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## THE TIMES

Defensive frailties prove Liverpool's downfall again

Liverpool Firmino 21, Salah 37 2  
 Seville Ben Yedder 5, Correa 72 2

Liverpool continue to be held back by their backline. Their defence had another off night, having now conceded 13 goals in seven games this season, and Joe Gomez, the right back, was sent off for two fouls on the excellent Joaquin Correa. Liverpool also needed to be more ruthless in front of goal, finishing off only two of their 25 attempts on goal. They attacked vibrantly but needed a more clinical touch, and far more composure and concentration in defence.

Liverpool's attacking had been swift and frequently sublime, their two first-half strikes bringing up 200 goals in Europe's premier competition. By the break alone, they had managed 13 shots to Seville's two. There was so much to admire from the movement of Roberto Firmino to the direct wing play of Mohamed Salah via Sadio Mane's electric trickery. The Kop sang Firmino's name when he scored, and when he missed a penalty, simply redoubled their outpouring of unconditional support.

Firmino's versatility is one of his many strengths, signalling a player capable of the No 9 and No 10 roles, taking on the centre forward's duties of muscling it out with Nicolas Pareja and Simon Kjaer and also dropping off, linking with midfield or turning and creating. Philippe Coutinho returned to the fold after his injury and dalliance with Barcelona, and was included on the bench, where he was royally acclaimed by Liverpool fans, highlighting further their attacking riches.

Salah has proved an instant hit, an endlessly positive presence, pressing and countering at pace down the right, and he has been accorded the compliment of a version of the Kolo Toure chant. Over on the left, Mane stretched Seville time and again.

Klopp's attacking triumvirate was ably supported by Alberto Moreno, formerly of Seville, whose revival in form has been one of the surprises of the season.

Moreno is still capable of the rash moment, whether challenge of clearance, but his attacking contribution is increasingly full of impact. Emre Can pushed on from midfield, drawing an early save from Sergio Rico, while Jordan Henderson had a shot blocked before the Spaniards could settle.

Yet Liverpool's 2016 Europa League nemesis did briefly settle, showing their own attacking edge and exposing enduring frailties in Klopp's defence. Given the growing likelihood during the transfer window of failing in their pursuit of Southampton's Virgil van Dijk, Klopp should have acted to address this very obvious flaw. Liverpool supporters are understandably dreaming of sustained revival under Klopp, and thrilling to their attacking, but the occasional haphazard nature of their defending could inhibit them.

They conceded such a soft goal after only five minutes when Dejan Lovren let Sergio Escudero's cross from the left slip under his foot, gifting Wissam Ben Yedder the simplest of tap-ins in front of an exasperated Kop. Klopp has built a side capable of manifold entertaining, but insufficient containing.

A goal behind, Liverpool remained composed and focused on their game plan of attacking with the accelerator pedal pressed firmly down. Joel Matip whipped a ball down the right, Salah broke clear, and transferred play to Mane, whose shot pushed away by Rico. Firmino's header kissed the top of the net before the Brazilian did find the target after 21 minutes.

It was a wonderful equaliser, highlighting the myriad qualities in Klopp's team. The move was triggered by Georginio Wijnaldum, who charged upfield, turned and laid the ball left to Firmino. It was soon at the feet of Henderson, who had read the dashing movement of Moreno. Henderson picked out Moreno and responded brilliantly to the return, playing the ball first time behind Nicolas Pareja, the experienced Argentinian left looking for Moreno but finding only thin air. Moreno was tearing into Seville's box, running on to Henderson's pass, and sending in a low, hard cross. It caught out the stretching Gabriel Mercado and Rico, who dived from his line in a failed attempt to intercept. The cross continued at speed to Firmino, who cleverly let the ball come across him before using his right foot to turn it home.

Liverpool took the lead, and enjoyed that landmark moment, in slightly fortuitous circumstances eight minutes from the break. Salah pressed Steven N'Zonzi over-zealously, clearly fouling the former Blackburn Rovers and Stoke City midfielder player. The referee, Danny Makkellie, waved play on, Salah did not hesitate and sent a firm shot goalwards. It clipped Kjaer's left foot and looped over Rico. Given lingering concerns over Liverpool's defence, the hosts understandably hunted a third, although that is their total mindset under Klopp anyway. When Mercado wrapped his arms around Mane, the striker fell to the floor, and Makkellie pointed to the spot. Firmino's kick rebounded off the post, granting Seville a reprieve.

Seville's coach, Eduardo Berizzo, was then sent to the stands after throwing the ball away, having already been warned by Makkellie. He was serenaded on his way by Kop chants of "adios". Yet it was a quick response by his remaining coaching staff, recycling a ball that had landed in their dug-out, that led to Seville's equaliser after 72 minutes. Luis Muriel seized on the throw-in, and teased the ball through for Correa, who curled his shot around Loris Karius in the Liverpool goal. Within three minutes, Klopp reacted, sending on Coutinho for Can.

Coutinho was well received, fitting into a system that was now almost 4-1-2-3. Coutinho was playing slightly to the left, and soon running onto a pass from Salah until crowded out. Klopp twisted again, removing Mane and sending on Daniel

Sturridge, who had scored against Seville in the Europa League final last year. Sturridge was immediately involved, holding off Kjaer, and keeping a move going. Joe Gomez made a break from right back, Henderson then slipped a ball through for Firmino but Seville's defence again held firm. Coutinho embarked on a wriggling run in from the left but over-ran the ball. Even Lovren briefly joined the attack, followed by Matip as Liverpool poured forward towards a beseeching Kop. Klopp played his last card, sending on Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain for Salah. Liverpool tried everything, but the Spanish were too strong and almost won it when Muriel charged through only to roll his effort wide. Gomez then departed for a second yellow after a second foul on Correa as Liverpool rued an off night.

## the guardian

Sevilla's Joaquín Correa levels it and spoils return for Klopp's Liverpool Pablo Fernandez, the Sevilla fitness coach, was hauled down the Anfield tunnel on the final whistle while falsely accusing Jürgen Klopp of getting his opposite number, Eduardo Berizzo, sent to the stands. The majority left Anfield in more civil fashion while accusing the Liverpool defence of undermining the club's return to the [Champions League](#). The majority spoke the truth.

[Liverpool](#) dominated for long periods on their return to Europe's grandest stage, recovered impressively from conceding an early goal to a wily Sevilla side and embraced Philippe Coutinho back into the fold on his first appearance since his thwarted attempt to join Barcelona. But, and it is a recurring theme, individual and collective defensive lapses showed the Champions League what the Premier League has long suspected – that Klopp has constructed an exhilarating attacking force on weak foundations.

