

Date: 21 November 2017
 Opposition: CF Sevilla
 Competition: Champions League

	Guardian	Mirror	BBC
	Mail	Echo	
	Independent	Diario	

21 November
2017

THE  **TIMES**

the guardian

Liverpool's calamitous defending lets slip three-goal lead at Sevilla Jürgen Klopp bristled at the comparison but it was unavoidable. Liverpool owed Sevilla for [the 2016 Europa League final defeat](#), their manager had admitted beforehand, but they were transported back to Basel by another second-half collapse, another night to forget for Alberto Moreno and another three-goal fightback. The debt has increased.

There was no defeat or heartache for [Liverpool](#) on this occasion, although this was not a night for consolations. They were in rampant, clinical and formidable form in the first half as two goals from Roberto Firmino and one from Sadio Mané threatened to devastate Sevilla's 12-month unbeaten home record. It remains intact thanks to an astonishing recovery and Liverpool crumbling, defensively and offensively, when the pressure was on. Guido Pizarro's equaliser in the third minute of added time cost Liverpool qualification for the knockout stage of the [Champions League](#) as group winners. A point at home to Spartak Moscow next month will suffice. It should not have been necessary. Pizarro's close-range finish sparked pandemonium around the raucous stadium. Sevilla's players and staff cavorted on the pitch. Thousands of luminous wristbands, issued to produce a spectacular light display before kick-off, were thrown from the stands. Klopp simply looked on in disbelief. Seven times he has faced the Spanish side as manager of Mainz, Borussia Dortmund and Liverpool and he has yet to taste victory in any. He may never have a better opportunity. The blow may prove greater to Liverpool's self-esteem than their qualification prospects, but the reappearance of a soft underbelly after such an impressive start was galling for the manager. Defensively, they were found wanting again yet it would be remiss to apportion blame solely at the feet of his defenders. The visitors' bravery on the ball and clinical edge deserted them after the restart. The substitutes Emre Can and James Milner, introduced to quell the fightback in place of Moreno and Philippe Coutinho, had excellent chances to extend Liverpool's advantage at 3-2. So, too, Mané. There was an inevitability to Sevilla's stoppage-time reprieve when they went begging.

Liverpool could not have dreamed of a better start against a strong, experienced but initially nervous home side. Ninety seconds had elapsed when Firmino punctured the defence and the fantastic atmosphere, a considerable feat in itself considering the noise level, by converting Coutinho's corner at the back post. Georginio Wijnaldum flicked on the delivery and the Brazilian was unmarked as he steered a precise finish into the small gap between the goalkeeper, Sergio Rico, and the woodwork.

[Sevilla](#) could have commenced their comeback much earlier but Nolito and Wissam Ben Yedder squandered two excellent chances inside two minutes as Éver Banega's quality distribution stretched the Liverpool defence. The former Manchester City forward was foiled by a good save from Loris Karius, who tipped his shot on to a post and gathered the rebound, while Ben Yedder scuffed wide when clean through.

The visitors made Sevilla pay almost immediately with a replica of their opening goal. Rico conceded a corner with a save from Firmino after the Brazilian was sent clean through by an excellent ball from Jordan Henderson. His defenders had not learned their lesson. Coutinho swept over another inviting delivery, Firmino won the aerial challenge and, with Gabriel Mercado asleep at the back post, Mané reacted instinctively to steer a diving header back across goal and into the far corner.

Sevilla were staring at humiliation in front of their disbelieving supporters when Liverpool scored a third with 30 minutes played. This time Mané was the provider as he sprinted on to a sumptuous long pass from Moreno over the defender Johannes Geis and forced Rico into a low save to his left. The rebound fell perfectly for Firmino, who had time to control, look away and lash home into an empty net.

Sevilla have conceded 12 goals in 12 La Liga games this season, to put Liverpool's attacking prowess into context, and their first-half evisceration could have been worse had Mohamed Salah taken another chance.

They exited to a cauldron of disapproval at half-time but re-emerged like men possessed. Playing for pride, and no doubt stung by their manager's words during the interval, they subjected Liverpool to another second-half ordeal. Ben Yedder orchestrated the fightback as Moreno, similar to the Europa League final, endured a fraught night against his boyhood club. The striker sent a glancing header beyond Karius from a Banega free-kick needlessly conceded by the Liverpool left-back.

Moreno then presented Sevilla with a penalty by miscontrolling a Coutinho pass and clipping Ben Yedder inside the area as he attempted to make amends. The contact was exaggerated but contact was made. Ben Yedder sent Karius the wrong way from the penalty spot and, having been ordered to retake due to encroaching, sent him the other to set up a nervous finale. Pizarro, pouncing from close range after Joaquín Correa's corner flicked off Ragnar Klavan, sealed the remarkable recovery.

Date: 21 November 2017 Opposition: CF Sevilla Competition: Champions League	Guardian	Mirror	BBC	21 November 2017
	Mail	Echo		
	Independent	Diario		

The Mail

Sevilla complete astonishing three-goal comeback to deny Liverpool
SEVILLE, Spain, Nov 21 (Reuters) - Sevilla's Guido Pizarro scored a 93rd-minute equaliser to complete an incredible comeback from three goals down to draw 3-3 against Liverpool on Tuesday in a pulsating Champions League Group E clash. Liverpool were on the verge of sealing qualification to the last 16 for the first time since 2009 but Pizarro stabbed home from a corner deep into stoppage time to deny them.

