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THE TIMES

Klopp can only see positives after fans voice frustration

Liverpool 1 Salah 30

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Sean Dyche was borrowing quotes from Bob Paisley as he held court and offered no apologies for Burnley's approach in making Anfield the latest vaunted venue they have looted.

"We got the ball and got it as far down their throat as we could because we felt it would be effective," he said. "I am not going to worry too much if you think long ball, short ball. It's the right ball that counts."

Rolling out one of Paisley's most pertinent utterances -- the one about passing, rather than going for the jugular -- came as part of a conversation in which the Burnley manager confessed bemusement at the way in which certain teams can find themselves pigeon-holed.

Jürgen Klopp would doubtless concur. His frustration as a difficult week ended on a suitably downbeat note was obvious, but the portrayal of Liverpool as a team unable to defend and who are also now flawed in attack does not tally with what he sees himself. They conceded another soft goal and failed to eke out reward for their territorial dominance, but this was simply a frustrating day at the office in his eyes, no more.

There are times when Klopp's biggest test as Liverpool manager appears to be in dealing with the negativity he clearly feels pervades every sinew of the club whenever a match does not become a procession, the grumbles from the stands jarring with his own glass-half-full mentality.

"I am still in the 1-1 mood, but it is easy to see all the positive things from tomorrow on again. They are there," he said, having made seven changes from the team who drew 2-2 with Seville on Wednesday, with Philippe Coutinho starting for the first time since his failed dalliance with Barcelona.

Klopp measures progress from the starting point of his reign two years ago, whereas the view elsewhere is shaped by one trophy in a decade and no title since 1990. Time will tell if he is heading towards a solution or part of the problem. Klopp decided that only Virgil van Dijk could strengthen his defence, opting not to look elsewhere when Southampton clung on to the Holland centre back, but the catalogue of errors that led to Scott Arfield coolly dispatching Burnley's goal chimed differently.

Trent Alexander-Arnold was beaten in an aerial duel with Robbie Brady, Joel Matip and Ragnar Klavan danced around Chris Wood, and Andrew Robertson was left on his heels when Arfield anticipated the loose ball.

Liverpool also decided not to sign a recognised, 20-goal-a-season striker and while they will plunder plenty of goals this season -- Mohamed Salah quickly restored parity here with his fifth effort of the campaign -- there are occasions when the ruthlessness required to score at a particular moment eludes them.

Salah was guilty against Manchester City last weekend, Roberto Firmino missed a penalty against Seville in midweek and there were occasions here when the key chances went begging, most notably when Nick Pope, the Burnley goalkeeper, diverted Dominic Solanke's effort on to the crossbar in the dying embers.

The statistic that reveals that Liverpool have had 59 shots in their past two games, and scored three goals, overlooks that too many of them have come from distance. Coutinho alone attempted seven shots on Saturday, the last of which ended on the top tier of the Anfield Road stand.

Still, pointing out Liverpool's inadequacies does not give enough credit to Burnley, who have now gleaned five points from three away games, which also included visits to Chelsea and Tottenham Hotspur. To offer context, they claimed just seven points on their travels last term. They were organised and played to their strengths, with Ben Mee seeing a header cleared off the line by Matip and another saved by Simon Mignolet from two copycat corners late on.

"I was here [at Anfield] on Wednesday night and fans were saying it [Liverpool have defensive issues], pundits were saying it, everyone was talking about it, so they cannot all be wrong," Dyche said.

"Our plan has to be, 'If that is one of the things, how can we affect them?' Our skill set is not 500 passes a game.

"Glenn Hoddle would never have played in modern football because people would say, 'Glenn you can only pass it ten yards, mate, you are not allowed to play long balls.' "It's true. I grew up marvelling at Glenn Hoddle, marvelling at him landing that ball with either foot all over the pitch. Short, long. He was more renowned for his long passes, opening things up.

"You would never have seen the best of him in the current game because we can only play the little passes. What I am saying is don't be afraid to play a long pass. I was a centre half and I believe I know what is effective to win in a football match."

RATINGS

Liverpool (4-3-3): S Mignolet 6 -- T Alexander-Arnold 5, J Matip 6, R Klavan 5, A Robertson 6 -- E Can 7, J Milner 6, P Coutinho 7 (sub: D Solanke 78min) -- M Salah 7, D Sturridge 6, R Firmino 6 (sub: A Oxlade-Chamberlain 78). Substitutes not used L Karius, G Wijnaldum, D Lovren, J Henderson, A Moreno. Booked Can.

Burnley (4-4-1-1): N Pope 8 -- M Lowton 6, J Tarkowski 7, B Mee 7, S Ward 6 -- J B Gudmundsson 6 (sub: A Barnes 60, 6), J Cork 6, S Defour 6 (sub: A Westwood 87), R Brady 6 -- S Arfield 7 -- C Wood 7 (sub: S Vokes 87). Substitutes not used P Bardsley, J Walters, K Long, A Legzdins. Booked Pope, Cork.

the guardian

Jürgen Klopp says 'fortune was not wearing Liverpool shirt' in Burnley draw

There was a roll-call of former title-winners and mosaics around the ground to mark the 125th anniversary of Liverpool's first ever game, against Rotherham Town, but there was precious little in the present to celebrate for Jürgen Klopp. "Fortune was not wearing a Liverpool shirt today," their manager said. Fortune did not fashion a stalemate with Burnley either.

Sean Dyche's team have clearly learned the lessons of a painful campaign on the road last season, when they took until 29 April to record their first win and suffered 14 away defeats. The experience of a second consecutive season in the top flight is showing in players who have taken five points from visits to Liverpool, Tottenham and Chelsea. The lessons the home side are learning in their second full season under Klopp are more difficult to ascertain.

Not for the first time, indeed for the second time in four days, Liverpool dominated on home soil but fell behind to a cheap goal conceded from their opponents' first meaningful attack. They also produced 35 shots but Nick Pope, making the first Premier League start of his career was forced into mainly routine saves from distance as Liverpool's winless run extended to three games in all competitions.

After a 5-0 defeat at Manchester City and an avoidable Champions League draw with Sevilla, Klopp labelled this week the most frustrating of his Anfield reign "results-wise". He added: "But, honestly, I am not like this as a person. My job is to see the performance and we reacted really well. We made seven changes and still played this type of football -- no one should take this for granted. There were a lot of positive things although I don't feel any positivity at the moment."

The first act came as no surprise to the Anfield regulars. Liverpool controlled proceedings only to encounter stubborn resistance and creak under the first spell of pressure. When James Tarkowski swung a long ball out to the left wing the defence disintegrated. First Robbie Brady beat Trent Alexander-Arnold in the air. Both Liverpool centre-halves, Joël Matip and Ragnar Klavan, closed on Chris Wood for the second ball but neither prevented the towering striker nudging a slight touch towards the unmarked Scott Arfield. The forward steered a crisp finish inside Simon Mignolet's right post to leave Klopp raging at his defenders from the sideline.