Sevilla capitalised through Wissam Ben Yedder and the outstanding Joaquín Correa. They would have delivered a more punishing night for Liverpool had the substitute Luis Muriel not wasted a gilt-edged chance to steal victory in stoppage time. Joe Gomez was also sent off for a second bookable offence on Correa as Liverpool's reunion with their [2016 Europa League final conquerors](#) proved every bit as problematic as Klopp had predicted.

"The defence is always something that is being talked about: "We didn't sign this or that," said the Liverpool manager, who was unable to prise Virgil van Dijk from Southampton this summer. "If these problems could be solved by one player then you can imagine we would have put all our money into it and say let's do this. But it is not about this. It is about concentration in a game when you are dominant for long moments. We need to learn to be dominant and not give easy goals away. It is not a general defending problem but we have to improve 100%."

In fairness Liverpool's approach showed no lingering after-shock from Saturday's [5-0 humbling at Manchester City](#). It was to their credit how they wrestled back control having gifted Sevilla a lead from their first attack although Dejan Lovren's part in the opener was indefensible. Correa, Sevilla's left-sided forward, posed a classy threat throughout but should have been stopped at source when Emre Can lost out in a midfield challenge. Correa released the overlapping Sergio Escudero on the left and when his low cross came into the Liverpool six-yard box Lovren missed his clearance completely, granting Ben Yedder the freedom to convert unmarked at the back post.

Liverpool reacted with purpose. Can, Sadio Mané and Roberto Firmino all went close before one of those well-worked team moves that Klopp loves so much delivered a deserved and seemingly inevitable equaliser. Jordan Henderson combined twice with Alberto Moreno, who excelled against his boyhood club, and the left-back delivered a perfect cross from the by-line for Firmino to side-foot home from close range.

Controversy surrounded Liverpool's second when Mohamed Salah appeared to clip Steven N'Zonzi and regain possession of the ball in one movement 25 yards from goal. Danny Makkellie put his whistle to his lips but elected to play on, much to the visitors' fury as Salah let fly from distance and his shot looped off the boot of Simon Kjaer and over the stranded goalkeeper Sergio Rico. [Sevilla](#) should have been further behind moments before the interval when the captain Nicolas Pareja handled inside his area and hauled Mané to the ground to concede a clear penalty. Firmino sent Rico the wrong way but his spot-kick sailed to safety off a post. The penalty miss was not as costly as Liverpool's defending, however. Sevilla's frustration mounted as Liverpool continued to dominate the ball in the second half. Berizzo was dismissed when, having been warned for a similar transgression in the first half, he threw the ball away from Gomez as the Liverpool defender attempted to take a throw-in. His explanation was bizarre in the extreme. "There were two actions," he said. "In the first half we were winning and Liverpool were attacking so I tried to throw the ball away and waste time to gain an advantage for my team. That was wrong and so in the second half, when we were losing, I threw the ball away to make up for being unsporting in the first half." Berizzo invited Klopp into the away dressing room afterwards to give a fuller explanation.

Thereafter the visitors improved and when a gaping hole appeared in the Liverpool defence in front of Muriel, the substitute sent Correa clear and he lifted a cool finish over Loris Karius. A familiar tale.

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## The Mail

### REDS LET IT SLIP AFTER FIRMINO'S BLUNDER

JURGEN KLOPP shoved his hands in his pockets and smiled ruefully. He then turned to his assistants and raised an eyebrow. It was the 72nd minute and Liverpool's manager had just realised that what was potentially going to be a thrilling return to the Champions League was about to have its ending rewritten -- and it wasn't to Klopp's liking. Liverpool should have been out of sight. They had carved out enough chances to win two matches and take control of Group E but then Liverpool's midfield dallied, their defence dithered and Joaquin Correa did the rest. In a flash, three points became one.

At the final whistle, Klopp's emotions came tumbling out as he bickered with Sevilla's coaching staff during the handshakes. It was petulant but it was obvious where the seed had been planted. Once again, Liverpool's inability to defend had driven Klopp to distraction. He knew a 2-2 scoreline did not reflect what had gone on but, equally, he has seen this so many times before. 'Unnecessary,' he called Sevilla's goals. Avoidable and unacceptable might have been more appropriate. The same could have been said of his actions.

The pre-match music can often set the tone at Anfield, so it was curious that the DJ played a 10-minute Oasis montage four days after Liverpool had been slain by the Gallagher brothers' favourite team. It turns out there was a clue. Some might say they will find a better day? Not if Liverpool defend as they did against Manchester City and not if they continue to be as naive as they were when Sevilla mounted their first meaningful attack. Emre Can's hesitated going for a tackle on the edge of his area and Sevilla quickly, moved the ball out to the left, with Joaquin Correa inviting Sergio Escudero to scurry behind Joe Gomez, who would end the night being dismissed for two bookable offences, and cross. Dejan Lovren should have cleared but failed miserably and Wissam Ben Yedder inflicted maximum punishment from four yards. Klopp whacked his assistant Zelkjo Buvac on the shoulder in apparent surprise but isn't this what Liverpool do more often than not? You all know the answer.

Finding themselves behind so early could have meant an evening of toil and you could not help but think back three years to when they were last in this competition and ended up being eliminated in the feeblest manner. One thing you can say with certainty, though, is that this Liverpool team is vastly better equipped to progress on this stage. The defending bewilders you at times but the way they attack can be a joy to behold, a squadron of red arrows darting and diving in unison to cause mayhem.

From the moment they conceded, Liverpool made it their business not just to get back on level terms but to try to put the game out of sight before half-time. Such was Liverpool's momentum, it seemed inevitable Sevilla would crack Sevilla and after Firmino and Mane had gone close, the Brazil striker had a task as simple as Ben Yedder's to restore parity in the 21st minute.

Initially it seemed as if the chance had gone when Jordan Henderson failed to take on a shot but the captain's deliberation had a reason. He exchanged passes with Alberto Moreno, the left back hurtled into the area and fizzed a ball in to Firmino, who instinctively side-footed past Sergio Rico.

This was what Klopp expected -- fast and furious, noisy and intimidating. The football and the stadium came to life. Can should have scored after one breakneck counter-attack but he dragged a shot wide. No matter. Soon the lead and arrived and while it may have owed something to good fortune -- Salah's shot from 25 yards took a huge deflection off Simon Kjaer after the Egyptian mugged Steven N'Zonzi -- it was deserved for the pressure they applied.

Two should have been three four minutes before half-time after Nicolas Pareja wrestled Sadio Mane to the floor but Firmino could not convert the penalty, his shot thudding against the post after he sent Rico the wrong way.

Klopp didn't want the half to end and those on The Kop would have had similar misgivings about the interval, given what happened in Basle 17 months ago against the same opponents, when from a position of strength, the Europa League slithered from their grasp. They ended up being pummelled that night after a second-half collapse but here Liverpool kept applying pressure kept and believing this swashbuckling sense of adventure would be rewarded.