Sadio Mane headed home in between two Roberto Firmino strikes to put Liverpool three goals up within 30 minutes, but Sevilla came back from the dead after the break.

Wissam Ben Yedder netted twice before Pizarro's late equaliser, leaving Liverpool top with nine points, Sevilla second with eight and Spartak Moscow third with six, after they drew 1-1 with Maribor in the group's other game.

Liverpool, who won the Champions League in 2005 after coming from three goals down against AC Milan in the final, were given a taste of their own medicine at the Ramon Sanchez-Pizjuan and must now avoid defeat against Spartak to qualify in their final group game on Dec. 6.

"It feels like we lost but we didn't lose. There is a game to go and it's still in our hands but at the moment it feels really bad," Liverpool manager Juergen Klopp told BT Sport.

The German's side tore into the hosts from the off with Firmino pouncing in the second minute after Georginio Wijnaldum flicked Philippe Coutinho's corner into his path.

Mane doubled the lead in the 22nd minute as Liverpool scored an almost identical goal to their first. This time it was Firmino flicking Coutinho's corner towards Mane, who dived in to head home.

The forward turned provider eight minutes later when his shot was tipped into Firmino's path by Sergio Rico, leaving the Brazilian a tap-in for the third.

Liverpool's defensive frailties, however, were exposed as Eduardo Berizzo's side completed a year unbeaten at home in all competitions, with two Alberto Moreno errors helping them on their way.

The Spanish left back helped out his former club by conceding a silly foul to the right of the area and Ever Banega's free kick was headed in by Ben Yedder in the 51st minute.

Moreno then brought down the French striker in the area just before the hour mark and Ben Yedder found the net with the resulting penalty twice, after his first effort was disallowed for encroachment, before Pizarro's last-gasp equaliser.

"When you are faithful to attacking play, football ends up paying you back," said Sevilla coach Berizzo.

The Daily Telegraph

Date: 21 November 2017
 Opposition: CF Sevilla
 Competition: Champions League

	Guardian	Mirror	BBC
	Mail	Echo	
	Independent	Diario	

21 November
2017

THE INDEPENDENT

Sevilla complete thrilling comeback to deny Reds

However far Liverpool progress in this season's Champions League, it will surely not be dull. After a string of dominant performances against lesser opponents domestically, this was a return to the harum-scarum, the sublime and plain stupid stuff that we have come to expect when Jurgen Klopp's side meet opponents of a similar calibre. Victory over Sevilla here would have been enough to win Group E after a stoppage-time strike by whipping boys NK Maribor away to Spartak Moscow and for just short of 90 minutes, Liverpool had all three points in their hands. Yet in a spectacular second-half collapse, the same defensive frailties that so often scupper this side came back to haunt them again.

Two goals for Roberto Firmino and another from the head of Sadio Mane all before the interval, should have been enough to wrap this contest up, but like in the 2016 Europa League final, Sevilla revived themselves after the break and Alberto Moreno suffered a nightmarish evening against his boyhood club. The full-back was at fault for both Yassim Ben Yedder strikes -- a free header and a penalty -- that brought the Andalusians back from the brink but it was the collective failure of Moreno's team-mates that led to the late equaliser, with Guido Pizarro levelling from a corner in the dying minutes.

Liverpool must now avoid defeat to Spartak Moscow at Anfield in a fortnight's time in order to reach the knock-out phase. A win will be enough to win the group at the second time of asking too, but it should never have had to come to that.

The Ramon Sanchez Pizjuan did its level best to intimidate the visitors, with its cacophonous atmosphere accompanied by a pre-match lighting spectacular. It was not enough. Liverpool soon silenced all but the most boisterous section of the home support. Two minutes after the kick-off, from a Philippe Coutinho corner, Georginio Wijnaldum rose well and flicked the ball on from the front post to the far, into just enough space for an on-rushing Firmino to collect and convert past Sevilla's helpless goalkeeper Sergio Rico. It was the best possible start Klopp could have hoped for. This Liverpool side, however, rarely looks confident when needing to protect a slim lead for a long period of time. Sevilla took a while to regroup but once they did they could and should have drawn level, with two clear cut chances in quick succession.

Nolito went closest to an equaliser after a dazzling solo run, the type rarely seen during his underwhelming spell at Manchester City, only for Loris Karius to push the resulting effort onto the inside of the upright. Ben Yedder fired millimetres wide when one-on-one mere seconds later. After such an assured start, Liverpool were rattled.

Yet while Klopp's defence can be clumsy and often loses composure, on this evidence, Sevilla's may well be worse. Liverpool's second came from another Coutinho corner, another deft flick-on, another red shirt unmarked at the back post. It was Mane, this time, on hand to nest a diving header into the corner of Rico's net. If that was easy, Firmino did not even need to look in the right direction while he scored his side's third. After Mane had left Johannes Ge in his dust during a counter down the left, the winger's attempt on goal was parried into Firmino's path. In front of a gaping goalmouth, he took a moment, turned his head to left and fired straight ahead.