"It was just a long ball," he said. "We could have won the first header and the ball bounced in the wrong direction. Robbo [full-back Andrew Robertson] knows he should have seen Arfield quicker. They are better in these situations, they are more used to it. A good goal for them. We could have defended much better." Dyche said Burnley deliberately targeted Alexander-Arnold in the air and while that tactic paid dividends they did not allow Liverpool a monopoly on weak defending against a long ball. Emre Can created a swift equaliser with a measured ball over the top from just inside his own half. Mohamed Salah read the delivery perfectly, unlike Stephen Ward and Ben Mee who backed off and allowed the Egypt international to control and steer a fine low finish beyond Pope.

Normal service resumed thereafter. Liverpool continued to dominate and Burnley rediscovered their resilience to frustrate them. It was only in the final stages that Burnley attacked in numbers and late adventure almost edged them back in front. Brady stung Mignolet's palms from 25 yards before, from two corners in quick succession by the Republic of Ireland international, Mee had two free headers at the back post. The defender's first was headed off the line by Matip. His second was saved at close range by the Liverpool goalkeeper with Anfield enraged by a warning unheeded.

Klopp introduced Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain and Dominic Solanke in a concerted push for victory. The latter went close to obliging when he volleyed against the bar from close range after Alexander-Arnold's cross deflected into his path. Klopp claimed a penalty for a challenge on Salah in the build-up to Solanke's chance while Dyche credited Pope with a vital save. Both were stretching it.

"Our plan was to keep them from our goal," Dyche said. "It is much harder to score from 30 yards than six and we did that well other than their goal.

"We got caught on a long ball, the irony of that. They made seven changes, players who have been brought in for absolute fortunes, players on the bench who have come in for £35m. The challenge we have as managers is we are judged exactly the same but the playing field is not level. But I don't want to make too much of a big deal because I believe in my players, however much they cost."

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The Mail

Flops have no defence against Anfield groans

JURGEN KLOPP had just completed a lengthy round of television interviews and was heading to Anfield's press room, muttering as he went.

'Always the same,' he said, repeating the words. Klopp was referring to the line of questioning from those with cameras and microphones, but he could easily have been referring to the latest performance from his team. Klopp is an open book when it comes to reading his mood and this was one of those days when his eyes narrowed, the tone of his voice lowered and the arm-waving animation on the touchline was triggered, primarily, by Liverpool's deficiencies.

The home crowd had come to see Burnley buried under an avalanche of goals but even though Liverpool had 35 shots, their fans left frustrated at having seen their side concede cheaply again. Some fans travel to Anfield now with expectations that are out of kilter with Liverpool's position in the modern game, others don't trust some of the players wearing the shirt. When you mix that together, the uncertainty grows, and Sean Dyche, Burnley's manager, picked up on it when he sat in the stands for the Champions League game with Sevilla; it left him convinced a rudimentary plan could let his team cause havoc.

'We deliberately got the ball as far down their throat as we could,' said Dyche, who saw Scott Arfield (right) score in the 26th minute after the usual panic in Liverpool's defence.

'I'm not going to worry if you think long ball, short ball. It's the right ball that counts. On Wednesday, fans and pundits were saying it -- everyone was talking about (Liverpool's vulnerability). They cannot all be wrong.' For all Liverpool's possession, the life of the visitors' goal was not charmed, and it was the home side's good fortune that Mo Salah equalised so quickly. Still Klopp was defiant. 'If we were not creating chances then I'd be really concerned but we had enough chances to win,' said the German.

Philippe Coutinho started for the first time since his move to Barcelona fell through. He said he was 'honoured' to be the subject of a PS114million bid, but says there is no agreement to leave Anfield in 12 months. 'What happened was a job offer and, in life, sometimes you get interested,' said Coutinho. 'Sometimes you don't.

Everyone knows I got interested, my family, too. It was a complicated month but I am here and working hard for the team's goals.' LIVERPOOL (4-3-3): Mignolet; Alexander-Arnold, Matip, Klavan, Robertson; Can, Milner, Coutinho (Solanke 78); Salah, Sturridge, Firmino (Oxlade-Chamberlain 79).

Subs not used: Karius, Wijnaldum, Henderson, Lovren, Moreno.

Booked: Can.

BURNLEY (4-4-1-1): Pope; Lowton, Tarkowski, Mee, Ward; Gudmundsson (Barnes 60), Cork, Arfield, Brady; Defour (Westwood 87); Wood (Vokes 87). Subs not used: Legzdins, Barnes, Walters, Bardsley, Long.

Booked: Pope, Cork. Man of the match: Steven Defour. Referee: Roger East.

Attendance: 53,231.

The Daily Telegraph

Dyche hails success of his aerial attack on Anfield

Increasingly, the most impressive defensive performances at Anfield are in the media room, long after the final whistle.

Whether it is Jurgen Klopp arguing his side were denied a win through ill-luck, or Burnley manager Sean Dyche backing tactics already validated with a 1-1 draw, self-justification was everywhere.

It seems football is less about the visual and emotional experience and more about the spinning of numbers, so Liverpool's 35 shots on goal offer evidence of dominance which was never reflected in clear chances. Meanwhile, the less fashionable manager trots out lines about contrasting wage bills and transfer values as if it is miraculous a club of Burnley's size has already taken five points from Stamford Bridge, Wembley and Anfield.

It was not surprising a muchchanged Liverpool side lacked the fluency that destroyed Arsenal here a few weeks ago, or that a wellorganised Burnley team, targeting the chronic anxiety on and off the pitch on Merseyside, took advantage. Dyche's formula is effective and a manager is entitled to do what he likes to get results, just as any viewer is entitled to state a preference for one style over another.

Burnley's manager evidently feels snobbery has drifted too far, in this case sensing a combination of churlish and patronising remarks applauding the success of his plan to hit long, diagonal balls to Chris Wood - the strategy that created Scott Arfield's first-half goal. "Glenn Hoddle would never have played in modern football because people would say, 'Glenn, you can only pass it 10 yards mate, you are not allowed to play long balls'," said Dyche. "It's true. I grew up marvelling at Glenn Hoddle. Marvelling at him landing that ball with either foot all over the pitch. Short, long. He was more renowned for his long passes, opening things up. I don't mean he would never have played but you would never have seen the best of him in the current game because we can only play the little passes.

"What I am saying is don't be afraid to play a long pass. These players here, even our players, they are Premier League players and if you honestly think they can't land a ball 40 yards on to somebody's chest, they can. So why would I take away the ability to do that? I was a centre-half and I believe I know what is effective to win."

Dyche indicated it would have been foolish not to order his defenders to direct long balls at Liverpool's defence. Given that each aerial ball is viewed with the trepidation of a South Korean general monitoring satellite images from the north, he has a point.

"We deliberately got the ball and got it as far down their throat as we could because we felt it would be effective," said Dyche. "The general feeling around here is that they haven't found a way of dealing with set-pieces. We have to look at that - that's our job. So every time we got a set-piece it went into their box but that is good game-planning."

Klopp feels constant criticism of his defence has created a self-fulfilling prophecy. Aside from the loss of that Arfield goal - swiftly equalised by Mohamed Salah - the back four was not the real problem here. We are now at the stage of Klopp's reign - as occurred with Gerard Houllier and Rafa Benitez - where domestic and European duty means weekly changes. As expectations rise, and the ache for a title challenge becomes ever more excruciating, any lost point is perceived to be catastrophic.