If anything, Sevilla seemed most likely to short-circuit and in the 59th minute, their combustible manager Eduardo Berizzo flung the ball away for a second time and was sent to the stands. Rather than wilting, however, they summoned a response and Correa was the man to take a pin to the occasion, his goal -- which came from a Liverpool throw in -- deflating the massed Red ranks. Not even the late substitute appearance of Philippe Coutinho could change the tone.

Things might have got even worse had Luis Muriel shown more composure when firing wide. It will always be this way until Liverpool learn to close the back door. LIVERPOOL (4-3-3): Karius 6.5; Gomez 7, Lovren 5.5, Matip 7, MORENO 8.5; Wijnaldum 7, Henderson 7, Can 7 (Coutinho 76min); Salah 7 (Oxlade-Chamberlain 89), Firmino 8, Mane 8 (Sturridge 84).

Subs not used: Mignolet, Milner, Klavan, Robertson.

Scorers: Firmino 21, Salah 37. Booked: Moreno, Gomez. Sent off: Gomez.

Manager: Jurgen Klopp 7.

SEVILLA (4-3-3): Rico 7; Mercado 6, Pareja 6, Kjaer 6, Escudero 7; N'Zonzi 6.5, Banega 7, Pizarro 6 (Sarabia 45, 6); Navas 5.5 (Corchia 83), Ben Yedder 6.5 (Muriel 69, 6), Correa 7. Subs not used: Soria, Carrico, Krohn-Dehli, Vazquez.

Scorer: Ben Yedder 5, Correa 72. Booked: Mercado, Pareja, Banega. Manager: Eduardo Berizzo 4. Referee: Danny Makkelie (Hol) 7. Attendance: 52,332.

## The Daily Telegraph

### Magician Coutinho returns but cannot conjure up winner

The rehabilitation of Philippe Coutinho has begun in earnest, although the Brazilian's return to Anfield came mid-emergency with him called upon to win for his manager a Champions League game that Liverpool should really never have allowed their Spanish opponents back into.

The little maestro who had his heart set on Barcelona for much of the summer dusted himself down and attempted to cast a little of his own match-winning influence over the game, although it turned out to be a challenge too far so early in his return. Somehow Jurgen Klopp's team conspired to draw a game that they had dominated from the moment they conceded the first from Wassim Ben Yedder and, along the way even missed a penalty when the game was at their mercy. Roberto Firmino was guilty of that, having scored the first before Mohamed Salah notched the second, but having edged Sevilla to the exit they could not quite nudge them over the threshold. When the striker Joaquin Correa scored a brilliant equaliser with 18 minutes left, his coach Eduardo Berizzo had already been sent to the stands by the Dutch referee and, without him, Sevilla held their nerve. In the closing stages, Liverpool could not put together the move that would win the game and, when they lost Joe Gomez to a second yellow card before the final whistle, it ended up a much worse night than it should have been. They went off at half-time to a raucous and spontaneous round of applause from the home fans, one bad Alberto Moreno decision in the preceding passage of play from a third goal - although the little Spanish full-back had, like many of his Liverpool team-mates, enjoyed a fine first half.

This Anfield team for 2017-2018 is already settling into a pattern. Emre Can and Jordan Henderson operate the roadblock in midfield, Georginio Wijnaldum gets himself from box to box and Firmino is the strong targetman. No denying the stars of the show, however, those wide men Salah and Sadio Mane.

The mistake that undid them in the fifth minute was a throwback to the days when Klopp's team could not help but undermine their work going forward, and so it proved that they had to spend the rest of the half scrambling to get back on top. Sevilla created very little in attack for the rest of the half but they were ruthless when Liverpool's right side opened up so early on in the game. Correa played in the overlapping full-back Sergio Escudero, who cut the ball back to the near post where Dejan Lovren had time to concentrate on clearing a cross that was straight at him. For no good reason the ball disappeared under his feet, and behind him in goal Loris Karius had no time to adjust his move to cover the cross that Ben Yedder squeezed in from close range.

For all Klopp's bemusement on the touchline, it never felt like this would be a problem for Liverpool and their equaliser arrived on 21 minutes. Moreno fed the ball to Henderson and then pursued the captain's perfectly weighted ball down to the byline to cut the ball back for Firmino. Two minutes later and Mane's break created a chance for Can, who never looked confident of placing his left-foot shot inside the far post.

The equaliser was fortunate, Salah retrieving possession from Steven N'Zonzi and clearly fouling the former Blackburn and Stoke midfielder while doing so, before his shot took an outrageous deflection off defender Simon Kjaer and deceived goalkeeper Sergio Rico.

Mane won a penalty minutes later, when Sevilla's helpless captain Nicolas Pareja first handled the ball and, when that did not work, wrapped an arm around the winger's waist and brought him down. From the spot, Firmino beat Rico with ease but his shot clipped the post and came out. That was the opportunity to open up a gap that Sevilla would never be able to breach and instead Liverpool were left to pursue it all second half, by far the better, more adventurous team but nowhere near as clinical as they needed to be.

Their dominance showed in the frustration of Sevilla's manager Berizzo, who was dismissed just before the hour when he proffered a ball kicked into touch to Gomez and then threw it away as the fullback reached out.

That was the final straw for referee Danny Makkelie, who had seen the Argentinian coach do it before and this time sent him to the stands. Berizzo's reaction was more embarrassment at an unfortunate touchline habit that had got the better of him than anger at the decision. There had been many chances for Liverpool to score a third before Sevilla's equaliser, and they numbered 22 attempts on the away goal as the game went into its final 15 minutes.

Such was the level of anxiety at Mane and Salah that at one point Firmino was allowed to carry the ball farther than he had imagined possible and have a shot at goal.

Then, with one chance presented to them, Sevilla scored and it was a magnificent finish from Correa, who controlled a through-ball played slightly behind him by substitute Luis Muriel with one touch and stroked it past Karius with the second. Muriel had a late chance to win the game and, with Gomez dismissed and Klopp at war with Sevilla's bench, this was an untidy end to the night for Liverpool. Player ratings Liverpool Sevilla 4-3-3 6 Karius 6 Gomez | 6 Matip 5 Lovren 7 Moreno | 6 Can 6 Henderson 6 Wijnaldum 7 Salah 7 Firmino 8 Mane 4-3-3 6 Rico 5 Mercado | 5 Pareja | 5 Kjaer 6 Escudero 6 N'Zonzi 6 Banega | 6 Pizarro 5 Jesus Navas 6 Ben Yedder 7 Correa Substitutes Coutinho (Can 76) Sturridge (Mane 84) Oxlade-Chamberlain (Salah 88) Subs not used Mignolet (gk), Milner, Klavan, Robertson Sarabia (Pizarro 45), Muriel (Ben Yedder 69) Corchia (Jesus Navas 83) Subs not used Soria (gk), Carrico, Krohn-Deli, Vazquez.