The Sanchez Pizjuan whistled as their players went back down the tunnel at the half-time interval and only tentative applause greeted them on their return, but six minutes into the second half, local boy Moreno gave his former fans reason to cheer. It was the left-back's cheap foul that conceded Ever Banega's free-kick from the right and then Moreno lapsed again, allowing Ben Yedder to ghost in front of him and head into the far corner past Karius.

Sevilla could sense vulnerability in their opponents and embarked on a long, sustained period of pressure. Eventually, they exploited their old boy Moreno again, with the full-back penalised for treading on Ben Yedder's foot inside the box. The goalscorer went right from the spot-kick, Karius went left but referee Felix Brych ordered a re-take. This time, Ben Yedder went left, Karius went right and Liverpool would not be reprieved. Moreno was quickly hooked for the more dependable James Milner, Emre Can was introduced to central midfield and gradually, Liverpool managed to halt their hosts' momentum, but the control seen in their play during the majority of the first half was still missing. As ever, it felt as though only scoring would compose them, but the closest they came was a quick-fire Mane attempt that soared over the crossbar.

Sevilla searched on for their equaliser and in stoppage time, just as it seemed that Liverpool had weathered the storm, another slice of unassertive defending told for Klopp's side. The defence had dealt relatively well with set-pieces all night long, but after Ragnar Klavan failed to get enough purchase on a clearance, those in red around him did not react quickly enough and Pizarro turned the ball in. The collapse was complete.

Sevilla (4-3-3): Sergio Rico; Mercado, Geis, Lenglet, Escudero; Pizarro, Nzonzi, Banega; Sarabia, Ben Yedder, Nolito.

Substitutes: Soria, Corchia, Krohn-Dehli, Correa, Muriel, Vazquez.

Liverpool (4-3-3): Karius; Gomez, Lovren, Klavan, Moreno; Henderson, Wijnaldum, Coutinho; Mane, Firmino, Salah.

Substitutes: Mignolet, Milner, Sturridge, Oxlade-Chamberlain, Can, Solanke, Alexander-Arnold.

Referee: Felix Brych (Germany)

DAILY Mirror

Reds in catastrophic second-half collapse in Champions League clash
[Liverpool](#) threw away a three goal lead on a dramatic night in Seville.

The Reds were ahead inside two minutes and it was a sign of things to come as they ran riot before the break.

[Roberto Firmino](#) scored twice and Sadio Mane headed in his first goal since August.

But the second-half was a completely different story as Sevilla mounted an unlikely comeback.

First Wissam Ben Yedder headed in from a corner before he scored his second from the penalty spot.

And in added time Pizarro fired home from another corner to complete the incredible turnaround.

Here are five talking points.

1. Start as you mean to go on

Liverpool put seven past Maribor on their last Champions League away day but things got off to an even better start in Seville.

It took them just 88 seconds to open the scoring and it was Roberto Firmino, who got the ball rolling in Slovenia, on target again.

The hosts left him unmarked from a corner and once the ball had been flicked on at the near post, he wasn't going to miss.

The perfect start.

2. Lightning DOES strike twice

Liverpool capitalised on some shoddy defending to open the scoring in Seville.

And they added a second inside the first half an hour - in a carbon copy of the first.

Another Philippe Coutinho corner was flicked on at the near post and this time it was Sadio Mane waiting to finish.

A big moment for him too.

It was his first goal since scoring in the demolition job of Arsenal in August.

3. Moreno stupidity gives Sevilla hope

Liverpool appeared home and hosed at the break but that changed within six minutes of the interval.

And it all came from Alberto Moreno.

He gifted the hosts a free-kick on the flank after a clumsy challenge and they made the most of it as Ben Yedder glanced in a header.

It sparked the hosts into life and he then conceded a penalty.

No surprise, Klopp dragged him off for James Milner soon after.

Moreno has been much-improved this season but this was further evidence he cannot be trusted defensively.

4. Heavy metal to headache football

Jurgen Klopp will have gone it at half-time delighted.

This was the heavy metal football he loves so much.

The second-half couldn't have been much different.

Liverpool were a different side after the break as wave and wave after attack came from Sevilla.

The visitors should have done more to keep hold of the ball but they couldn't string more than a couple of passes together.

Klopp will have been tearing his hair out.

5. Another dramatic collapse

It's not the first time this has happened.

Anyone remember Palace away?

Once Sevilla had got one, the comeback was on and the third goal wasn't even a surprise.

This is why they'll never go on to the next level.