Everyone knew this would be a year of rotation, but it is not just the players caught in a loop. It just seems the cycle of despondency after every Liverpool setback turns quicker and earlier each year.

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THE INDEPENDENT

Klopp not concerned by goalscoring woes

Jurgen Klopp is not concerned by Liverpool's recent struggles to convert chances, despite seeing his side fail to break down an organised Burnley outfit at Anfield on Saturday.

Liverpool made 35 attempts on goal but could only draw 1-1 with Sean Dyche's Clarets, and that only after Mohamed Salah had cancelled out a Scott Arfield opener.

Like in Wednesday's frustrating 2-2 draw against Sevilla, Klopp's side wasted chances to claim three points, but when asked whether he was concerned with such problems in front of goal, the Liverpool manager said: "No, not in the long-term.

"I'm still a football fan but I cannot think after 25 years in the business like a football fan but I know that the mother of all goals is the opportunity, the chance. If we're not creating chances then I would be really concerned but we are creating. We had enough chances to win.

"It was a good day but not a very good day and that's why we made a few wrong decisions on the pitch but this was a really hard game to play and that has to be recognised. We will carry on."

At the other end of the pitch, Liverpool's persistent defensive problems were on display again, with Arfield left unmarked before giving Burnley an unexpected lead.

Progress under Klopp has been repeatedly held back by these two particular failings: struggling to break down organised defences and conceding easily-preventable goals.

The Liverpool manager, however, believes his side's issues can be resolved.

"It's not that we have big issues, it's not as if you can say: 'If they don't change that they will never win again'," he said. "We all know that in a lot of moments, fortune was not on our side, that's the way it is.

"We don't take that as an excuse but I cannot ignore the positive things, that is not allowed in my job."

DAILY MIRROR

THE LONG AND THE SHORT & THE BALL; Dyche: Glenn Hoddle wouldn't be allowed to play 40-yard passes in today's game.. it's all 10 yards now..we shouldn't be afraid of the long ball

LIVERPOOL 1

Salah 30

BURNLEY 1

Arfield 27

WITH a mischievous smile, Sean Dyche drops a casual line into his post-match analysis, which may as well have been a fully-primed explosive.

"Glenn Hoddle would NEVER have played in modern football because people would say, 'Glenn, you can only pass it 10 yards, mate, you are not allowed to play long balls'. It's true."

His point is not aimed at Jurgen Klopp or Liverpool, but more the perception in these tiki-taka times that any other way of playing is neanderthal and anti-football. Which is exactly what Burnley are condemned for.

Yet, when they try to compete with sides who enjoy budgets 10 or 20 times the size of their own, what are they supposed to do?

"I grew up marvelling at Hoddle, marvelling at him, landing that ball with either foot all over the pitch. Short, long. He was more renowned for his long passes, opening things up," Dyche explained.

"I don't mean he would never have played, but you would never have seen the best of him in the current game, because we can only play the little passes. What I am saying is: Don't be afraid to play a long pass.

"These players here, even our players, they are Premier League players and if you honestly think they can't land a ball 40 yards onto somebody's chest - they can. So why would I take away the ability to do that?"

That last comment was at the heart of how this game unfolded. Liverpool had 35 attempts, but scored one goal. Burnley had rather fewer, and yet had two chances in the final minutes from close range to win at Anfield.

From visits to Chelsea, Tottenham and Liverpool they now have five points on their travels, only two less than they managed away from home during the whole of last season.

There is a reason, because Dyche has spotted a way to harm even the best teams. His point is that he and his admirable side get labelled, when they are just doing their job in identifying the weakness in Klopp's otherwise compelling construction at Anfield.

"I make no apology in my thoughts or words, we have no problem with that. We deliberately got the ball and got it as far down their throat as we could, because we felt it would be effective," Dyche explained.

"What I was sharing was the view round here. I was here Wednesday night, fans were saying it, pundits were saying it, everyone was talking about it, so they cannot all be wrong. They have a tough time at set-pieces.

"Our plan has to be, 'If that is one of the things, how can we affect them?' Is it that we outpace them? No, it isn't. So what can be an effective tool we can use? And, let's face it, we had two cleared off the line from set-pieces, so it worked."

The Clarets' goal exploited that weakness, a long ball and a great finish from Scott Arfield. But, equally, a mistake from visiting defender Robbie Brady allowed Mo Salah (above) to equalise from another long ball.

For all the criticism of their defence, if Liverpool had taken their chances this would have been a comfortable win, and confirmation of the incredible job Klopp is doing in making his team a genuinely compelling threat.

The only thing missing was composure in front of goal and in front of fine keeper Nick Pope on his full debut. But Klopp insisted that will come.

"I know that the mother of all goals is the opportunity, the chance. If we're not creating chances, then I would be really concerned but we are creating. We had enough chances to win," Klopp said.

"It was a good day but not a very good day and that's why we made a few wrong decisions on the pitch."

Liverpool became the fourth team to win 1,000 points in Premier League home games (Man Utd 1136, Arsenal 1044, Chelsea 1026).

The Reds had 35 attempts on goal - since 2003-04, they've only had more in a single Premier League match once (37 v Everton, April 2016).

Burnley have scored in consecutive league games at Anfield for the first time since August 1969.

These were the first points Burnley earned in a league match at Anfield since a 1-0 win in September 1974 - they'd lost their previous four in a row before Saturday.

STAT IS AMAZING LIVERPOOL Mignolet 6, Alexander-Arnold 6, Matip 7, Klavan 6, Robertson 7, Can 6, Milner 6, Coutinho 7 (Solanke 79), Salah 7, Firmino 6 (Oxlade 78), Sturridge 6 BURNLEY Pope 8, Lowton 7, Tarkowski 7, Mee 7, Ward 6, Gudmundsson 6 (Barnes 60, 6), Defour 7 (Westwood 87), Cork 6, Brady 6, Arfield 6, Woods 6 (Vokes 87) MATCH STATS 71% POSSESSION 29% 9 SHOTS ON TARGET 4 14 SHOTS OFF TARGET 1 677 TOTAL PASSES 276 86% PASSING SUCCESS 65% 12 CORNERS 2 1 OFFSIDE 5 7 FOULS 9 10 CARDS 0 2 Ref: Roger East ATT: 53,231 MAN OF THE MATCH NICK POPE

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Groundhog day for Klopp's Reds as ruthless streak goes missing

