross from the Liverpool captain allowed Dortmund to break on the counterattack, with Mkhitaryan roaming into space behind Emre Can before shooting wide from the edge of the penalty area. Moments later Mkhitaryan set up Aubameyang, whose effort was saved by Mignolet. Liverpool looked organised and resilient, but they were inviting a little too much pressure for Klopp's comfort.

Nine minutes before half-time, though, Liverpool took the lead. There seemed to be little danger when a hopeful looking ball was played forward, but James Milner did well to win the header, finding Origi's run.

Origi was up against Lukas Piszczek, but he took a touch to move the ball wide and then struck his shot early. The deflection off Piszczek diverted the shot beyond Roman Weidenfeller and Liverpool were ahead. A firework went off in the away end as Liverpool's fans celebrated. The club can expect another fine for that. The closing stages of the first half were extraordinarily hectic. Castro set up Aubameyang, who was denied by the outstretched legs of Lovren. Julian Weigl found Marco Reus, who forced an excellent save from Mignolet.

Liverpool seemed to be desperate for the half-time whistle but then Alberto Moreno sent Origi clear and the forward was denied by Weidenfeller when he looked likely to score. Having been under such pressure at times, Liverpool could feasibly have reached the interval 2-0 up. Instead, Dortmund equalised three minutes into the second half. Liverpool dozed off from a short corner, allowing Reus to swing over a cross from which, inexplicably, Adam Lallana was the closest player to Hummels as the defender beat Mignolet with a firm header.

Liverpool immediately went back on the offensive. Origi flashed a shot just wide before Philippe Coutinho forced a quite stupendous save from Weidenfeller with a fierce shot. A slight easing-off period followed, from both teams, before they prepared for a final push. As the clock ticked down, Klopp finally turned to Sturridge. Origi was the man to make way, but the Belgian had done his job well. That away goal could come in very useful when the tie resumes on Thursday.

the guardian

Liverpool's Divock Origi delivers a slender advantage at Borussia Dortmund

Liverpool's "little" advantage over Borussia Dortmund, Jürgen Klopp had claimed, lay in the knowledge his revival of the German club began by bringing favourites to their knees. His old club remain standing but his new one have the semi-finals of the Europa League within their grasp thanks to an accomplished display at Signal Iduna Park.

From Dortmund's perspective, the reunion with their popular former manager fell flat. Klopp set out to frustrate Thomas Tuchel's side with supreme organisation, defensive resilience and the strength of Divock Origi leading the Liverpool attack. The visitors delivered on every count and the end result, enhanced by Origi's potentially precious away goal, was their finest European away performance since the Rafael Benítez era.

Mamadou Sakho and Dejan Lovren were commanding in the face of Dortmund's much-vaunted but ultimately frustrated attack. The only negatives for Klopp were a potentially serious knee injury suffered by Jordan Henderson, one that threatens to sideline the Liverpool captain from the European Championships, and one defensive lapse that allowed Mats Hummels to equalise shortly after half-time.

Otherwise, despite all the pre-match talk of Dortmund's developed style and cutting edge, Liverpool left knowing they have little to fear from their quarter-final opponents. Tuchel was indebted to several outstanding saves from Roman Weidenfeller for limiting Liverpool to just the young Belgium international's first European goal for the club.

Klopp strolled back out at Signal Iduna Park 35 minutes before kick off, giving a polite little wave to the Yellow Wall and studying his former players intently as they went through their warm-up, before attention turned towards his current charges. There, Daniel Sturridge trained among the substitutes having paid the price for a subdued display against Tottenham Hotspur on Saturday and his manager's preference for the movement and physicality of Origi. It was a major call to start a raw 20-year-old over the team's leading striker, vindicated when Origi stunned Dortmund with the opening goal.

The Liverpool manager also made a tactical decision to combat Dortmund's creativity in central midfield by switching James Milner to the left of a central three. Alongside Emre Can and Henderson, Milner added strength and stability to the visitors' performance as they absorbed pressure but the talents of Henrik Mkhitaryan and Julian Weigl could not be suppressed completely. The pair's influence increased in tandem with the home side's control in the first half, though it was not reflected on the scoresheet.