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## THE INDEPENDENT

### Brilliant chaos reigns as Liverpool held by Sevilla

A brilliant chaos reigns at Anfield. The doubts about Liverpool are understandable. Their defence is so brittle, it surely renders them incapable at this moment of winning a Premier League title. It is their alacrity in attack, though, that makes you consider the possibilities in Europe -- that maybe, they could go far this season. Foreign opponents who underestimate the threat will surely visit Merseyside and travel home disappointed.

Though at times the sight of bulky defenders trying to catch Sadio ManA[c], Mohamed Salah and Roberto Firmino was like watching Olympic weight lifters chase after 200m sprinting champions, Seville were ultimately a little bit too streetwise to be one of those opponents -- even without their manager, Eduardo Berizzo, who was sent to the stands at the start of the second half for throwing the ball away.

Sevilla, indeed, offered Liverpool twin opportunities, not only to immediately flush what happened in Manchester on Saturday out of their system, but also a bad memory from 15 months back when a second half collapse led to the Andalusian side winning the Europa League final.

Sevilla had since threatened to win La Liga last season before finishing fourth. They have started this one campaign unbeaten and won convincingly against Eibar at the weekend.

Having been overpowered and overran by Sevilla in Basel not so long ago, indeed, Liverpool should have known roughly what to expect here, one whose midfield is considered amongst the most aggressive in Spain.

And yet, Emre Can did not deem it necessary to challenge Joaquin Correa with even half of the required force when the ball was there to be won 25 yards from Liverpool's goal after four minutes of play.

Liverpool did not recover possession and twenty seconds later, Sevilla had scored largely because of another mistake, this time by Dejan Lovren who swiped wildly at a Sergio Escudero's low cross. From there, Wissam Ben Yedder could not really miss.

Liverpool's response was positive. If a goal was to come, it seemed inevitable the genesis would be from the left because it quickly became very clear that the only way Gabriel Mercado could stop ManA[c] was through illegal means.

The Argentine had a problem defending against speed and this was displayed again in the build-up to Firmino's equaliser, tapped in after Alberto Moreno's pace had taken him away following an excellent Jordan Henderson pass.

Liverpool were at their most menacing. Examples of defensive vulnerabilities always felt just around the corner but in attack, their ability to hustle and the velocity with which they operate when the ball is theirs was proving too much for the visitors.

By half time, a lead had been established but that lead should have been greater. After Salah's long-range shot ballooned off Simon Kja[bar]r to deceive goalkeeper Sergio Rico and make it 2-1, Firmino missed a penalty that could have been awarded twice in a matter of seconds, firstly for a handball by NicolA s Pareja and then for his subsequent tug on ManA[c].

Liverpool's players were given a standing ovation for their efforts at half time. Perhaps it was reasonable that their approach in the early stages of the second half should not blaze in the way it ended in the first, when you consider how they lost to Sevilla last time, conceding an equaliser in minute 46 having impressed prior to that.

It would be inaccurate to say Sevilla's equaliser on this occasion had been coming but they had nevertheless probed patiently beforehand. It arrived because of another error from Can, who did not react quickly enough to a quick throw-in and this eventually allowed Correa the space to fire past Loris Karius.

Liverpool would finish with 10 men after Joe Gomez was sent off for a second booking and he will now miss the trip to Russia in two weeks time when they face Spartak Moscow.

Liverpool (4-3-3): Karius; Gomez, Matip, Lovren, Moreno; Can (Coutinho 75), Henderson, Wijnaldum; Salah (Oxlade-Chamberlain (87), Firmino, ManA[c] (Sturridge 85). Subs: Mignolet, Milner, Klavan, Robertson.

Sevilla (4-3-3): Rico; Mercado, Pareja, Kja[bar]r, Escudero; Nzonzi, Banega, Pizarro (Sarabia 44); Navas (Corchia 83), Ben Yedder (Muriel 69), Correa. Subs: Soria, Carrico, Krohn-Dehli, Vazquez.

## DAILY Mirror

### BAD JOAQU FOR KLOPP; Late equaliser provides a bad punchline for Kop as penalty miss lets Sevilla off the hook

WE all know about about damn lies and statistics but, as Liverpool made their return to the Champions League last night, they told the whole story.

Liverpool totally dominated this first group game with Sevilla and at times took the Spanish side apart. But that quality wasn't matched where it mattered - in front of goal.

The Reds had 24 attempts yet scored only twice.

And it is not as if those stats were misleading because so many of those chances were gilt-edged, not least when Roberto Firmino missed a firsthalf penalty with Liverpool already 2-1 up.

The profligacy handed Sevilla a lifeline they simply didn't deserve, and a brilliant finish from Joaquin Correa 18 minutes from time made Liverpool pay a massive price.

Even the late introduction of Philippe Coutinho (left), to a warm reception from the forgiving Anfield faithful, couldn't change the depressing narrative.

And it could have been worse for Liverpool. Moments before Joe Gomez was sent off in injury time for a second yellow, Luis Muriel fired wide for Sevilla when scoring seemed easier.

Jürgen Klopp will still be trying to work out how Liverpool didn't win. Under him the Mersey men are close to being a truly devastating side but they are simply not clinical enough - a conversion rate of about 20 per cent is poor for a team of this technical ability.

It was a point skipper Jordan Henderson stressed afterwards.

"We need to be more ruthless," he said. "We should have got a third and a fourth."

Liverpool could have had the game done and dusted by halftime, but wasted several outstanding opportunities.

The most obvious miss was Firmino's penalty of course. The Brazilian (right) was given virtually the whole of the goal to aim at by an eccentric keeper who had dived early, but he thumped his attempt against the post.

Emre Can was equally culpable. He had an outstanding game on the ball and he looks increasingly assured around the penalty area, but when he got a sight of the keeper's eyes after being set free by Sadio Mane, his left-foot effort was wide of the far post.

There were so many more chances. Georginio Wijnaldum's shot was deflected narrowly wide, Mane and Mo Salah were inches away from the excellent Alberto Moreno's cross, and Mane turned and shot wide soon after. For all that, Liverpool were still outstanding. They toyed with Sevilla at times, to the extent their manager was sent to the stand after the break when he tried to keep the ball from Gomez on the touchline to deny them another lightning break.

The speed of Mane and Salah, the rapid thinking of Firmino, the energy of Wijnaldum, Henderson and Moreno, all created a wonderful, flowing, fluid Liverpool attacking formation, that bewildered Sevilla at times.

And all that after they home side conceded a stupid early goal. There seemed no danger as Dejan Lovren shaped to clear a Sergio Escudero cross, but he took his eye off the ball and allowed it to creep through for Wissam Ben Yedder to tap in. If that created fears of another frustrating night, then the response suggested this Liverpool team at least have desire and heart.