The party spirit was conspicuous by its absence at Anfield. On the day Liverpool celebrated their 125th birthday, there was no gift for Kopites seeking a lift after a damaging week. Instead Jurgen Klopp's side treated supporters to a sight they have seen far too often in recent years. Burnley added their name to the list of average opposition who have parked the bus at Anfield and walked away with something to show for their troubles. This was Groundhog Day. Just like against Sevilla in the Champions League in midweek, how the Reds didn't emerge victorious was baffling. Questions will be asked about Klopp's decision to make seven changes and how late he left it before throwing on Dominic Solanke and Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain in the closing stages. But this wasn't a case of a disjointed line up rarely spluttering into life. The fact is that Liverpool had more than enough quality out there and they should have won comfortably. They enjoyed 71% possession and did plenty with it. The Reds fashioned 35 shots of which nine troubled stand-in keeper Nick Pope. Yet there was no ruthless streak in the final third. When cool heads were required, composure was severely lacking. Since the international break, belief has taken a battering. Philippe Coutinho couldn't deliver on his first start since agitating for a summer move to Barcelona. There were brief moments of class but his underwhelming afternoon was summed up by the wild 25-yarder which ended up in the top tier of the Anfield Road End. Similarly, Daniel Sturridge wasn't able to fully grasp his chance after being given the opportunity to lead the line. How he didn't get on the scoresheet will remain a mystery. Solanke should have been the hero at the death but somehow hammered against the bar from close range. Liverpool sorely missed the spark and finishing touch of Sadio Mane, who started his three-match ban. The problem Klopp has got is that one goal is rarely going to be enough for the Reds to triumph this term since their vulnerability at the back. The names were different with Trent Alexander-Arnold, Ragnar Klavan and Andy Robertson drafted in, but there was yet another soft goal for the growing collection. Scott Arfield took full advantage after some hesitation from centre-backs Joel Matip and Klavan. The real positive for Kopites to cling to was the sight of Mohamed Salah continuing his fine start to his Anfield career as he made it five goals in eight games. His right foot may only be for standing on, but his left is a wand. Strong, skilful and with a blistering turn of pace, he was always Liverpool's most potent weapon. Whether the Reds did enough in the transfer market this summer is highly debatable, but considering the sky-high fees paying £36.9million for Salah looks like a steal. Just like against Sevilla, Liverpool lost their stranglehold on proceedings late on and could have been beaten.

Joel Matip's goal-line clearance was quickly followed by a fine save from Simon Mignolet as a couple of set-pieces sparked panic. Sound familiar? Klopp had warned there would be changes as he wanted to ensure Liverpool boasted "freshness in both body and mind" and he was true to his word. Roberto Firmino, Salah, Matip and Emre Can were the only survivors from the draw with Sevilla. Despite the absence of Mane, there was no lack of firepower with Coutinho playing just behind the front three of Salah, Sturridge and Firmino. Sean Dyche's Burnley are no mugs having won at Chelsea and drawn at Tottenham already this term and their six-man backline frustrated the hosts. Sturridge scuffed shot straight at Pope before Alexander-Arnold dragged wide from the edge of the box. Matip turned creator when he strode forward with purpose and fed Salah, who saw his penalty appeals waved away after tangling with James Tarkowski. Salah remained at the heart of everything best about the Reds as Burnley struggled to contain him. The Egyptian's cut back just evaded Firmino and then Salah nodded over from Sturridge's cross. The Claret's had shown nothing going forward but they broke the deadlock against the run of play in painfully familiar fashion on 27 minutes. Alexander-Arnold was out-jumped by Robbie Brady and neither Matip nor Klavan dealt with the danger as Chris Wood made a nuisance of himself. The loose ball dropped to Arfield who gave Mignolet no chance with a clinical finish. Burnley had enjoyed just 19% possession but they led courtesy of their first shot on target. To their credit, Liverpool hit straight back and within four minutes they were level. Emre Can, playing the holding role, picked out Salah's run with a delightful lofted pass. The winger controlled on his thigh, worked it on to his left foot and drilled emphatically past Pope. The atmosphere was transformed. With the decibel levels cranked up, the Reds should have gone into the interval in front. James Milner delivered a beauty from the right which somehow eluded Sturridge. Coutinho looked like a man trying too hard early on but belatedly he came to life. His through ball released Sturridge who rifled into the side-netting. The second half was a similar story with Liverpool firmly in the ascendancy and Burnley simply intent on keeping them out. Sturridge's chip cleared the bar, Coutinho's 25-yarder zipped over and Can's strike was hacked away after Pope split it. The chances kept on coming with Pope making a sprawling save from Sturridge before Robertson dragged wide and Tarkowski blocked Milner's goal-bound volley. As the minutes ticked away, anxiety levels grew in the stands. Klopp turned to Solanke and Oxlade-Chamberlain, who replaced Firmino and Coutinho. There were howls of derision from the Kop when Can and Klavan went for the same ball and needlessly conceded a corner. Burnley should have ensured that sense of frustration swiftly turned to anger. The Reds' marking was horrific but Mee's first header was kept out by Matip and his second attempt

was blocked by Mignolet. During a frenetic finale Salah appeared to be brought down in the box before Solanke turned Alexander-Arnold's cross against the bar. Resigned fans headed for the exits. It was just one of those days. There have been too many of them.

MATCH FACTS

Liverpool: Mignolet, Alexander-Arnold, Matip, Klavan, Robertson, Milner, Can, Coutinho (Solanke 79), Salah, Firmino (Oxlade-Chamberlain 78), Sturridge.

Not used: Karius, Wijnaldum, Lovren, Henderson, Moreno.

Burnley: Pope, Lawton, Tarkowski, Mee, Ward, Gudmundsson (Barnes 60), Cork, Defour (Westwood 87), Brady, Arfield, Wood (Vokes 88)

Not used: Legzdins, Bardsley, Walters, Long.

Referee: Roger East Attendance: 53,231 Goals: Arfield 26, Salah 30. Bookings: Pope, Cork, Can. Man of the match: Mohamed Salah. Could hold his head high.