Tuchel's team made an edgy start, with loose passes and careless first touches indicating the distraction of Klopp had got to them and undermining attempts to seize the initiative. Maybe it was a coincidence that the biggest culprits, Lukas Piszczek and Erik Durm, were the two players in yellow closest to their former manager as they patrolled the flank in front of the technical areas in the first half. Gradually, however, Dortmund's quality pressed Liverpool back and it required two crucial interceptions from Sakho to prevent the German side taking the lead. Weigl, the impressive 20-year-old midfielder, released Marcel Schmelzer behind the Liverpool defence with a sweeping pass over the top. The left back controlled and cut the ball back for Mkhitaryan but, with the Armenian's shot destined for Simon Mignolet's net, Sakho stretched out one of his telescopic legs and diverted the danger. The French central defender repeated the trick when Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang broke down the left and attempted to find Marco Reus unmarked in front of goal.

The pressure intensified, the game flowed in one direction. Aubameyang's free-kick was deflected just wide and Mkhitaryan went close before, with Dortmund dominant, Liverpool struck. Alberto Moreno's cross was headed on by Milner.

Origi read the midfielder's intentions quicker than any home defender and pounced on the ball, held off Piszczek on the edge of the area and steered a low shot back inside Weidenfeller's right hand post. Klopp fist-pumped the one corner of the stadium that did not fall silent.

Dortmund descended from control to chaos in an instant and only last-ditch defending prevented Nathaniel Clyne and Milner doubling Liverpool's lead moments later. Origi should have done so with the last kick of the half when played through the home side's suspect defence by Moreno, but his attempted chip was too close to Weidenfeller. Moreno did not hide his disgust at the missed opportunity and his instinct proved correct moments after the restart.

Liverpool had delivered a disciplined away display, making Dortmund's equaliser all the more galling for Klopp when his team switched off at a short corner and gave Mkhitaryan freedom to sweep a left-footed cross into their penalty area. The imperious Hummels towered above Adam Lallana to steer a header beyond Mignolet's grasp. Klopp later took responsibility for the goal, revealing he ordered Lallana to mark that area instead of Origi.

The visitors were stung into a response and Weidenfeller made excellent saves from Philippe Coutinho, Clyne and Coutinho again as Liverpool unnerved the German defence frequently. Dortmund's vulnerability at the back offers further encouragement for Liverpool at Anfield next week, as does their growing maturity on the European stage.

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to soak up the pressure that was applied on them. Milner operated in front of the back four with Can and Allen ahead of him while Lallana and Coutinho tucked in on the wings. They had their result for Anfield in a week's time, and they just hung onto it well.

THE INDEPENDENT

Divock Origi makes it a happy return for Jurgen Klopp

Jürgen Klopp had attempted to negotiate the concerns associated with facing a Borussia Dortmund team that retains treble ambitions by saying he'd rather be here than North Korea. Considering the systematic chanting and brandishing of huge flags, what greeted him in the Signal Iduna Park could have passed for a Pyongyang rally. The energy was of fissile proportions and yet, Liverpool did not perish in the deepest heat.

A knee injury sustained by captain Jordan Henderson blemished an otherwise excellent European performance executed by Liverpool's players and masterminded by Klopp, twenty-four hours after he had warned that he knew Dortmund better than anyone by virtue of his seven-year reign. Ultimately, that included his replacement, Thomas Tuchel.

It was Klopp's decision six years ago to recycle Lukasz Piszczek from diligent centre forward to stampeding right back after seeing something that others did not while playing for Hertha Berlin.

Klopp appreciated the Pole's strengths but he was also wise to his weaknesses and it was a clear directive to position Divock Origi near him whenever Liverpool attacked.

Their crucial away goal originated from this route. One of Klopp's first instructions as Liverpool's manager was to command the Belgian to put more bulk on his reedy frame and frequently, his pace and strength worried Dortmund's experienced defence.

The demeanors of the managers were contrasting. While Tuchel has a reputation of being colder and more analytical than his predecessor, he spent the first 45 minutes, especially, yelling orders at players, pacing about with such vigour you'd be forgiven for believing he'd forgotten about preparation entirely.