After spurning so many chances they drew level on 21 minutes when Moreno and Henderson combined brilliantly to allow the full back to cross for Firmino to roll the ball in.

When the lead came, it did so fortuitously. Salah may have fouled Steven N'Zonzi when he stole the ball, and then saw it spin off Simon Kjaer to deceive the stranded keeper Sergio Rico and loop into the net.

It should have been over but with Liverpool it never is.

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Another act of self-destruction leaves Klopp's men suffering European anti-climax

Liverpool's big night fell decidedly flat. A sense of anti-climax hung over Anfield at the final whistle. Rather than marking their Champions League return by showing how far they have come, the Reds illustrated that old habits die hard.

From a position of total control, Jurgen Klopp's side carelessly tossed away two precious points. Just like in the Europa League final in Basel 14 months earlier, Sevilla gleefully accepted the gifts they were presented with.

Liverpool's propensity to press the self-destruct button borders on the ridiculous.

This was a contest they should have won at a canter after comprehensively outclassing the La Liga outfit. However, they failed to kill them off and Sevilla were able to cash in on Liverpool's glaring defensive frailties. The opening stages of this season have exposed the folly of the club's failure to sign a top-class centre-back this summer. Virgil van Dijk may have proved out of reach but there should have been a Plan B. A major weakness simply wasn't addressed.

After Ragnar Klavan's chastening afternoon against Manchester City, this time Dejan Lovren found himself in the firing line. The Croatian's embarrassing blunder enabled Wissam Ben Yedder to fire Sevilla into an early lead.

Liverpool hit back as goals from Roberto Firmino and Mohamed Salah put them firmly in the ascendancy. On a night when Maribor and Spartak Moscow drew 1-1, Liverpool should have put down a real marker in Group E. The hosts created a stack of chances either side of Firmino's missed penalty. It didn't look like it would matter but then the Reds got sloppy. Another glaring lapse in concentration was punished when Joaquin Correa equalised. Sevilla had two shots on target and netted twice. It's simply too easy to score against this Liverpool side.

Just as alarming as the nature of the goals conceded was the manner in which Klopp's side lost their composure and their shape late on, which culminated in Joe Gomez getting sent off for a second yellow. Lovren and Jordan Henderson were the only survivors from the last time Anfield hosted a Champions League group game nearly three years ago. On that occasion Liverpool crashed out after a 1-1 draw with Basel and it's been a long road to get back among Europe's elite.

Anfield was in defiant mood as You'll Never Walk Alone was belted out prior to the competition's iconic anthem. There was no dwelling on the debacle at the Etihad, nobody feeling sorry for themselves as the noise levels were cranked up and the Reds responded. Liverpool flew out the blocks with livewire Sadio Mane leading the charge before serving his domestic ban. However, they were rocked by Lovren's error which handed Sevilla the lead inside five minutes.

There appeared to be little danger when Sergio Escudero crossed low from the left. However, inexplicably, Lovren allowed the ball to slip under his boot at the near post and Ben Yedder was handed a simple tap-in. It was an wretched error which would have looked out of place in the Birkenhead Sunday League, let alone the Champions League. To their credit, Klopp's side rallied and produced a real show of force which should have yielded more than a one-goal lead by the interval.

The front three of Mohamed Salah, Firmino and Mane caused the La Liga outfit a stack of problems with their blistering pace, intelligent movement and slick interplay. They were helped by a big improvement from Klopp's engine room as Gini Wijnaldum and Jordan Henderson moved the ball quickly and with purpose. Wijnaldum's strike was deflected just wide before Sergio Rico thwarted Mane and Firmino nodded just over. Sevilla were on the back foot and much to Klopp's disgust they resorted to kicking lumps out of Mane and Firmino.

It was one-way traffic and midway through the first half Liverpool finally restored parity. Alberto Moreno played a slick one-two with Henderson and the Spanish left-back's cross put the equaliser on a plate for Firmino. Liverpool were breathtaking on the counter-attack at times. When Joel Matip won the ball back deep inside his own half, they charged at the white shirts in front of them.

Salah, Wijnaldum and Mane combined to tee up the erratic Emre Can, who drilled inches wide of the far post. Klopp cursed their misfortune before urging the fans behind him to recognise the quality of the build up. Loris Karius had little to do after being preferred to Simon Mignolet and the German keeper couldn't be blamed for the goals he conceded. Eight minutes before the break Liverpool deservedly led. It was testament to Salah's perseverance as he chased after Steven N'Zonzi and picked his pocket. His left-footer struck the boot of Simon Kjaer and looped beyond the helpless Rico. When Moreno flopped so badly during the Reds' second-half capitulation against Sevilla in the Europa League final, his Anfield career looked over. He spent last season in purgatory – sat on the bench watching on as James Milner played ahead of him. This summer he was expected to depart. Liverpool were willing to sell him for £15million but Klopp shelved those plans after being impressed by his pre-season reviva. Here Moreno showcased his resurgence. He was combative defensively and a threat going forward, whipping in some fine deliveries from the left. It was his header which led to Mane earning a penalty after being wrestled to the ground by Nicolas Pareja. Firmino couldn't take advantage as he struck the spot-kick against the post. The Kop put a collective arm around the Brazilian as they chanted his name vociferously. Sevilla continued to chase shadows with Moreno forcing a smart save from Rico after Salah and Firmino had tormented the visitors. The second half brought more of the same with Liverpool dominating but unable to find the ruthless streak required to put

the game to bed. Sevilla's frustration was evident when boss Eduardo Berizzo threw the ball away to stop Gomez from taking a throw. Berizzo was banished to the stands with chants of 'adios' ringing in his ears. Can's piledriver was inadvertently blocked by Firmino before Wijnaldum's effort was unconvincingly kept out by Rico. Liverpool were cruising but with 18 minutes to go they shot themselves in the foot. They switched off from a throw-in as substitute Luis Muriel was allowed to feed Correa, who curled it past Karius.

Klopp summoned Philippe Coutinho from the bench. The cheers that greeted the Brazilian's introduction told him that the events of this summer will be forgiven if not forgotten. Daniel Sturridge and Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain followed late on, but Sevilla came closest to grabbing a winner when Muriel slotted wastefully wide. With Gomez's red card, it was a miserable end to a night which should have delivered so much more.

#### MATCH FACTS

Liverpool: Karius, Gomez, Matip, Lovren, Moreno, Henderson, Can (Coutinho 76), Wijnaldum, Salah (Oxlade-Chamberlain 89), Firmino, Mane (Sturridge 83). Not used: Mignolet, Milner, Klavan,, Robertson.

Sevilla: Rico, Mercado, Pareja, Kjaer, Escudero, N'Zonzi, Banega, Pizarro (Sarabia 45), Navas (Corchia 83), Ben Yedder (Muriel 69), Correa.

