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Salah finishes off City to seal semi-final place
 Manchester City 1 Jesus 2 Liverpool 2 Salah 56, Firmino 77
 (Liverpool win 5-1 on agg)

"Trust in Klopp" read the banner in among the Liverpool fans and that trust was gloriously repaid last night. The Liverpool manager kept his players calm, even in the teeth of the early Manchester City storm, barking encouragement from the touchline and then inspiring them at half-time. Mo Salah and Roberto Firmino then went out and scored the goals that killed the tie as a contest, each equalling Liverpool's club record of nine goals in a European season.

This was a huge result for Klopp, who exuded all the leadership that faded from the City bench with Pep Guardiola losing his temper with the Spanish referee, Antonio Mateu Lahoz, and being exiled to the stands. In 14 meetings with Guardiola, Klopp has now prevailed eight times, and drawn once.

Salah's goal, a touch of composure amid the frenzy, early in the second half changed the mood, triggering celebrations among Liverpool fans in the Tunnel Club and an angry response from home fans, and requiring intervention by stewards. The mood turned ugly, except in the away section, where Liverpool supporters were overjoyed by Salah's strike. Salah now has nine goals in 12 European matches this season, extending Liverpool's record for most goals in a European Cup campaign. His cool finish matched Dean Saunders' club mark in a European season. The Welsh striker scored his nine during the 1991-92 Uefa Cup. The noise greeting Salah's goal probably set a Liverpool record too.

By then, Guardiola was sitting on the naughty step in the smart seats, having been banished by Mateu Lahoz, for arguing loudly over the official's decision to rule out Leroy Sané's strike just before the break for a phantom offside. The evening had actually started promisingly for City's coach. Guardiola had listed almost everything but the kitchen sink on his team sheet, going for all-out attack with a back-three including Kyle Walker in his adventurous England mode. Within seconds, a fired-up Kevin De Bruyne was whipping in a free kick, stirring up the home crowd, who responded with relentless noise. City, City, City.

City got the start they craved. When Loris Karius threw the ball out to Virgil van Dijk, Sterling hounded the Liverpool centre back, catching him lightly and causing the Dutchman to hesitate, expecting a whistle that never came. Sterling scented blood, and pressed him again. Van Dijk, falling off balance, finally released the ball downfield and stumbled over. He failed to play to the whistle, Mateu Lahoz saw nothing wrong, and City countered devastatingly. Bernardo Silva cut out Van Dijk's ball, and Fernandinho's pass through the ragged ranks of Liverpool's midfield was magnificent, perfectly weighted to release Sterling. City's No 7 was loving the freedom granted by this Guardiola system, and instantly flew down the inside-right corridor to exploit Fernandinho's pass. Sterling saw Gabriel Jesus's run into space left vacant by Van Dijk, who was still recovering and reonstrating. Dejan Lovren dashed across in a vainful attempt to close down Sterling, but too late. City were too swift, too hungry. The unmarked Jesus, watching Sterling's delivery like a hawk, shaped his body to meet it and, with his head still and right foot coming in, the Brazilian calmly transferred the ball at pace from 12 yards between Karius and the keeper's left-hand upright. Jesus immediately grabbed the ball and raced back to the halfway line. City believed. Their fans believed. All the furrowed brows over the teamsheet disappeared. The noise intensified. Every City touch was cheered. Every Liverpool touch, the few before the break, was jeered.

De Bruyne was absolutely up for this, shooting over, then scrapping with Firmino for possession, and winning. Sterling was up for the challenge, too, tracking back to regain the ball and roaming everywhere.

Sané began running at Trent Alexander-Arnold, who eventually baulked him with right foot and right arm to stop his progress, bringing a booking.

Bernardo Silva started dribbling in from the right, troubling Andy Robertson. The ball-boys were up for it, too, recycling the ball quickly for City to maintain their momentum. Liverpool tried to slow the tempo, and Karius took his time over goalkicks. They tried to press City, and Sadio Mané slid in to challenge Nicolás Otamendi for the ball. Mané slipped and carried on into Otamendi, catching him in the midriff with one foot and his knee then making contact with the Argentinian's chin. Otamendi rolled and rolled and put in a pike at one point, thrashing around in the grip of an imaginary crocodile. Ederson, who has previous with Mané, was incensed, rushing over and pushing the Senegal international. Both were booked. City were relentless, attacking again and again. Sterling flew down the inside-left channel and far too fast for Lovren, who dived in. Klopp had to change, so he told Salah to switch flanks after 24 minutes but Liverpool rarely saw the ball. City attacked and attacked, screaming for penalties when the ball flew into Milner's left hand, then for Robertson twice laying hands on Sterling. Liverpool lifted the siege briefly, and Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain had a shot after 40 minutes held. City almost seized a second, and Bernardo Silva's shot skimmed Lovren's head and bounced back off a post. Then Guardiola had his meltdown moment, when Karius punched out De Bruyne's ball in, it hit Milner and fell back goalwards and Sané turned it in. Mateu Lahoz clearly did not see Milner's touch and ruled the goal out. Guardiola's fuse started burning.