Burnley Express

Burnley's impressive unbeaten run on the road continued as they secured a 1-1 draw against Liverpool at Anfield. The Claret's climbed to sixth in the Premier League table as a result, taking their points tally to eight, with five of those accrued away at Chelsea, Tottenham and the Reds. Scott Arfield turns to celebrate his opening goal Nick Pope was all smiles in the tunnel at Anfield ahead of his first Premier League start, displaying minimal symptoms of apprehension, and an early touch from Daniel Sturridge's shot would've played a huge part in allaying any nerves. Crystal Palace had 65% possession at Turf Moor last weekend, producing 23 shots on goal, and it was arguably the ideal conditions for the former Charlton Athletic striker to step in to following Tom Heaton's injury ahead of a trip to Merseyside. The 25-year-old, who had made a vital save to deny Christian Benteke in the victory over the Eagles, was in for a busy day as the Reds celebrated their 125th anniversary but once again his team-mates helped limit any genuine threat. Trent Alexander-Arnold, playing in an advanced position down the right hand side, had the next shot on goal, moving past Robbie Brady, working the ball on to his left boot before pulling his shot wide of the near post. Scott Arfield celebrates his opener against Liverpool at Anfield A coming together between Mohamed Salah and James Tarkowski inside the penalty area drew several half-hearted appeals for a spot kick which, according to replays, referee Roger East made the correct decision to ignore. It was almost a training ground session for the home side at times as they confidently played the ball around the park but still they were unable to find the innovation to breach Burnley's defensive line. Philippe Coutinho, making his first top flight start of the season following interest from Barcelona in the summer, tried his luck from 20 yards out but his effort took a nick off the boot of Steven Defour and looped over the crossbar. And even on the rare occasion that the hosts did infiltrate, Salah wasn't in a position to threaten with the header as Sturridge supplied the cross beyond Stephen Ward. There was no doubt that it had been Jurgen Klopp's side that had been making the moves but the Claret's are a different animal on the road this year and they always seem to have something up their sleeves. With champions Chelsea and Spurs having already felt the wrath, Scott Arfield gave the visitors a surprise lead in the 27th minute. Brady got the ball rolling when beating Joel Matip to Tarkowski's long ball, record signing Chris Wood got a toe end on the ball to create the opening and Arfield made no mistake, confidently passing the ball first time beyond Simon Mignolet. Burnley's next challenge was to preserve that advantage against a side that scored frequently on their own turf. However, they held out for just three minutes. Liverpool went route one on this occasion, with Emre Can able to pick his pass from deep, and once Egyptian international Salah held off Ward he fired the ball low past Pope. The hosts put everything in to getting their noses in front before the interval but by hook or by crook the Claret's held out. Sturridge was a whisker away from converting James Milner's cross after Tarkowski failed to cut the ball out and then the striker rifled the ball in to the side-netting after being fed in to the box by Coutinho. In the closing stages of the half, after Salah had curled the ball in to the arms of Pope, Ben Mee went close to restoring the away side's lead when beating the offside trap to meet Brady's set-piece, getting beyond Roberto Firmino, but the defender couldn't find the target with his header. Burnley were, to a man, brilliant after the break, once again putting everything on the line to keep their opponents out in a determined and disciplined display. Liverpool were always going to create chances with a squad oozing with flair but the Claret's battled to claim a fifth point on the road. Coutinho's wizardry opened up a path to the edge of the box early on but the one-time Inter Milan maestro drilled his effort over the crossbar. Pope stood up to the task when denying both Can and Sturridge as the half wore on, with the latter a fabulous stop to his left hand side to beat the ball away. The Claret's weren't without their chances, though, and Mee could've secured all three points on a couple of occasions in quick succession. The centre-back was denied by Matip on the line when his header from Brady's corner had arched rainbow-like over Mignolet and from the resulting set-piece the Belgian stopper denied the former Manchester City academy product at his near post. The hosts applied the pressure as the clocked ticked towards the 90 minute mark and pope did his confidence no harm when plunging to his left hand side to block Alexander-Arnold's volley from Milner's cross. Liverpool did go incredibly close with the last attack of note when substitute Dominic Solanke, who had replaced Coutinho, guided the ball on to the bar from close range following good work from Alexander-Arnold.

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Klopp and Liverpool frustrated by two familiar problems in draw

Jurgen Klopp is closing in on his two-year anniversary at Anfield and though in that time there has been significant progress, his project has been held back by two consistent failings: conceding goals too easily and failing to break down deep-lying defences. This draw with Burnley provided a microcosm of Liverpool's problems.

Sean Dyche's side are exactly the sort of team that Klopp's Liverpool have struggled against and this was the type of result that is priced at long odds on a bookmakers' board but always seems so predictable in hindsight. Like Sevilla on Wednesday night, Burnley scored with their first shot on target, with Scott Arfield exposing more poor defensive play to put the visitors ahead.

Liverpool responded soon after through Mohamed Salah but failed to find a second, despite racking up 34 attempts in total. They not only peppered the Burnley goal but dominated the ball and conducted much of the game in their visitors' half too. Yet for all their supremacy, they never led at any point.

They were unlucky, perhaps, not to see a late flurry of chances produce a winning goal - with substitute Dominic Solanke striking the bar from close range - but by the final whistle, Anfield regulars were left asking the usual questions.

Klopp made seven changes from the draw with Sevilla, and having received a warm reception from the Anfield crowd as a substitute that night, Philippe Coutinho made his first start since attempting to force through a move to Barcelona. His invention in the centre of park would be needed without Sadio ManA[c], who served the first part of his three-match ban following his red card in the 5-0 defeat at Manchester City.

Burnley, meanwhile, were also without their best player. Tom Heaton underwent surgery on an injured shoulder earlier this week and was replaced in goal by Nick Pope, making his first Premier League start and initially left off the team sheet published on the club's social media channels. Daniel Sturridge attempted to test him with a shot in the opening minutes, but the stand-in 'keeper held the meek effort easily.

The pattern of play was established early on, with Liverpool enjoying near-total control of possession as they searched for ways through a team that was happy to sit off and stay tight. One mazy Joel Matip run almost did the trick, but when the centre-back slipped in Salah, the Egyptian was tripped by James Tarkowski. The Kop appealed but referee Roger East was not listening.

Despite Liverpool's dominant start, Dyche will have been confident that his side needed just one chance to take the lead and so they did. After a long punt out of the back, Trent Alexander-Arnold was too easily beaten in an aerial duel with the 5ft 7" Robbie Brady. Matip and Ragnar Klavan were both drawn to the winger's high, looping header and it was only once they had each failed to collect the loose ball that they realised they had left a Burnley man free on the edge of the area. It could not have been easier for Arfield, who slotted first-time past a helpless Simon Mignolet. Klopp brooded for a moment on the touchline then raged, demanding a response from his players. He did not have to wait long. Liverpool were back on terms four minutes later when Emre Can's lofted ball over the top found Salah, who managed to find enough room to squeeze a shot between two Burnley bodies and inside Pope's near post. Anfield celebrated, more in relief than joy. The goal was proof of gaps to be exploited in Dyche's backline and suggested that they will miss Heaton dearly, but Liverpool struggled to test Pope further once they went looking for a lead. Can came close to exposing the 25-year-old's inexperience at this level with an effort from range that Pope spilled, but there were enough defenders around to clear the danger. The Burnley 'keeper did much better to parry away a good Sturridge effort on the hour mark.

After that bright start to the second half, Liverpool soon ran into difficulties and struggled to draw Burnley out. The failure to create meaningful opportunities for long spells after the interval may have disappointed Klopp even more than the first-half's defensive issues, but Ben Mee soon reminded Liverpool of the need to remain vigilant. The centre-half went close twice in quick succession, with Mignolet reacting quickly to stop a goal at the far post after Matip had cleared one header off the line.

It was the scare Liverpool needed and Klopp's side came close to finally taking the lead in the closing stages. First, Alexander-Arnold's volley was awkwardly stopped by Pope's chest, but the teenager was undeterred. After seeing Salah denied a penalty from a hefty Mee challenge, he played on and crossed for substitute Dominic Solanke, who hit the crossbar while attempting to open his Liverpool account. It was his side's best chance of the second half but it was too little too late. Two points dropped.

Liverpool (4-3-3): Mignolet; Alexander-Arnold, Matip, Klavan, Robertson; Milner, Can, Coutinho (Solanke 78); Salah, Firmino (Oxlade-Chamberlain 79), Sturridge. Substitutes not used: Karius, Wijnaldum, Lovren, Henderson, Moreno.

Burnley (4-4-1-1): Pope; Lawton, Tarkowski, Mee, Ward; Gudmundsson (Barnes 60), Cork, Defour (Westwood 87), Brady; Arfield; Wood (Vokes 87).

Substitutes not used: Legzdins, Walters, Long, Bardsley.

Referee: Roger East (Wiltshire)

Attendance: 53,231

The Sunday Telegraph

Lack of goals proves that Liverpool are missing Mane

Liverpool 1

Salah 30

Burnley 1

Arfield 27 Att: 53,231

The question in the summer was how would Liverpool cope without Philippe Coutinho. It has evolved into how they thrive without Sadio Mane.