Not used: Soria, Carrico, Krohn-Dehli, Vazquez.

Referee: Danny Makkelie (Holland) Attendance: 52,332

Goals: Ben Yedder 5, Firmino 21, Salah 37, Correa 72

## DIARIO DE SEVILLA

### A Anfield se viene a esto, a sumar (2-2)

Excelente resultado del Sevilla en su estreno en un campo tan prestigioso como Anfield Road. El cuadro nervionense no sólo no se fue con las manos vacías del templo del Liverpool sino que tuvo la oportunidad de irse con las alforjas absolutamente llenas en la última jugada del choque. Muriel, con su gran potencia, se fue hacia la portería de Karius, dejó atrás a Matip como si el central alemán fuera un liliputiense en lugar de un gigante de 195 centímetros y su disparo con todo a favor se le fue fuera. ¡Uy! extremadamente sonoro en la grada en la que los sevillistas llegaron a soñar con algo gordo durante unos pocos segundos.

Hubiera sido casi como si le hubiese tocado la lotería al Sevilla después de lo visto durante los 96 minutos que se jugaron, eso es cierto, pero el fútbol es así, es un deporte tan maravilloso por la sencilla razón de que la única estadística válida de verdad cada vez que se juega es el número de goles a favor y en contra. Si un equipo suma uno más que el rival celebra al mismo tiempo que entra en un estado de amnesia sobre el proceso que ha tenido que desarrollar para conseguirlo. Y de haber marcado Muriel en esa jugada del final, ése hubiera sido el único balance posible del estreno en Anfield, en la calle del mismo nombre de Liverpool.

Faltó esa guinda, cierto, pero los sevillistas no se pueden quejar de lo expuesto por los suyos a la hora del balance global, sí de algunos parciales en los que los locales fueron tremendamente superiores y se acercaron muchísimo más hasta Sergio Rico. Fue así pese a que el partido no pudo comenzar mejor para el Sevilla. Había arrancado el Liverpool con el ánimo alto por el calor de los suyos, con la intención de avasallar a las huestes de Berizzo y lo que ocurrió fue precisamente lo contrario. No se habían contabilizado ni cuatro minutos siquiera cuando una entrada de Escudero por la izquierda concluía en un centro fuerte que cayó en los pies de Ben Yedder, previo error de Lovren. Ventaja para los blancos con el litigio recién comenzado, aunque con un partido entero aún por desarrollar.

Está claro que siempre es mejor ponerse por delante en el electrónico cada vez que se juega al fútbol, mas era tanto el camino aún por recorrer que aquello se antojaba casi anecdótico. Berizzo había arrancado el juego con Pizarro como vértice atrasado de su tradicional triángulo de centrocampistas. N'Zonzi y Banega lo completaban para que las tareas más atacantes correspondieran a Jesús Navas, Ben Yedder, los intocables hasta ahora en las citas de fuste, y Correa, éste en sustitución del lesionado Nolito. Eran, con Pareja y Kjaer en el centro de la zaga, cinco futbolistas los que refrescaban al equipo que afrontara la última cita liguera contra el Eibar.

¿Y cómo se desarrolló el juego tras el tanto temprano de Ben Yedder? Mal para un Sevilla incapaz de retener la pelota el tiempo suficiente para atemperar el ímpetu de un Liverpool que hacía bastante daño por las dos bandas, particularmente por la que ocupaban Mercado y Jesús Navas, donde Mane y Alberto Moreno, éste de manera fundamental, hacían muchísimo daño cada vez que progresaban en velocidad. El peligro se oía y en cualquier momento podía llegar la igualada. Hasta que una irrupción del lateral formado en la carretera de Utrera destruyó a toda la zaga visitante.

Empate de Firmino y aquello comenzaba a pintar mal. Pizarro ya tenía algún problema físico y el Liverpool no se quedó en el empate sino que pisó a tope el acelerador para desnudar a un Sevilla desbordado. Tuvo otra opción clarísima Emre Can antes de que se demostrara que los Reds le habían puesto mucho más ardor a la pelea. Ciertamente el juez holandés pudo decretar falta de su compatriota Wijnaldum sobre N'Zonzi, pero se hizo el loco y el robo, previa ilegalidad, acabó con el balón en las redes de Sergio Rico tras un disparo de Salah que rebotó en Kjaer antes de convertirse en el 2-1.

Y pudo ser muchísimo peor para un Sevilla que ya hacía aguas por todos lados de no ser porque Firmino estrelló un penalti en el poste al filo del intermedio.

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Gracias a ello, todo quedaba abierto y la posibilidad de no irse de vacío de este estreno en tan prestigioso recinto balompédico era un hecho real. Lo siguió siendo, además, pese a algunas opciones de llegar hasta Sergio Rico que tuvo el cuadro de Jürgen Klopp, ninguna diáfana a decir verdad.

Además, el entrenador alemán se había encargado de emponzoñar algo la situación con sus protestas en el banquillo hacia un Berizzo que se iba al vestuario expulsado por una tontería de retrasar un saque de banda cuando aún iba perdiendo su equipo. Algo después llega un cambio que será decisivo para lo que queda por jugar. Muriel ingresa por el fatigado Ben Yedder y el colombiano se iba a encargarse de evidenciar su extrema calidad en un escenario de este fuste. Fueron varios chispazos, incluso un regate junto a la línea de portería, hasta que habilitó a Correa. El argentino se llevó el balón en medio del barullo y esta vez sí acertó con la portería rival. Dos a dos, el Sevilla se había repuesto de todos sus males y el pulso volvía a estar en lo más alto, sin que existiera un dominador de aquello. Es verdad que el Liverpool apretó, como no podía ser de otra manera, pero la figura de N'Zonzi cada vez se agigantaba más en defensa y Muriel sencillamente derramaba gotas de esencia cada vez que le llegaba el balón. Hasta que peleó uno en el minuto 93 y debió hacer el 2-3. Hubiera sido un pequeño nirvana dentro de tantas situaciones de extremo goce como han vivido ya los sevillistas en estos tiempos de vacas gordas. Otra vez será, vendrán más oportunidades para un equipo que ya se comporta como uno más de esa élite tan selecta.



Liverpool's first game in the Champions League since 2014 ended in a draw with Sevilla at Anfield.

In a repeat of the [2016 Europa League final](#), which the Spaniards won in Basel, Argentine midfielder Joaquin Correa cut through the Liverpool defence and curled home a cool finish to clinch a point.

It had taken Sevilla just five minutes to take the lead as Wissam Ben Yedder tapped in from close range after home defender Dejan Lovren fell over while trying to clear the ball.

Sadio Mane tested visiting goalkeeper Sergio Rico with a low drive as Liverpool looked to get back into the game, and they managed to do so when Roberto Firmino finished off a fine team move from close range.