Klopp, meanwhile, appeared to have more trust in those he selected, waving his hands only when Liverpool had the opportunity to break forward. Clearly it was a tactic he wished to enforce as often as possible and it explained his selection of Origi ahead of Daniel Sturridge who has struggled to rediscover form since his return from multiple injuries.

Klopp confirmed Origi and Sturridge will be alternated from now on depending on the opponent. "We thought it made sense to play Divock, it was nothing against Daniel," he said. "Divock played well but it was not too brave [a decision] to be honest. You have to look for the small advantages you can take in each game."

Klopp had devoted all of his attention to what was happening on the other side of the pitch during the warm up, standing alone in his thoughts, staring at the players that were once his, as if to test their reaction. He appeared to possess a psychological hold on the proceedings and it made Dortmund nervous. Tuchel admitted his side were not at their best "in the eye of the storm."

As promised, Klopp celebrated Liverpool's goal, turning towards the travelling supporters in the north east corner of the ground, simultaneously clenching his fist and roaring with pleasure.

The contest in front of the technical area was just as absorbing. In the first half, Liverpool's central defenders Mamadou Sakho and Dejan Lovren were forced into stretching their long limbs to block certain goals from Henrikh Mkhitarjan and Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang.

Before the break Liverpool could have scored three times in response, however. Lovren headed tamely at Roman Weidenfeller from a James Milner free-kick and Origi had a chance to make it 2-0 after his calmly finished first only to be denied by Weidenfeller's determination to stop it, using his face to repel the blast.

Tuchel's reaction was tactical, removing Erik Durm and replacing him with Nuri Sahin. As a consequence, Mkhitarjan and Gonzalo Castro switched positions and the impact was instant.

Though Klopp took responsibility for Dortmund's equaliser, claiming he had allocated the marking of Mats Hummels from a cross to a smaller opponent in Adam Lallana, Alberto Moreno did not spot the initial short corner quickly enough.

Liverpool's reaction to the setback was impressive if not statistically relevant. Weidenfeller was forced into three saves in just under a minute and one of them from Philippe Coutinho fell into the world class category.

That the first half ended with a shriek of whistles while the second concluded with early leavers and muted applause reflected what had gone before: Liverpool's path to the semi-final is clearer than perhaps anyone expected. "I'm pretty sure some people thought we'd lose two, three or four-nil," Klopp concluded. "'But we did not do too badly.'

DAILY Mirror

DIVOCK IS A DOR OPENER FOR KLOPP; Reds boss Jurgen preferred rookie Origi to Sturridge.. and his gamble paid off in style

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THE golden touch he enjoyed during a seven-year joyride as Borussia Dortmund boss did not desert Jurgen Klopp as he returned to his former playground last night.

The Liverpool manager had the courage to axe his England striker Daniel Sturridge and replace him with the raw Belgian youngster Divock Origi, who promptly supplied the Reds' crucial away goal.

This was an excellent result for Klopp's men, handing them a genuine chance of dumping out the Europa League favourites in the second leg of this quarterfinal tie. Next Thursday promises to be one of those compelling European nights, of which Anfield has staged so many.

Origi's classy finish handed Liverpool a half-time lead and, despite Mats Hummels equalising early in the second half, Klopp's new side were very much the equal of his old boys.

The German had been determined to turn down the circus music surrounding his return.

When he appeared on the Westfalenstadion turf to oversee Liverpool's warm-up, there were casual waves to the great Yellow Wall of the South Stand and he embraced fellow colleagues on the Dortmund coaching staff.

It would not have come easy to this emotional, crowd-pleasing man but he was in business-like mode. He had dropped Sturridge in favour of Origi, suggesting Christian Benteke is not the only A-list striker Klopp has reservations about. There was a mass communal singing of 'You'll Never Walk Alone' - Dortmund's anthem as well as Liverpool's.

Dortmund have changed much in personnel and playing style since Klopp departed almost a year ago, yet they remain a formidable force. Henrikh Mkhitarjan had a close-range effort blocked by Mamadou Sakho as a sweeping move had Klopp's men panicking early on.

But when Nathaniel Clyne won a free-kick on the right, James Milner delivered and Dejan Lovren was presented with a free header which he directed too close to keeper Roman Weidenfeller.