Date: 21 November 2017
 Opposition: CF Sevilla
 Competition: Champions League

	Guardian	Mirror	BBC
	Mail	Echo	
	Independent	Diario	

21 November
 2017



Devastated Reds squander golden opportunity as Sevilla make them suffer once again

[Jurgen Klopp](#) came wanting to bury the ghosts of Basel 2016. Instead the [Liverpool](#) boss was made to suffer at the hands of Sevilla once again. There was a painful sense of deja vu as the La Liga outfit took a bow at the end of an enthralling night and the devastated Reds dropped to their haunches. It wasn't a defeat but it certainly felt like it after Liverpool carelessly squandered a golden opportunity to book their place in the last 16 of the Champions League. Just like in the Europa League final, Klopp was left counting the cost of a wretched second-half capitulation. The 2,500-strong travelling Kop were in dreamland after [Roberto Firmino's](#) double and [Sadio Mane's](#) header secured a 3-0 lead at the interval. The Reds were on the cusp of ending Sevilla's proud year-long unbeaten home record. But from a position of complete control, Liverpool fell apart. In a testing environment, there was an alarming lack of bottle. Wissam Ben Yedder scored twice before Guido Pizarro completed the fightback deep into stoppage time to spark wild celebrations inside the Ramon Sanchez Pizjuan. Liverpool haven't let slip that kind of advantage since their Premier League title dream went up in smoke at Selhurst Park in May 2014. This was supposed to be the night when the Reds showcased how far they had come on the back of four successive wins. But instead they provided worrying evidence that there are still two faces to Klopp's Liverpool. For 45 minutes, they excelled. Sevilla had no answer to the attacking brilliance of Firmino, Mane, [Mohamed Salah](#) and [Philippe Coutinho](#). But the second half made a mockery of claims that they have truly addressed their defensive issues. Where was the game management? Where was the maturity? Far too many lost their heads. No-one did more to rekindle memories of that nightmare in Basel than [Alberto Moreno](#), who regressed badly against his former club. He was at fault for two goals before Klopp hauled him off. But it wasn't a night for scapegoats. Across the board, it wasn't acceptable. Liverpool took their foot off the pedal after the break and paid the price. In terms of qualification, no real damage has been done. A point will be enough to go through when Spartak Moscow visit Anfield on December 6 and victory will guarantee that the Reds advance as group winners. But Klopp should have had the luxury of a dead rubber four days before the Merseyside derby and now that won't be the case. The Ramon Sanchez Pizjuan was a cauldron of noise before kick-off. The impressive pre-match light show and rendition of Sevilla's anthem whipped the locals into a frenzy. Within 90 seconds Liverpool had silenced them. Coutinho's corner was flicked on by Gini Wijnaldum and Firmino was on hand to convert at the far post. The Brazilian became the first Reds player to score in Spain since Yossi Benayoun's winner in the Bernabeu in 2009. The set-piece had been earned by the brilliance of Mane, who set the tone for a dazzling first-half performance. Initially, Liverpool pressed relentlessly and unsettled Sevilla's backline. Then they backed off and looked to hit them on the counter. The hosts came to life after a torrid start and the Reds had to endure a spell of sustained pressure. They came through unscathed thanks to the heroics of Loris Karius and some good fortune. Nolito fired into the side-netting before the former Manchester City striker went even closer. Cutting inside past [Joe Gomez](#), he looked destined to restore parity but Karius produced a fine finger tip save to turn the ball on to the inside of the post. It bounced back into the German's welcoming arms. Top scorer Ben Yedder, who netted at Anfield back in September, then dragged wide when he only had Karius to beat. Liverpool were clinging on to their narrow lead but they broke off the shackles in remarkable fashion. Firmino was thwarted by Sergio Rico after darting on to Jordan Henderson's neat pass but from the ensuing corner the Reds made it 2-0. It was a carbon copy of the opener. Once again Coutinho provided the delivery and this time Firmino nodded on for Mane, who stooped to power a header inside the post. It was the Senegal international's first Champions League goal. On the half-hour mark their night got even better. Sevilla simply couldn't handle the pace and movement of Klopp's front three. Mane latched on to a lofted pass, raced through and fired goalwards. Rico could only parry and Firmino gleefully tucked away the rebound. Liverpool looked deadly every time they countered. Coutinho released Salah but the keeper came to the rescue. Jeered off at the break, there was always going to be a response from Sevilla in the second half and so it proved. However, they were given a helping hand by one of their boyhood fans. Moreno has resurrected his Anfield career this season but here was a painful reminder of the Spaniard's enduring habit of pressing the self destruct button. Six minutes after the interval he needlessly shoved Pablo Sarabia over and then allowed Ben Yedder to get across him to nod the free-kick past Karius. Suddenly, the atmosphere changed. Anger was replaced by hope. The Reds left-back, who had already been booked, continued to implode as he clumsily brought down Ben Yedder inside the box. The French attacker picked himself up to convert the penalty, holding his nerve after it had to be retaken as a result of his team-mates encroaching. Sevilla were energised and Liverpool were rattled. They couldn't get hold of the

ball. It just kept coming back. There was a massive let-off when Karius turned Sergio Escudero's strike on to the underside of the bar. Klopp had seen enough and he took decisive action as Emre Can and James Milner came on for Coutinho and Moreno. It did the trick for a spell as the Reds finally regained a foothold in the contest. As Sevilla threw caution to the wind and left themselves exposed, Klopp's men should have wrapped up the points but Salah, Can and Mane all passed up chances. Liverpool appeared to have weathered the storm but in the third minute of stoppage time they wilted. Klavan's header from a corner dropped straight to Pizarro, who took a touch before firing home. The stadium erupted. Sevilla had ruined Klopp's night yet again.

MATCH FACTS

Sevilla : Sergio Rico, Mercado, Geis, Lenglet, Escudero, Pizarro, Nzonzi (Vazquez 45), Banega, Sarabia, Nolito (Muriel 72), Ben Yedder (Correa 81).
 Not used: Soria, Corchia, Krohn-Dehli, Navas.