The five-time winners continued to push forward and were rewarded as Mohamed Salah's strike looped in via a huge deflection off Simon Kjær, but then Firmino, presented with the chance to give the home side breathing space, struck a penalty against the post.

Georginio Wijnaldum came close with a low drive in the second half but the English side were punished for not adding to their advantage when they conceded with 18 minutes remaining.

Luis Muriel could have won it for Sevilla in injury time, but shot wide from inside the box, before Reds defender Joe Gomez was dismissed for a second bookable offence.

Midfielder Philippe Coutinho, who requested a transfer in the summer, made his first appearance of the season for Liverpool, coming on for Emre Can on 75 minutes.

In the other Group F game, Maribor came from behind with five minutes remaining to draw 1-1 against Spartak Moscow.

Defensive fragility costs Reds

Liverpool have conceded eight goals in three league games so far this season, and their problems at the back were in evidence again at Anfield. They have now failed to keep a clean sheet in 11 of their past 12 Champions League contests.

Manager Jurgen Klopp, a Champions League runner-up in charge of Borussia Dortmund in 2013, did not manage to address the side's defensive issues in the summer, missing out on key target Virgil van Dijk from Southampton.

The lack of understanding among the backline is further complicated by Klopp's apparent indecision about his number one goalkeeper, alternating between Simon Mignolet and Loris Karius for the third straight game, with the German being handed a start this time.

Sevilla's opener came as their opponents failed to close them down on the edge of the box and the ball was played out wide to Sergio Escudero. The full-back drilled a low ball into the box, which Lovren made a hash of clearing, allowing Frenchman Ben Yedder an easy finish at the far post.

For their second, Liverpool were slow to react to a quick throw as former Blackburn midfielder Steven N'Zonzi - an imposing presence for the away side - slipped the ball to Correa, who broke through Liverpool's central defence and stroked in.

To make matters worse, full-back Gomez will miss the next group game through suspension after being sent off in the 94th minute.

Sevilla boss Eduardo Berizzo was also dismissed earlier in the evening for throwing the ball away when it went out of play.

Coutinho welcomed back

Before the first round of games, an [analytical study by statisticians Gracenote Sports](#) suggested Liverpool had an 81% chance of progressing to the knockout stages - the highest of the six British teams in the competition.

There is work to do now, however, as they failed to hold on to a lead and became the only English side on match day one not to win, amid comfortable victories for

Chelsea, Manchester United, Manchester City and Tottenham.

It could have been worse, too, after they fell behind early at Anfield, but the attacking potency of Firmino - four goals this season already - Salah (also four) and Mane (three), often proved too much for the La Liga side as the trio demonstrated their intelligence and speed of play to put the home side ahead and threaten to dominate the game.

But Firmino's first-half penalty miss - awarded after a tug by visiting captain Nicolas Pareja on Mane - was crucial. With it went the prospect of a two-goal cushion, and back came the old defensive doubts.

Midfielder Coutinho returned to action for the first time since the club rejected three bids from Barcelona in the summer, and the Brazilian received a raucous ovation from the crowd, although he failed to make an impact in his 15 minutes on the pitch.

Man of the match - Steven N'Zonzi (Sevilla)

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp: "It was pretty much a winning performance for 85-86 minutes and the team played well against a side who play well. We had answers for everything apart from the goals. I have to see them again. That is not the good thing. It was an exciting game from my side, everyone saw our desire and passion but we got a point.

"We know we have to improve but there is so much potential and we can work with this. It is a draw - it does not feel too good but I am fine with big parts of the performance."

Liverpool captain Jordan Henderson: "We could have taken the three points with the chances we created in both halves but they got us on the counter-attack. We are disappointed not to take the points but the lads reacted well to the weekend [a 5-0 defeat at Manchester City]. We looked exciting and could have scored a few more goals.

"We wanted to win the ball back quickly and get the crowd behind us. The lads reacted brilliantly to going behind and there are positives from the game."

What next?

Liverpool host Burnley in the Premier League on Saturday (kick-off 15:00 BST), while Sevilla travel to Girona in La Liga on Sunday (kick-off 15:15 BST).

Firmino off the spot - the stats

Liverpool have only won one of their nine Champions League home games against Spanish opposition (drawn four, lost four).

Mohamed Salah is the first Egyptian player to score on his Champions League debut for two sides (Basel and Liverpool).

Roberto Firmino is the first Liverpool player to miss a penalty in the Champions League (excluding shootouts) since Steven Gerrard against Marseille in December 2007 (Gerrard scored from the rebound).

Sevilla scored with both of their shots on target versus Liverpool.

Joe Gomez is the fourth Liverpool player to be sent off in the Champions League after Lazar Markovic, Jermaine Pennant and Didier Hamann.