Another frustrating home draw demonstrated just how much the suspended Senegalese's loss is felt.

Coutinho was back after a pre-season of friction, searching for form as much as possession in a deep midfield role, but the consequences of Mane's threegame ban have already impacted on Jurgen Klopp's side. The rotation system the manager believes essential to success was sent spinning.

Klopp made seven changes to the side that faced Sevilla in the Champions League. Mass alterations might be necessary for fresh legs, but they can also be undermining. Players are seeking an understanding as much as rhythm and sharpness to their game.

Now Liverpool are already five points behind Manchester City, a week which began with defensive toils ending with a rare blunt attacking display.

Burnley's stand-in goalkeeper Nick Pope withstood the pinches of pressure impressively. The home side had 35 attempts on his goal but the forward surge was never incessant.

Aside from the one time Pope was beaten by Mohamed Salah's equaliser, the most trouble the goalkeeper faced was a caution from referee Roger East for time-wasting. It could have been even better for Burnley. Scott Arfield put Sean Dyche's side ahead in the first half and, despite Salah's immediate response, Joel Matip's goal-line clearance from Ben Mee's header prevented a late winner.

"That would have been typical for us at the moment," said Klopp.

Liverpool were full of combinations and tricks, but often too far from goal. They were rarely granted an audience with the Pope from close range, snapshots keeping the 25-year-old alert until a late rally when substitute Dominic Solanke struck the bar.

"I am not in a perfect mood. It is a strange feeling," said Klopp. "We drew but a lot of parts with the game I was pleased. We were fluent and created moments. We did it often enough and with a better decision we could have done more. It was the best performance versus Burnley since I have been here, but not results-wise.

"We had the chance to score but hit the crossbar. Luck was not wearing a Liverpool shirt."

Burnley's game plan was predictable but effective. Long diagonal balls were aimed towards Chris Wood, who drifted wide to challenge young rightback Trent Alexander-Arnold. From such a move the visitors took a 26thminute lead, the striker directing his header towards Liverpool's area where Arfield was unchallenged, stroking cleanly past Simon Mignolet.

Liverpool levelled three minutes later. This time Dyche was rueing slack defending as a simple Emre Can pass picked out Salah. Naturally it was the Egyptian's left foot slamming the ball past Pope.

Burnley offered little going forward, hoping another Liverpool error would earn them an unlikely win. It almost did. After Mee's 81st-minute header off the line, Mignolet denied the same player from the resulting corner.

"Our game plan was not to come here and think we are going to keep the ball all afternoon," said Dyche.

"They made seven changes, players who have been brought in for absolute fortunes, players on the bench who have come in for PS30million.

"Everyone says they are having a tough time with set-pieces. We thought that would be important. We had two cleared off the line with set-pieces so our plan was right and to make things uncomfortable for them."

Dyche did not have to justify his tactics. The fact Burnley have now won at Chelsea and taken a point at Tottenham and Liverpool also means there is more to this than the home side's carelessness. A miserable away run last season is already being reversed.

"They are bit more assured," said Dyche. "Even against those superpower clubs, we think, let's take it on. The challenge we have as managers is we are judged exactly the same but the playing field is not level. But I don't want to make too much of a big deal because I believe in my players, however much they cost."

When Liverpool lost Mane for a month last January, he returned to find his side had fallen off the pace in the Premier League.

With others sprinting out of the starting blocks this season, even the briefest absence of their key player may leave them playing catch-up earlier than expected.

Liverpool (4-3-3) Mignolet 6; Alexander-Arnold 6, Klavan 6, Matip 6, Robertson 7; Coutinho 6 (Solanke 78), Can 6, Milner 6, Salah 7, Sturridge 6, Firmino 7 (Oxlade-Chamberlain 79). Subs Karius (gk), Wijnaldum, Lovren, Henderson, Moreno. Booked Can.

Burnley (4-5-1) Pope 8; Lowton 7, Mee 7, Tarkowski 7, Ward 7; Gudmundsson 6 (Barnes 60), Defour 7 (Westwood 87), Arfield 7, Cork 7, Brady 6, Wood 6 (Vokes 87). Subs Walters, Bardsley, Long, Legzdins (gk). Booked Pope, Cork.

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Klopp left defenceless

LIVERPOOL 1

Salah 30

BURNLEY 1

Anfield 27

The early-season frustrations being experienced by Jurgen Klopp and his Liverpool squad show no signs of abating on the evidence of this latest, relative setback as a Burnley side that claimed seven points on its travels over the whole of last season made it five from three games with another impressive effort.

Having already won at Chelsea and drawn at Tottenham, a point at Anfield will not have come as that big a surprise to the Burnley faithful but, more worryingly for Klopp, nor should the defensive shortcomings exhibited by his side.

It took a well-taken goal from Mohamed Salah, currently looking one of the best pieces of business conducted by any team in the summer transfer window, to rescue a point after the defence in question had again assisted with an opposition goal, this one laid on a plate to Burnley's Canada international Scott Arfield.

In the end, Klopp was left staring at the stark fact that he made seven changes to the team that threw away two Champions League points to Seville in midweek and still his problems persist in defence.

"It was a disciplined performance but just that one goal," said Klopp. "This is where we have to improve. "To switch the mood from being offensive, being offensive, being offensive, then one situation.

"A little block here, we miss Arfield, or forget him, and he can score. It doesn't feel good, that's all I can say but fortune was not wearing a Liverpool shirt today."

One moment summed up the defensive malaise and anxieties currently being felt around Anfield -- from players to supporters -- when, in the 79th minute, Emre Can and Ragnar Klavan, in attempting to deal with a loose ball with no Burnley player near them, contrived to concede a corner.

Still, a Burnley winner at that point would have been unjust given the domination displayed by the hosts and, for all the questions that persist about Klopp's ability to organise a defence, there can be no questioning his judge of talent where the purchase of Salah is concerned.

Signed for PS36m from Roma in the summer, the Egyptian winger has been something of a revelation and his fifth goal of the season showcased the ability he has.

Can punted forward a 29th-minute pass from well inside his own half, which Salah controlled with a touch that took the ball beyond his marker Stephen Ward, before the Liverpool man completed the move with a superb finish. It was just as well that Klopp could rely on such artistry because three minutes earlier his Jekyll and Hyde of a team had shown their ugly side, conceding a totally unnecessary opening goal that started when Robbie Brady beat the taller Trent Alexander-Arnold to head a long ball into the Liverpool penalty area from the left wing.

There, Joel Matip and Klavan were drawn to Chris Wood, the ball taking a slight touch off one of the Liverpool defenders and breaking to the unmarked Arfield, who drove home from just inside the box for his first goal in 11 months.

Among Klopp's seven changes was a first start of the season for Philippe Coutinho, following the drama of his rumoured move to Barcelona this summer.

Not until the start of the second half did the Brazilian start to become significantly involved as Liverpool finally began to put Burnley's back-up goalkeeper Nick Pope, starting a Premier League game for the first time for the injured Tom Heaton, under serious pressure.

It was in the final six or seven minutes that Pope, the 25-year-old former Charlton keeper, really earned his corn. James Milner's left-wing cross picked out Alexander-Arnold, whose first-time shot was well held by Pope. Then Alexander-Arnold picked out substitute Dominic Solanke, whose acrobatic shot was tipped onto the bar brilliantly by the keeper.