Liverpool : Karius, Gomez, Lovren, Klavan, Moreno (Milner 64), Henderson, Wijnaldum, Coutinho (Can 64), Salah (Oxlade-Chamberlain 87), Mane, Firmino.
 Not used : Mignolet, Sturridge, Solanke, Alexander-Arnold

Referee : Felix Brych

Goals : Firmino 2, Mane 22, Firmino 30, Ben Yedder 51, Ben Yedder 60.

Bookings : Banega, Mercado, Moreno, Henderson, Can.

Man of the match : Roberto Firmino. Scored two and created the other.

DIARIO de SEVILLA

El pecho henchido de los sevillistas

Nueva demostración de grandeza europea del Sevilla Fútbol Club para que su hiel hinchada se vaya del Ramón Sánchez-Pizjuán con el pecho henchido hasta casi no poder por las puertas de su casa. El resultado, el dato objetivo, indica que el marcador registró un empate, un solo punto, pero la fiesta vivida en Nervión fue de las grandes, casi cercana a las clasificaciones para las rondas finales de la Liga Europa. Enfrente estaba el Liverpool, un rival que, es verdad, está en el primer vagón de los más grandes del fútbol continental, y encima se puso con un cero a tres a la media hora del litigio que amenazó con echarle agua helada procedente de Moscú a esa entusiasta hinchada que se había dado cita en el coliseo sevillista. Las caras eran tristes, ojos vidriosos incluso por la impotencia de lo que estaban presenciando, pero el Sevilla, aunque algunos lleguen a ironizar con ello, nunca se rinde... Encima Berizzo se atrevió en el descanso con un cambio difícil de explicar para el pagano medio en el fútbol. Franco Vázquez por N'Zonzi, un futbolista teóricamente frío y técnico por otro que abarca todo el campo del mundo. Y con cero a tres, y con el Liverpool de las balas enfrente. Pero este juego tiene estas cosas y es capaz de sorprender a todos una y otra vez para que sea imposible hallar las explicaciones convenientes con un mínimo de raciocinio. Con Banega jugando en el sitio en el que se encumbró con Unai Emery, por libre y apareciendo por todos los lados, el Sevilla protagonizó una bella gesta balompédica. Ya todo fue de color de blanco hasta que llegó el éxtasis en la prolongación. Porque el Sevilla, con peones teóricamente más técnicos y con menos movilidad, fue capaz de encerrar al Liverpool en su área, de ir pegándole mordiscos hasta acobardarlo, hasta hacer que Coutinho fuera un verdadero fantasma por el césped del Ramón Sánchez-Pizjuán, hasta conseguir que los veloces Mane, Salah y Firmino desaparecieran del mapa. Los blancos habían sido capaces de protagonizar una de las metamorfosis más bellas que se recuerdan. Y la figura de los Ben Yedder, Pizarro, Franco Vázquez, Escudero, Sarabia, Geis, todos por supuesto varios escalones por debajo de Banega, comenzó a engrandecerse de la misma manera en la que sus rivales se encogían como si se tratara de una esponja mojada. El Sevilla había sido capaz de dar el paso enfrente y, además, encontró el premio de los goles. El primero, en un gran cabezazo de Ben Yedder en una falta sacada por Banega; y el segundo, en el tradicional regalo de Alberto Moreno en recuerdo de sus tiempos en la carretera de Utrera. Sí, como hace algunas veces Sergio Ramos, pues igual. El Sevilla había sido capaz de revertir la situación y conseguir que los suyos pusieran su estadio a reventar caldera. Aquello se acercaba al paroxismo, todos querían disfrutar de lo que estaban viviendo con el que tenían sentado, bueno lo de sentado es un decir claro, y, mientras tanto, sobre el césped había 11 leones que luchaban contra unos futbolistas mucho más caros y teóricamente superiores para conseguir que todos los que habían elegido la vía de quedarse a ver lo que pasaba, el 99 por ciento, se fueran con la cabeza muy arriba. Pero este deporte tiene estas cosas y quedaba aún el broche de oro para que Jürgen Klopp pusiera cara de pensar que qué tiene que hacer para jugar contra el Sevilla y salir satisfecho. Seguro que la conclusión del reputado entrenador alemán es que lo mejor sea aliarse con semejante enemigo y ocupar algún día el banquillo de local de Nervión. Eso, sin embargo, aún pertenece al terreno de lo utópico, lo que sí fue tremendamente real fue el córner sacado en el minuto 93 para que el balón le cayera en el último esfuerzo a Pizarro y éste fuera capaz de dirigirlo, con mucha calidad todo sea dicho, a la red. El Ramón Sánchez-Pizjuán estalló como si estuviera viviendo otra de esas noches mágicas, el Liverpool tampoco había sido capaz de acabar con la mística y la derrota volvía a resistirse una noche más, incluso con un cero a tres en contra frente a semejante adversario. Y sirve recordar el resultado del primer periodo para reflexionar sobre lo que sucedió en el mismo, sobre lo malo de la noche, que también lo hubo. Lo peor fue la manera como quedó señalada la planificación veraniega por la carencia de centrales, porque el Sevilla tuvo que afrontar una cita tan significativa con un solo sano, Lenglet. No fue extraña, por tanto, que casi en