The Croat barged into the keeper as he struggled to collect, leaving Weidenfeller needing lengthy treatment.

At the other end, Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang whistled a long-range free-kick just wide and Sakho, enjoying one of his brick-wall nights, stopped another swift break in its tracks.

When Mkhitarjan drove just wide, Klopp unleashed some wild touchline invective - and it seemed to work because, on 36 minutes, the visitors snatched the lead with a well-crafted goal.

Alberto Moreno lofted a cute ball through the inside-left channel, Milner flicked on a header and Origi held off Lukasz Piszczek to finish with cucumber cool.

Klopp celebrated but not as much as Liverpool's supporters, who were rather more excitable, one setting off a flare - causing the stadium PA announcer to issue a warning.

Less than three minutes into the second half, though, Dortmund were level when a corner was played short to Mkhitarjan, whose cross was met by Hummels' header.

Liverpool responded with a slick passing move, prompted by half-time sub Joe Allen, which ended with an Adam Lallana back-heel and a Philippe Coutinho drive which was pushed out at full stretch by Weidenfeller.

Before the keeper could draw breath, he was forced into further stops from Milner and Coutinho again. Simon Mignolet made a couple of routine saves but Liverpool were content to allow Dortmund to play their football largely outside of the final third.

Klopp got his big call right on Origi. The locals will have recognised the work of a master.

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LIVERPOOL

ECHO

Klopp's Reds re-emerge as a European force

This was the night that Liverpool truly re-emerged as a genuine force to be reckoned with on the European stage. Back at the scene of his greatest triumphs, Jurgen Klopp showcased the remarkable progress he's already made in awakening another sleeping giant. His players left the Westfalenstadion to thunderous applause from the 3,400-strong travelling Kop. It was richly deserved. Fears that Liverpool would be exposed by such a sizeable step up in class in their Europa League quarter-final tie proved unfounded.

Instead it was Borussia Dortmund, hot favourites to lift the trophy in Basel in May, who were relieved to escape with their unbeaten run and their dignity intact.

This was a draw which felt like a victory as the Reds grabbed a precious away goal to take back to Merseyside. It promises to be some occasion at Anfield next Thursday night and Liverpool will go into it knowing they are more than capable of finishing the job off and marching into the last four. This was a tactical masterclass from Klopp as Liverpool played with a swagger and delivered the most accomplished performance of his tenure.

Origi rose to the challenge on the biggest night of his Reds career

Klopp made a habit of upsetting the odds during his time at Dortmund, now he's repeating the trick with the Reds. His game plan was carried out close to perfection as everyone gave everything for the cause. And his bold decision to start Divock Origi ahead of Daniel Sturridge paid off handsomely.

The young Belgian striker rose to the challenge on the biggest night of his blossoming Reds career. It was Origi who fired them in front before the break – a lead which was wiped out early in the second half by Mats Hummels' header.

The only frustration was that Liverpool didn't deliver another telling blow to swing the tie decisively in their direction. But this wasn't a night for regrets. Instead it was an evening to revel in the Reds' European revival. Before Klopp arrived last October, this was a European campaign which was going nowhere after two lifeless stalemates with weakened line ups against Bordeaux and FC Sion.

Now Kopites are daring to dream it could end in glory as the Reds chase the golden ticket into the Champions League. This was the biggest European occasion Liverpool had been part of since the Europa League semi-final with Atletico Madrid six years ago. There was a buzz round the city all day with the bars of Alter Markt a sea of red with pockets of yellow and black. Rival fans embraced each other, swapped scarves and joined together to chant the name of the manager Liverpool hope will replicate at Anfield what he achieved in Westphalia. But after a spine-tingling pre-match rendition of You'll Never Walk Alone there was nothing remotely friendly about the Reds. They were disciplined and combative as they never allowed Dortmund time and space to operate in. There was also bundles of composure in all departments. Defensively, they were solid as centre-backs Dejan Lovren and Mamadou Sakho excelled. They restricted Dortmund to few clear cut chances and when the opportunities arose to counter at pace they did so with menace. Sakho put his horribly erratic display against Tottenham firmly behind him. Twice in the first half the Frenchman came to the rescue with goal-saving interventions. After Marcel Schmelzer burst in behind the Reds' backline, Sakho produced a crucial block to thwart Henrikh Mkhitaryan.