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 90'+5' Second Half ends, Liverpool 2, Sevilla 2.  
 90'+4' Attempt missed. Éver Banega (Sevilla right footed shot from more than 40 yards on the left wing is close, but misses to the right from a direct free kick.  
 90'+4' Second yellow card to Joseph Gomez (Liverpool for a bad foul.  
 90'+4' Joaquín Correa (Sevilla wins a free kick on the left wing.  
 90'+4' Foul by Joseph Gomez (Liverpool.  
 90'+3' Attempt missed. Luis Muriel (Sevilla right footed shot from the left side of the box is close, but misses to the left. Assisted by Nico Pareja.  
 90'+3' Attempt saved. Georginio Wijnaldum (Liverpool header from the centre of the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Philippe Coutinho with a cross.  
 90'+2' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Steven N'Zonzi.  
 90'+1' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Pablo Sarabia.  
 89' Substitution, Liverpool. Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain replaces Mohamed Salah.  
 87' Attempt missed. Joaquín Correa (Sevilla header from the centre of the box misses to the left. Assisted by Pablo Sarabia with a cross following a corner.  
 87' Corner, Sevilla. Conceded by Alberto Moreno.  
 83' Substitution, Liverpool. Daniel Sturridge replaces Sadio Mané.  
 83' Substitution, Sevilla. Sébastien Corchia replaces Jesús Navas.  
 82' Gabriel Mercado (Sevilla wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
 82' Foul by Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool.  
 79' Foul by Pablo Sarabia (Sevilla).  
 79' Alberto Moreno (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
 79' Attempt blocked. Pablo Sarabia (Sevilla left footed shot from outside the box is blocked.  
 79' Corner, Sevilla. Conceded by Jordan Henderson.  
 78' Attempt missed. Dejan Lovren (Liverpool header from the centre of the box is high and wide to the left. Assisted by Jordan Henderson with a cross following a corner.  
 77' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Simon Kjaer.  
 76' Substitution, Liverpool. Philippe Coutinho replaces Emre Can.  
 73' Foul by Gabriel Mercado (Sevilla).  
 73' Sadio Mané (Liverpool wins a free kick on the left wing.  
 72' Goal! Liverpool 2, Sevilla 2. Joaquín Correa (Sevilla right footed shot from the centre of the box to the top right corner. Assisted by Luis Muriel.  
 71' Pablo Sarabia (Sevilla wins a free kick in the attacking half.  
 71' Foul by Alberto Moreno (Liverpool).  
 70' Éver Banega (Sevilla wins a free kick on the left wing.  
 70' Foul by Emre Can (Liverpool).  
 69' Substitution, Sevilla. Luis Muriel replaces Wissam Ben Yedder.  
 69' Wissam Ben Yedder (Sevilla wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
 69' Foul by Alberto Moreno (Liverpool).  
 68' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Sergio Rico.  
 68' Attempt saved. Georginio Wijnaldum (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the bottom left corner.  
 67' Hand ball by Jesús Navas (Sevilla).  
 65' Attempt missed. Sadio Mané (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is high and wide to the left. Assisted by Mohamed Salah.  
 64' Offside, Sevilla. Éver Banega tries a through ball, but Steven N'Zonzi is caught offside.  
 64' Joseph Gomez (Liverpool is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.  
 63' Joaquín Correa (Sevilla wins a free kick on the left wing.  
 63' Foul by Joseph Gomez (Liverpool).  
 62' Attempt missed. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is close, but misses to the left. Assisted by Loris Karius.  
 61' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Sergio Rico.  
 61' Attempt missed. Mohamed Salah (Liverpool left footed shot from the right side of the box is close, but misses to the right.  
 59' Attempt missed. Sadio Mané (Liverpool right footed shot from the left side of the box is high and wide to the right. Assisted by Alberto Moreno.  
 58' Attempt missed. Mohamed Salah (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is high and wide to the left. Assisted by Georginio Wijnaldum.  
 56' Joaquín Correa (Sevilla wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
 56' Foul by Joseph Gomez (Liverpool).  
 56' Attempt blocked. Emre Can (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked.  
 53' Hand ball by Roberto Firmino (Liverpool).  
 51' Joaquín Correa (Sevilla wins a free kick in the attacking half.  
 51' Foul by Georginio Wijnaldum (Liverpool).  
 46' Attempt blocked. Sadio Mané (Liverpool right footed shot from the left side of the box is blocked. Assisted by Jordan Henderson.  
 Second Half begins Liverpool 2, Sevilla 1.  
 45'+3' First Half ends, Liverpool 2, Sevilla 1.  
 45'+3' Attempt saved. Alberto Moreno (Liverpool left footed shot from the left side of the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Roberto Firmino.  
 45'+2' Gabriel Mercado (Sevilla wins a free kick on the right wing.  
 45'+2' Foul by Emre Can (Liverpool).  
 45'+1' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Simon Kjaer.  
 45'+1' Delay over. They are ready to continue.  
 45'+1' Substitution, Sevilla. Pablo Sarabia replaces Guido Pizarro because of an injury.  
 44' Delay in match Guido Pizarro (Sevilla because of an injury).  
 43' Attempt blocked. Joaquín Correa (Sevilla left footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Jesús Navas.  
 42' Penalty missed! Still Liverpool 2, Sevilla 1. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool hits the right post with a right footed shot.  
 42' Nico Pareja (Sevilla is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.  
 41' Penalty Liverpool. Sadio Mané draws a foul in the penalty area.

41' Penalty conceded by Nico Pareja (Sevilla after a foul in the penalty area.  
 41' Mohamed Salah (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
 41' Foul by Sergio Escudero (Sevilla).  
 39' Alberto Moreno (Liverpool is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.  
 39' Jesús Navas (Sevilla wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
 39' Foul by Alberto Moreno (Liverpool).  
 38' Éver Banega (Sevilla is shown the yellow card.  
 37' Goal! Liverpool 2, Sevilla 1. Mohamed Salah (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box to the top right corner.  
 36' Delay over. They are ready to continue.  
 35' Delay in match Guido Pizarro (Sevilla because of an injury).  
 35' Gabriel Mercado (Sevilla is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.  
 33' Attempt blocked. Georginio Wijnaldum (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Mohamed Salah.  
 33' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Simon Kjaer.  
 33' Attempt blocked. Emre Can (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Joseph Gomez with a headed pass.  
 28' Corner, Sevilla. Conceded by Alberto Moreno.  
 26' Jordan Henderson (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
 26' Foul by Guido Pizarro (Sevilla).  
 25' Foul by Georginio Wijnaldum (Liverpool).  
 25' Steven N'Zonzi (Sevilla wins a free kick in the attacking half.  
 23' Attempt missed. Emre Can (Liverpool left footed shot from the left side of the box is close, but misses to the right. Assisted by Sadio Mané following a fast break.  
 21' Goal! Liverpool 1, Sevilla 1. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool right footed shot from the left side of the six yard box to the centre of the goal. Assisted by Alberto Moreno.  
 18' Sadio Mané (Liverpool wins a free kick on the left wing.  
 18' Foul by Gabriel Mercado (Sevilla).  
 17' Sadio Mané (Liverpool wins a free kick on the left wing.  
 17' Foul by Jesús Navas (Sevilla).  
 15' Attempt missed. Emre Can (Liverpool header from the centre of the box misses to the left. Assisted by Joseph Gomez with a cross.  
 12' Foul by Joseph Gomez (Liverpool).  
 12' Joaquín Correa (Sevilla wins a free kick in the attacking half.  
 11' Attempt missed. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool header from the centre of the box is just a bit too high. Assisted by Jordan Henderson with a cross following a corner.  
 10' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Steven N'Zonzi.  
 10' Attempt blocked. Dejan Lovren (Liverpool header from the centre of the box is blocked. Assisted by Alberto Moreno with a cross.  
 10' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Simon Kjaer.  
 10' Attempt saved. Sadio Mané (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the bottom right corner.  
 8' Offside, Sevilla. Simon Kjaer tries a through ball, but Wissam Ben Yedder is caught offside.  
 7' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Simon Kjaer.  
 7' Attempt blocked. Georginio Wijnaldum (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Emre Can.  
 6' Éver Banega (Sevilla wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
 6' Foul by Emre Can (Liverpool).  
 5' Goal! Liverpool 0, Sevilla 1. Wissam Ben Yedder (Sevilla right footed shot from very close range to the bottom right corner. Assisted by Sergio Escudero with a cross.  
 4' Attempt blocked. Jordan Henderson (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Georginio Wijnaldum.  
 1' Attempt saved. Emre Can (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the top right corner. Assisted by Georginio Wijnaldum.  
 1' Sadio Mané (Liverpool wins a free kick on the left wing.  
 1' Foul by Guido Pizarro (Sevilla).  
 First Half begins.  
 Lineups are announced and players are warming up. 0