Date: 21 November 2017 Opposition: CF Sevilla Competition: Champions League	Guardian	Mirror	BBC	21 November 2017
	Mail	Echo		
	Independent	Diario		

los dos primeros saques de esquina, el Liverpool sacara un rédito que no se podía creer con una jugada idéntica. Centro al primer palo, toque hacia el segundo y remate en solitario. Una vez fue Firmino y en la otra Mane tras toque del propio delantero brasileño, lo que señaló a Sarabia, el par encargado de su marcaje. Pero lo peor de todo es la carencia de elementos defensivos con jerarquía dentro del área. Y que nadie venga ahora sólo con la mala suerte, que, todo tiene cierta lógica en las ausencias registradas. El colmo ya fue la manera en la que Mane señala al voluntarioso Geis con la velocidad en el 0-3. Lógicamente, el estado en el intermedio era depresivo, el sevillismo se preguntaba por qué su equipo había bajado algunos escalones cuando la inversión, al menos en teoría, era mayor. Pero restaba un periodo entero y Berizzo tomó la sublime decisión de sacar al Mudo por N'Zonzi para que Banega se fuera a su hábitat natural, a tener todo el poder de decisión para elegir por dónde quiere aparecer en cada momento. El argentino fue acercando al Sevilla a la gesta y ésta se consumó en el minuto 93, el mismo de M' Bia. Claro que no tiene la importancia de aquel gol, pero elsevillista llegó a su domicilio loco de alegría, casi no cabía por la puerta de orgullo. Tiene motivos para ello...



Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp said he has no problem with the mentality of his players after Sevilla fought back from 3-0 down at half-time to take a point from a dramatic Champions League game. The Reds looked to be coasting into the knockout stage for the first time since 2009 as two goals from Roberto Firmino and one from Sadio Mane put them in total control.

Yet after Alberto Moreno needlessly conceded a free-kick against his former club, Wissam Ben Yedder's header made it 3-1. Moreno then conceded a penalty by clipping Ben Yedder, and the French striker scored after being ordered to retake a successful spot-kick because of encroachment. Guido Pizarro poked home in the third minute of added time as the hosts snatched a draw.

"I don't doubt the mentality of the boys, not a bit," said Klopp, whose side must avoid defeat when they host Spartak Moscow on 6 December to ensure they advance from Group E. "We showed already a fantastic mentality. We showed it in a lot of other games. It's not like this. "Yes, it was not perfect, that's true, but it's not a general problem. "Could we have done better? 100%. Do I think it's a mentality problem? 100% not. It's a misjudgement."

A first half to remember

When the half-time whistle blew, five-time winners Liverpool looked set to join Premier League rivals Manchester City and Tottenham in the draw for the last 16 on 11 December. The Estadio Ramon Sanchez Pizjuan has become a fortress for Sevilla, with no visiting team having won there for more than a year.

Yet the Spanish side were stunned as Liverpool, inspired by Philippe Coutinho, produced a scintillating first-half display.

Coutinho corners led to the first two goals.

The first, with 88 seconds on the clock, was flicked on by Georginio Wijnaldum into the path of the unmarked Firmino, who swept home for Liverpool's second fastest goal in the competition. Firmino then turned provider as he flicked on another corner for Mane to power home with his head, his first goal for the Reds since 27 August. Moments earlier, Sevilla had two chances to equalise - Reds keeper Loris Karius using his left hand to save from Nolito before Ben Yedder fired wide when he should have scored. But the game looked to be over when Firmino tapped home to make it 3-0 on the half-hour, Mane's shot parried into the Brazilian's path for a simple finish.

A second half to forget

Liverpool famously came from 3-0 behind to beat AC Milan in the 2005 final, but here they were on the receiving end. Sevilla's comeback started in the 51st minute, Moreno conceding a foul which allowed Ever Banega to whip in a free-kick which Ben Yedder glanced home. Moreno's night went from bad to worse nine minutes later. The full-back failed to control the ball inside his own area and ended up fouling Ben Yedder, who beat Karius for a second time from the spot after German referee Felix Brych ordered a retake.

Liverpool had become a mess at the back.

Substitute Franco Vazquez fired straight at Karius before the Reds keeper got his hand to Sergio Escudero's fierce strike, the ball hitting the underside of the bar before rebounding to safety.

Their reprieve was short-lived, though, and Pizarro struck in the dying moments after the visitors failed to deal with a corner to leave Liverpool with work to do.

"Too many Liverpool players in that second half, they looked as if they felt the game had been won and stopped playing," former Chelsea winger Pat Nevin told BBC Radio 5 live. "Jurgen Klopp must be devastated, he was seconds away from getting out of the group stage.

"Sevilla deserved their point, they were far the better side in the second half. Having said that, in the first half Liverpool were light years ahead."

Defensive frailty resurfaces

Liverpool arrived in Spain having kept three clean sheets in their previous four games. But they have now conceded 28 goals in 20 competitive games this season, and let in three or more four times.

Questions must once again be asked about their defensive frailty.