"Our players are learning about the Premier League, said the visitors' manager, Sean Dyche. " Every year you can stay in the Premier League, you're more at ease and believe in yourself. But we're not naive. We've had a really healthy start but there is still a lot of hard work to be done."

Star man: Nick Pope (Burnley) Yellow cards: Liverpool: Can Burnley: Pope, Cork Referee: R East Attendance: 53,231 Liverpool: Mignolet 5, Alexander-Arnold 6, Matip 5, Klavan 5, Robertson 7, Milner 7, Can 7, Coutinho 6 (Solanke 78min, 6), Salah 8, Sturridge 7, Firmino 6 (Oxlade-Chamberlain 78min, 6) Substitutes: Karius, Wijnaldum, Lovren, Henderson, Moreno Burnley: Pope 9, Lowton 7, Tarkowski 7, Mee 8, Ward 6, Gudmundsson 6 (Barnes 59min, 6), Cork 8, Defour 6 (Westwood 87min, 4), Brady 7, Arfield 7, Wood 8 (Vokes 87min, 4) Substitutes: Bardsley, Walters, Long, Legzdins

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Liverpool boss Jurgen Klopp said he was "angry with the result but pleased with the performance" after Burnley frustrated his side on Philippe Coutinho's return to the starting line-up.

The Reds racked up 35 efforts at goal to the Claret's five, but could have lost had Joel Matip not cleared Ben Mee's header off the line late on.

"It's our fault. We were dominant, fantastic attitude. We played good, were fluent with seven changes, but only one goal," added Klopp.

"It's the best we have played against Burnley since I have been in. In the past we didn't feel good in the game. Today I saw fluid movements, passing between the lines, speed, crosses.

"We have to take the point and carry on."

Burnley went ahead through Scott Arfield's crisp finish on a rare foray forward in the 27th minute.

Mohamed Salah swivelled to dispatch a shot past goalkeeper Nick Pope three minutes later, but the seemingly inevitable second never arrived for the hosts.

Substitute Dominic Solanke's instinctive side-foot volley against the bar was as close as the Reds came, as Burnley enjoyed another fruitful away day after an opening-day victory at Chelsea and a draw against Tottenham.

Missing Mane?

The suspension of Sadio Mane in the wake of his red card at Manchester City ushered in the return of Philippe Coutinho to Jurgen Klopp's starting line-up and the Brazilian seemed eager to show his commitment to the cause after an unsettled summer, featuring several offers from Barcelona.

Afforded a deeper role behind the attacking trio of Roberto Firmino, Daniel Sturridge and Salah, he was as industrious as he was inventive.

Only centre-back Ragnar Klaven recorded more touches than Coutinho despite the attacker being brought off with 11 minutes to go.

Like his team though, his finishing was not good enough to convert pressure into a lead. Too often, Liverpool's shots were too wayward and from too far out.

On an afternoon of deep frustration, Klopp may take solace from the performance of Salah, whose speed and direct running provided a contrasting threat to Coutinho's clever angles and probing passes.

The Egyptian's return of five goals in eight games since signing from Roma in the summer could be even more impressive however - too often he found goalkeeper Pope rather than the back of the net when well placed. The suspicion is that Mane would not be found similarly wanting.

Burnley's happy travels continue

Burnley won only seven of their 40 points last season away from Turf Moor.

But they are only two away from matching that total after trips to Stamford Bridge, Wembley and Anfield in their opening three away fixtures of this campaign.

Occasionally the visitors rode their luck.

Mee could have seen a penalty awarded against him for a foul on Salah and 25-year-old Pope - excellent on his first Premier League start in place of the injured Tom Heaton - was helpless as Solanke hit the woodwork.

But the Claret's trademark organisation and concentration - embodying boss Sean Dyche's priorities - restricted Liverpool to efforts from distance for long periods.

They are seventh, above today's opponents on goal difference, and can look forward to a more comfortable fight against relegation, at the very least, if they continue to prosper on the road.

Burnley exploit familiar failing

Burnley boss Dyche admitted after the match that he encouraged his team to play direct and test Liverpool's defence after seeing their discomfort in the air at times this season.

A new centre-back combination of Klavan and Matip did little to solidify the Reds rearguard and Chris Wood's presence was enough to distract both in the lead-up to the opener.

Mee came close with headers from successive corners in the final 10 minutes and the frustration from the stands in reaction was surely aimed, not just at today's performance, but at the club's failure to strengthen in that area over the summer. It is a failing that continues to undermine Liverpool's free-flowing attacking unit.

Man of the match - Mohamed Salah (Liverpool)

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp: "When you have shots on goal it's not about their defending. Their keeper made a few outstanding saves.

Philippe had a really good game. He had a little cramp at the end. We did not plan to take him off but we had to decide differently."

Burnley manager Sean Dyche: "I'm not afraid to get the ball forward and I thought that was effective. Our shape was good and Popey was excellent in goal.

"We know it's tough coming to these places and we are willing to do the bits that are nitty gritty in the game. Very few teams will come here and dominate, we knew we would have to do the basics. Now and again you need a bit of luck.

"We are still learning a little bit, me included but I'm very pleased with today."

Lots of shots, short on points - match stats

Liverpool had 35 attempts on goal - since 2003-04, they've only had more in a single Premier League match once (37 in the 4-0 win over Everton in April 2016). Burnley have scored in consecutive league games at Anfield for the first time since August 1969.

These were the first points Burnley earned in a league match at Anfield since a 1-0 win in September 1974 - they had lost their previous four in a row before today.

Emre Can has provided as many assists in his four Premier League games this season as he had in his previous 89 combined in the competition (2).

Liverpool have averaged 72% possession over their last three Premier League games against Burnley, but have only managed to win one of those games (D1 L1).

Mohamed Salah is now Liverpool's top scorer in all competitions this season with five goals.

What's next?

Liverpool travel to Leicester in the League Cup on Tuesday before making the same trip in the Premier League on Saturday, 23 September.

Burnley take on Championship high-flyers Leeds in the League Cup on Tuesday before welcoming Huddersfield to Turf Moor the following Saturday in the league.

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Match ends, Liverpool 1, Burnley 1.

90'+5' Second Half ends, Liverpool 1, Burnley 1.

90'+3' Attempt blocked. James Milner (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is blocked. Assisted by Trent Alexander-Arnold with a cross.

90'+3' Emre Can (Liverpool is shown the yellow card.

90'+3' Jack Cork (Burnley is shown the yellow card.

90'+3' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Jack Cork.

90'+3' Attempt blocked. Emre Can (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by James Milner.

90'+2' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Nick Pope.

90'+2' Attempt missed. Emre Can (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is close, but misses to the right. Assisted by Trent Alexander-Arnold.

90' Attempt saved. Mohamed Salah (Liverpool left footed shot from the right side of the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Daniel Sturridge.

89' Hand ball by Matthew Lowton (Burnley.

88' Foul by Mohamed Salah (Liverpool).

88' Ashley Barnes (Burnley wins a free kick in the defensive half.

88' Offside, Burnley. Stephen Ward tries a through ball, but Sam Vokes is caught offside.

88' Ragnar Klavan (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.