Klopp said he'd celebrate - and he did!

Liverpool continued to frustrate the hosts and should have led long before Origi made the breakthrough. Lovren was outstanding once again but he won't need telling that he should have done better when James Milner's free-kick reached him six yards out. It was a free header but he nodded straight at Roman Weidenfeller. Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang is one of the most coveted strikers in Europe having netted 36 goals this season. However, the Gabon international was kept quiet as Liverpool's tireless work rate restricted the supply line to him.

The prolific striker saw his 25-yard free-kick deflect narrowly wide before he pounced on a rare defensive slip. Marco Reus was waiting in the middle for a tap-in but Sakho made sure it didn't reach him as he extended one of his long limbs to make another vital contribution. It wasn't only the goal that justified Origi's selection. Picked for his athleticism and willingness to run and run, he didn't disappoint. Being left out will have hurt Sturridge but he needs to ask himself why it was Origi rather than him who was trusted to do the dirty work.

Origi's pace and his strength troubled Lukasz Piszczek. He held the ball up intelligently and helped ensure Liverpool were never truly pinned back.

Mkhitaryan dragged wide from 18 yards before Aubameyang forced a low save from Mignolet. Liverpool grew in stature and they struck eight minutes before the break. Milner picked out the run of Origi with a neat flick on. The ice-cool Belgian held off the attentions of Piszczek and clinically fired into the bottom corner.

It was Origi's sixth goal for Liverpool and his first for the club in Europe.

Klopp didn't hold back – beating his chest in celebration as the travelling Kop to his right went wild.

Reds caught napping, but refuse to crumble

Predictably, Dortmund hit back with force. Lovren slid in expertly to prevent Aubameyang from equalising and Mignolet made a fine point-blank save from Reus. Having dealt with that, Liverpool should have doubled their account on the cusp of half-time. After Milner won the ball back, Philippe Coutinho released Origi, who had timed his run perfectly. However, Weidenfeller dashed out to

meet him and Origi couldn't beat him. Captain Jordan Henderson, who had been limping after hurting his knee, didn't emerge for the second half with Joe Allen replacing him. Three minutes after the restart Dortmund were level. With all their attacking weapons, it will have irritated Klopp that a set-piece ultimately proved their undoing. Liverpool were caught napping from a short corner. Mkhitaryan provided the pin-point delivery from the right and Hummels got above Adam Lallana to nod home. The Yellow Wall urged Dortmund forward in search of greater reward. But rather than crumble, Klopp's men stood firm. In fact they will be kicking themselves that they didn't clinch a deserved victory.

During a chaotic 60 seconds Coutinho was twice denied by the heroics of Weidenfeller, who also kept out a piledriver from Nathaniel Clyne.

At the other end there were few scares. Mignolet clung on to Reus' free-kick and then beat away Gonzalo Castro's curler. Klopp sought fresh legs with Roberto Firmino and Sturridge on for the shattered duo of Lallana and Origi. They held out with ease. “We have the highest mountain to climb but it is possible,” Klopp said in the build up. Liverpool will fly home on Friday morning with genuine hope that they can reach the summit at Anfield next Thursday night.

Match facts

Borussia Dortmund: Weidenfeller, Piszczek, Bender (Sokratis 77), Hummels, Schmelzer, Castro, Weigl, Durm (Sahin 45), Mkhitaryan, Reus, Aubameyang (Pulisic 77) Not used: Burki, Ginter, Leitner, Kagawa.

Liverpool: Mignolet, Clyne, Sakho, Lovren, Moreno, Can, Henderson (Allen 45), Lallana (Firmino 77), Coutinho, Milner, Origi (Sturridge 84). Not used: Ward, Smith, Ibe, Toure.

Referee: Carlos Velasco Carballo. **Attendance:** 65,848 **Goals:** Origi 37, Hummels 48 **Bookings:** Can, Lallana, Weidenfeller, Reus, Sokratis **Man of the match** Divock Origi. Repaid Klopp's faith with a performance of great maturity.