Moreno, in particular, had a night to forget on his return to the club he played for from 2012-14.

Man of the match - Roberto Firmino (Liverpool)

Been here before - the stats

Liverpool let a three-goal lead slip in a competitive match for the first time since May 2014, against Crystal Palace in the Premier League (also 3-3).

The Reds have scored the same number of goals in their past three Champions League games (13) as they did in their previous 14 combined.

In the two games between these sides in the Champions League this season, Liverpool have attempted more than twice as many shots as Sevilla (37 v 18) but scored the same number of goals (five).

This result means Premier League clubs are unbeaten in six successive Champions League matches against teams from La Liga (W2 D4 L0).

Firmino has been involved in seven goals in five Champions League appearances this season for Liverpool (five goals, two assists).

What's next?

Liverpool need to rediscover their defensive solidity as they turn their attention back to the Premier League and a visit from champions Chelsea on Saturday (17:30 GMT).

Date: 21 November 2017
 Opposition: CF Sevilla
 Competition: Champions League

	Guardian	Mirror	BBC
	Mail	Echo	
	Independent	Diario	

21 November
2017



Match ends, Sevilla 3, Liverpool 3.
 90'+7' Second Half ends, Sevilla 3, Liverpool 3.
 90'+6' Hand ball by Jordan Henderson (Liverpool).
 90'+6' Offside, Sevilla. Éver Banega tries a through ball, but Joaquín Correa is caught offside.
 90'+3' Goal! Sevilla 3, Liverpool 3. Guido Pizarro (Sevilla left footed shot from the centre of the box to the bottom right corner following a corner.
 90'+3' Corner, Sevilla. Conceded by Ragnar Klavan.
 90'+3' Attempt blocked. Johannes Geis (Sevilla left footed shot from outside the box is blocked.
 90' Foul by Joaquín Correa (Sevilla).
 90' Joseph Gomez (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 89' Foul by Pablo Sarabia (Sevilla).
 89' Ragnar Klavan (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 89' Joaquín Correa (Sevilla wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 89' Foul by Joseph Gomez (Liverpool).
 88' Hand ball by Gabriel Mercado (Sevilla).
 87' Substitution, Liverpool. Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain replaces Mohamed Salah.
 85' Offside, Sevilla. Éver Banega tries a through ball, but Pablo Sarabia is caught offside.
 85' Attempt blocked. Guido Pizarro (Sevilla right footed shot from outside the box is blocked.
 82' Emre Can (Liverpool is shown the yellow card.
 81' Attempt missed. Sadio Mané (Liverpool left footed shot from the centre of the box is high and wide to the left. Assisted by Emre Can.
 81' Substitution, Sevilla. Joaquín Correa replaces Wissam Ben Yedder.
 78' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Éver Banega.
 78' Corner, Sevilla. Conceded by Dejan Lovren.
 74' Offside, Sevilla. Franco Vázquez tries a through ball, but Luis Muriel is caught offside.
 73' Foul by Luis Muriel (Sevilla).
 73' Dejan Lovren (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 73' Substitution, Sevilla. Luis Muriel replaces Nolito.
 72' Franco Vázquez (Sevilla wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 72' Foul by James Milner (Liverpool).
 71' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Johannes Geis.
 71' Attempt blocked. Mohamed Salah (Liverpool left footed shot from the centre of the box is blocked. Assisted by Roberto Firmino.
 70' Offside, Sevilla. Éver Banega tries a through ball, but Pablo Sarabia is caught offside.
 68' Jordan Henderson (Liverpool is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.
 68' Sergio Escudero (Sevilla wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 68' Foul by Jordan Henderson (Liverpool).
 66' Offside, Sevilla. Nolito tries a through ball, but Pablo Sarabia is caught offside.
 65' Corner, Sevilla. Conceded by Dejan Lovren.
 64' Wissam Ben Yedder (Sevilla wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 64' Foul by Ragnar Klavan (Liverpool).
 64' Offside, Sevilla. Nolito tries a through ball, but Wissam Ben Yedder is caught offside.
 63' Substitution, Liverpool. Emre Can replaces Philippe Coutinho.
 63' Substitution, Liverpool. James Milner replaces Alberto Moreno.
 62' Offside, Sevilla. Sergio Escudero tries a through ball, but Nolito is caught offside.
 62' Attempt saved. Sergio Escudero (Sevilla left footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the top centre of the goal.
 62' Attempt saved. Franco Vázquez (Sevilla left footed shot from the right side of the box is saved in the top centre of the goal. Assisted by Wissam Ben Yedder.
 61' Attempt missed. Guido Pizarro (Sevilla right footed shot from the right side of the six yard box misses to the right. Assisted by Franco Vázquez with a cross.
 60' Goal! Sevilla 2, Liverpool 3. Wissam Ben Yedder (Sevilla converts the penalty with a right footed shot to the bottom left corner.
 59' Penalty Sevilla. Wissam Ben Yedder draws a foul in the penalty area.
 59' Penalty conceded by Alberto Moreno (Liverpool after a foul in the penalty area.
 58' Corner, Sevilla. Conceded by Joseph Gomez.
 54' Offside, Sevilla. Johannes Geis tries a through ball, but Clément Lenglet is caught offside.
 54' Gabriel Mercado (Sevilla is shown the yellow card.
 53' Franco Vázquez (Sevilla wins a free kick on the right wing.
 53' Foul by Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool).
 53' Wissam Ben Yedder (Sevilla wins a free kick in the attacking half.
 53' Foul by Sadio Mané (Liverpool).
 51' Goal! Sevilla 1, Liverpool 3. Wissam Ben Yedder (Sevilla header from the centre of the box to the bottom left corner. Assisted by Éver Banega with a cross following a set piece situation.
 51' Pablo Sarabia (Sevilla wins a free kick on the right wing.
 51' Foul by Alberto Moreno (Liverpool).
 49' Offside, Liverpool. Loris Karius tries a through ball, but Sadio Mané is caught offside.
 48' Offside, Sevilla. Éver Banega tries a through ball, but Pablo Sarabia is caught offside.
 47' Foul by Nolito (Sevilla).
 47' Joseph Gomez (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 46' Corner, Sevilla. Conceded by Dejan Lovren.
 45' Substitution, Sevilla. Franco Vázquez replaces Steven N'Zonzi.
 Second Half begins Sevilla 0, Liverpool 3.
 45'+3' First Half ends, Sevilla 0, Liverpool 3.
 45'+1' Offside, Sevilla. Johannes Geis tries a through ball, but Éver Banega is caught offside.
 45'+1' Pablo Sarabia (Sevilla wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 45'+1' Foul by Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool).
 45'+1' Attempt saved. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Mohamed Salah.