88' Foul by Sam Vokes (Burnley.

87' Substitution, Burnley. Ashley Westwood replaces Steven Defour.

87' Substitution, Burnley. Sam Vokes replaces Chris Wood.

86' Dominic Solanke (Liverpool hits the bar with a right footed shot from very close range. Assisted by Trent Alexander-Arnold.

84' Attempt saved. Trent Alexander-Arnold (Liverpool left footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the bottom right corner. Assisted by James Milner with a cross.

83' Attempt missed. Dominic Solanke (Liverpool header from the centre of the box misses to the left. Assisted by Trent Alexander-Arnold with a cross.

82' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Ben Mee.

81' Attempt saved. Ben Mee (Burnley header from the left side of the six yard box is saved in the bottom left corner. Assisted by Robbie Brady with a cross.

81' Corner, Burnley. Conceded by Joel Matip.

80' Attempt blocked. Ben Mee (Burnley header from the left side of the box is blocked. Assisted by Robbie Brady with a cross.

80' Corner, Burnley. Conceded by Emre Can.

79' Substitution, Liverpool. Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain replaces Roberto Firmino.

79' Substitution, Liverpool. Dominic Solanke replaces Philippe Coutinho.

77' Attempt missed. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is too high. Assisted by Trent Alexander-Arnold.

77' Attempt saved. Robbie Brady (Burnley left footed shot from outside the box is saved in the top right corner. Assisted by Jack Cork.

76' Daniel Sturridge (Liverpool wins a free kick on the left wing.

76' Foul by Matthew Lowton (Burnley.

74' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Stephen Ward.

74' Attempt blocked. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Daniel Sturridge.

71' Attempt missed. Emre Can (Liverpool header from the left side of the box is too high. Assisted by James Milner with a cross following a corner.

70' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by James Tarkowski.

67' Foul by Joel Matip (Liverpool).

67' Ashley Barnes (Burnley wins a free kick on the left wing.

66' Offside, Liverpool. Joel Matip tries a through ball, but Mohamed Salah is caught offside.

64' Attempt blocked. James Milner (Liverpool right footed shot from the right side of the box is blocked. Assisted by Daniel Sturridge.

61' Attempt missed. Andrew Robertson (Liverpool left footed shot from the left side of the box misses to the right. Assisted by Roberto Firmino.

60' Substitution, Burnley. Ashley Barnes replaces Johann Berg Gudmundsson.

59' Attempt missed. Andrew Robertson (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is high and wide to the left. Assisted by James Milner following a corner.

59' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Nick Pope.

59' Attempt saved. Daniel Sturridge (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is saved in the bottom right corner. Assisted by Trent Alexander-Arnold.

58' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Jack Cork.

58' Attempt blocked. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Andrew Robertson.

57' Attempt missed. James Milner (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box misses to the left. Assisted by Philippe Coutinho.

55' Nick Pope (Burnley is shown the yellow card.

54' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Robbie Brady.

54' Attempt saved. Emre Can (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Philippe Coutinho.

53' Offside, Burnley. Robbie Brady tries a through ball, but Ben Mee is caught offside.

52' Foul by Emre Can (Liverpool).

52' Scott Arfield (Burnley wins a free kick in the attacking half.

51' Attempt missed. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is high and wide to the left. Assisted by Mohamed Salah.

51' Joel Matip (Liverpool wins a free kick on the right wing.

51' Foul by Chris Wood (Burnley.

50' Attempt missed. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is high and wide to the right. Assisted by Ragnar Klavan.

47' Attempt missed. Daniel Sturridge (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is too high. Assisted by Philippe Coutinho.

Second Half begins Liverpool 1, Burnley 1.

45'+4' First Half ends, Liverpool 1, Burnley 1.

45'+3' Attempt blocked. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool right footed shot from the left side of the box is blocked. Assisted by James Milner.

45'+2' Attempt saved. Daniel Sturridge (Liverpool left footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the bottom right corner. Assisted by Philippe Coutinho.

45' Attempt missed. Ben Mee (Burnley header from the centre of the box misses to the right. Assisted by Robbie Brady following a set piece situation.

44' Foul by Emre Can (Liverpool).

44' Johann Berg Gudmundsson (Burnley wins a free kick in the attacking half.

44' Attempt saved. Mohamed Salah (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is saved in the bottom left corner. Assisted by Roberto Firmino.

42' Attempt missed. Daniel Sturridge (Liverpool left footed shot from the left side of the box is close, but misses to the left. Assisted by Philippe Coutinho.

41' Emre Can (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.

41' Foul by Scott Arfield (Burnley.

39' Offside, Burnley. Robbie Brady tries a through ball, but Chris Wood is caught offside.

39' Foul by Andrew Robertson (Liverpool).

39' Johann Berg Gudmundsson (Burnley wins a free kick on the right wing.

38' Attempt blocked. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is blocked. Assisted by Emre Can.

37' Attempt saved. Mohamed Salah (Liverpool left footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Roberto Firmino.

37' Attempt blocked. Mohamed Salah (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by James Milner.

36' Daniel Sturridge (Liverpool wins a free kick on the left wing.

36' Foul by Matthew Lowton (Burnley.

34' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Stephen Ward.

31' Foul by Emre Can (Liverpool).

31' Scott Arfield (Burnley wins a free kick in the defensive half.

30' Goal! Liverpool 1, Burnley 1. Mohamed Salah (Liverpool left footed shot from the centre of the box to the bottom left corner. Assisted by Emre Can.

28' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Matthew Lowton.

27' Goal! Liverpool 0, Burnley 1. Scott Arfield (Burnley right footed shot from the centre of the box to the bottom left corner.

24' Attempt blocked. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Roberto Firmino.

23' James Milner (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.

23' Foul by Jack Cork (Burnley.

21' Attempt missed. Mohamed Salah (Liverpool header from the right side of the six yard box is too high. Assisted by Daniel Sturridge.

20' Attempt blocked. Daniel Sturridge (Liverpool left footed shot from the right side of the box is blocked. Assisted by Mohamed Salah.

19' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Matthew Lowton.

18' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Steven Defour.

18' Attempt blocked. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Roberto Firmino.

18' Attempt blocked. Daniel Sturridge (Liverpool left footed shot from the right side of the box is blocked. Assisted by Trent Alexander-Arnold.

11' Daniel Sturridge (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.

11' Foul by James Tarkowski (Burnley.

10' Offside, Burnley. James Tarkowski tries a through ball, but Robbie Brady is caught offside.

8' Attempt missed. Trent Alexander-Arnold (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box misses to the right.

7' Offside, Burnley. Jack Cork tries a through ball, but Chris Wood is caught offside.

4' Delay over. They are ready to continue.

4' Delay in match Ragnar Klavan (Liverpool because of an injury.

4' Delay in match Chris Wood (Burnley because of an injury.

2' Foul by Mohamed Salah (Liverpool).

2' Jack Cork (Burnley wins a free kick on the left wing.

2' Attempt saved. Daniel Sturridge (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the bottom left corner. Assisted by Mohamed Salah.

1' Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool wins a free kick on the left wing.

1' Foul by Matthew Lowton (Burnley.

First Half begins.

Lineups are announced and players are warming up.