WAZ

Vorteil Klopp - BVB kommt gegen Liverpool nicht über 1:1 hinaus

Jürgen Klopp hatte in der Tat nicht zu viel - oder besser gesagt: zu wenig - versprochen. Immerhin, er drehte sich entgegen der alten Gewohnheit zu der Seite im Stadion, wo die Fans des FC Liverpool saßen, er ballte bebend die Fäuste und klopfte sich auf die Brust. Wenn ein Tor für seine Mannschaft fallen würde, hatte der Trainer des englischen Traditionsklubs gesagt, dann würde er vermutlich jubeln, wie er es immer getan hat.

Genau dieses Szenario spielte sich nach 37 Minuten zum Leidwesen der Dortmunder Fangemeinde ab. Sein Stürmer Divock Origi setzte sich überraschend leicht gegen die Dortmunder Innenverteidigung bestehend aus Sven Bender und Mats Hummels durch und erwischte Torwart Roman Weidenfeller von der Strafraumgrenze aus auf dem falschen Fuß. 1:0 für den FC Liverpool. Ein Tor, das seinen Wert für den früheren BVB-Trainer und seine neue Mannschaft behielt, auch wenn Borussia Dortmund im Viertelfinal-Hinspiel der Europa League noch ein 1:1 (0:1) erwirkte. Für das Rückspiel lässt das Ergebnis den Engländern alle Chancen. Das ist es, was Schwarz-Gelb unzufrieden stimmte an diesem Abend.

Dortmund, zum Favoriten in diesem Wettbewerb erhoben, rechtfertigte diesen Status nicht in dem Maße, wie schon erlebt.

Die Führung des Klopp-Klubs war durchaus überraschend gewesen, weil der BVB bis dahin zwar erstaunlich nervös agierte, aber trotzdem zu Torchancen kam. Die beste im ersten Durchgang vergab Henrikh Mkhitaryan. Der war von Julian Weigl und Marcel Schmelzer sehr hübsch freigespielt worden, doch sein Schuss aus sieben Metern wurde im letzten Augenblick noch abgeblockt (17.). Ein wenig konsterniert vom Rückstand benötigte der BVB ein bisschen Zeit, um einigermaßen wieder in die Spur zu finden. Erst in der Nachspielzeit der ersten Halbzeit vergaben Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang nach Zuspil von Henrikh Mkhitaryan und Marco Reus nach einer Ecke gute Gelegenheiten.

Und Liverpool? Mühte sich bis zur Führung zu einem Kopfball von Dejan Lovren, den Weidenfeller parierte. Ebenfalls schon in der Nachspielzeit der ersten Hälfte musste der Dortmunder Keeper gegen den frei vor ihm auftauchenden Origi Nervenstärke beweisen.

BVB schwamm mitunter beachtlich gegen den Ex-Coach

Die Borussia schwamm mitunter beachtlich gegen den alten Coach. Doch die Nervosität legte die Mannschaft von Trainer Thomas Tuchel nach der Pause größtenteils ab. Nur drei Minuten dauerte es, bis nach einer Ecke Mkhitaryans Flanke den Kopf von Mats Hummels fand, der den Ball aus sechs Metern ins Tor wuchtete. Doch erneut nur drei Minuten später drohte die Ergebnis-Errungenschaft schon wieder dahin zu sein. Philippe Coutinho schoss fulminant aus elf Metern, aber Weidenfellers parierte auf überragende Weise. Der in dieser Saison zur Nummer 2 degradierte Keeper musste in dieser einen Minute weitere Schüsse von Nathaniel Clyne und erneut Coutinho entschärfen. Weidenfeller rettete in diesem Augenblick die Stimmung.

Diese war von Hoffnung geprägt, dass es doch noch den erlösenden Siegtreffer geben würde. Dortmund spielte dank der strategischen Künste des eingewechselten Nuri Sahin - Ilkay Gündogan fehlte im Kader wegen Trainingsrückstands - deutlich überlegter und souveräner. Doch auch mit ihm entfachte Schwarz-Gelb nicht die gewünschte Torgefahr gegen eine rote, englische Wand. Es blieb beim 1:1. Klopp zumindest verließ zufrieden die alte