45' Foul by Clément Lenglet (Sevilla).
 45' Mohamed Salah (Liverpool wins a free kick on the right wing.
 45' Éver Banega (Sevilla is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.
 45' Foul by Éver Banega (Sevilla).
 45' Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 44' Corner, Sevilla. Conceded by Alberto Moreno.
 42' Foul by Sergio Escudero (Sevilla).
 42' Mohamed Salah (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 41' Éver Banega (Sevilla wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 41' Foul by Sadio Mané (Liverpool).
 40' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Clément Lenglet.
 40' Attempt blocked. Mohamed Salah (Liverpool left footed shot from the centre of the box is blocked. Assisted by Philippe Coutinho with a through ball.
 38' Alberto Moreno (Liverpool is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.
 37' Gabriel Mercado (Sevilla wins a free kick on the right wing.
 37' Foul by Alberto Moreno (Liverpool).
 37' Attempt missed. Mohamed Salah (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is high and wide to the left following a corner.
 36' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Sergio Escudero.
 36' Attempt blocked. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from a difficult angle on the right is blocked.
 34' Pablo Sarabia (Sevilla wins a free kick on the right wing.
 34' Foul by Alberto Moreno (Liverpool).
 34' Foul by Pablo Sarabia (Sevilla).
 34' Alberto Moreno (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 32' Sergio Escudero (Sevilla wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 32' Foul by Roberto Firmino (Liverpool).
 32' Éver Banega (Sevilla wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 32' Foul by Jordan Henderson (Liverpool).
 30' Goal! Sevilla 0, Liverpool 3. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool left footed shot from very close range to the centre of the goal.
 30' Attempt saved. Sadio Mané (Liverpool right footed shot from the left side of the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Alberto Moreno.
 29' Sergio Escudero (Sevilla wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 29' Foul by Jordan Henderson (Liverpool).
 27' Offside, Sevilla. Éver Banega tries a through ball, but Wissam Ben Yedder is caught offside.
 22' Goal! Sevilla 0, Liverpool 2. Sadio Mané (Liverpool header from the left side of the six yard box to the bottom right corner. Assisted by Roberto Firmino following a corner.
 22' Attempt missed. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool header from the centre of the box misses to the left. Assisted by Philippe Coutinho with a cross following a corner.
 21' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Sergio Rico.
 21' Attempt saved. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool left footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the bottom right corner. Assisted by Jordan Henderson with a through ball.
 20' Attempt missed. Wissam Ben Yedder (Sevilla right footed shot from the right side of the box is close, but misses to the left. Assisted by Pablo Sarabia.
 19' Attempt saved. Nolito (Sevilla right footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the bottom right corner. Assisted by Wissam Ben Yedder.
 18' Sergio Escudero (Sevilla wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 18' Foul by Georginio Wijnaldum (Liverpool).
 14' Hand ball by Sadio Mané (Liverpool).
 13' Attempt missed. Sergio Escudero (Sevilla left footed shot from a difficult angle on the left is close, but misses to the left. Assisted by Nolito.
 10' Wissam Ben Yedder (Sevilla wins a free kick on the left wing.
 10' Foul by Jordan Henderson (Liverpool).
 8' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Clément Lenglet.
 5' Foul by Éver Banega (Sevilla).
 5' Sadio Mané (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 2' Goal! Sevilla 0, Liverpool 1. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool left footed shot from the left side of the six yard box to the bottom left corner. Assisted by Georginio Wijnaldum following a corner.
 2' Attempt missed. Georginio Wijnaldum (Liverpool header from the centre of the box misses to the left. Assisted by Philippe Coutinho with a cross following a corner.
 2' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Clément Lenglet.
 First Half begins.
 Lineups are announced and players are warming up.