Just before the half ended, Liverpool almost scored a priceless away goal, when Oxlade-Chamberlain exchanged passes with Salah, rounded Ederson but shot high into the crowd. The half-time whistle followed, and a furious Guardiola ventured on to the pitch to point out to Mateu Lahoz the error of his ways. The assistant coach Mikel Arteta was soon involved, and the Spanish referee had seen and

heard enough and signalled Guardiola towards the stands. Guardiola's mood darkened 11 minutes into the second period. Georginio Wijnaldum was becoming increasingly influential, found Mané, and the ball was soon at the feet of Salah. There had been so much doubt over whether the Egyptian would start, given his hamstring problem, and he was subdued for almost an hour but when his team needed him most, Salah delivered, lifting the ball in. Guardiola ordered changes, sending on first Sergio Agüero for David Silva and then Ilkay Gündogan for Bernardo Silva. But the only change was to the scoreline and when Otamendi's clearance was cut out by Firmino, the Brazilian arrowed it and placed his shot past Ederson and in. Guardiola held his head in his hands. Klopp punched the air.

the guardian

Liverpool go through after Mohamed Salah stops Manchester City fightback

In the away end there were songs about winning the European Cup and, this being Liverpool, thousands of euphoric voices joining in with the follow-up shout of "again". And why not? Liverpool had survived a whirlwind, to use Jürgen Klopp's description, and at the end of this epic tussle it was a sunrise of a smile on the German's face. His team were in the semi-finals and [Manchester City](#), once again, had been cut adrift from a competition where they repeatedly fall short. Pep Guardiola's team will have to make do with the Premier League title whereas [Liverpool](#) will go into Friday's draw because over the two legs they were more clinical during their spells of superiority. Klopp's team had the better balance between attack and defence and, crucially, they got lucky with the disallowed goal that brought Guardiola to the point of spontaneous combustion at half-time. Guardiola's fit of pique led to his banishment from the dugout and City will wonder what might have happened if they had taken a 2-0 lead into the second half. Instead City have lost three games in seven days, conceding eight goals in the process, and Klopp has been proved correct with his assertion that the best way to take on the Premier League champions-elect is to examine an accident-prone defence. Nicolás Otamendi's part in Roberto Firmino's goal was a case in point and, once that had gone in, the two sets of players were going through the motions for the rest of the match. City needed five goals, or roughly one every three minutes, to save themselves and, realistically, the game had been settled once Mohamed Salah clipped in Liverpool's equaliser earlier in the second half. Might it have been any different had Leroy Sané's goal, late in the first half, not been wrongly given offside? Nobody will ever know but it was certainly true that City were threatening a remarkable feat of escapology in that part of the match. They had scored inside two minutes, courtesy of Gabriel Jesus. They still had Sergio Agüero to bring off the bench and the Etihad was overdosing on optimism. For the game to finish with an aggregate 5-1 score distorts the fact the occasion was full of drama and suspense until Salah's goal conclusively changed the complexion of the evening. Ultimately, though, Liverpool had inflicted a grievous result [in the first leg](#) when they scored three times in a 19-minute blitz and, importantly, did not concede an away goal. Guardiola's team gave everything. They chased every ball, attacked from every angle and, for a long time, the early goal encouraged the sense there were more to follow. It would be exaggerating to say Liverpool were on their knees but they did need to catch their breath and City were merciless in that respect. If the ball was out of play, someone in blue would dash to get it back. This was not a side licking its wounds from the humbling of Anfield or Saturday's [ordeal against Manchester United](#). It was the best team in England with adrenaline running through their veins, playing was if they believed anything was achievable. That was how it was in the first half anyway. Liverpool were much more composed after the break and Guardiola was always taking a calculated gamble fielding an experimental three-man central defence including two players, Kyle Walker and Aymeric Laporte, who doubled up as attacking full-backs. Otamendi's selection ahead of Vincent Kompany was difficult to fathom and, apart from Fernandinho, City's line-up was otherwise filled with attacking players. Nobody can ever question Guardiola's sense of adventure but the potential for danger was obvious when Liverpool have such a brilliantly effective counter-attacking side. Sure enough, the killer moment arrived in the 56th minute. Salah's through-ball gave Sadio Mané, Liverpool's outstanding player, the initial chance and for a split-second it seemed as though Fernandinho might concede a penalty. Salah did not wait to find out. He was on the ball in a flash, swerving to the left of City's goalkeeper, Ederson, before shaping his body for a tricky angled finish. He was an island of composure, floating in his 39th goal of the season with a delicate chip into the corner.

Firmino's goal came straight from Otamendi's misplaced pass and, unfortunately for City, the defender's faults have been a recurring theme against top-level opponents. Otamendi has chosen a bad week to produce his worst form but it is no coincidence that it has come in three games when opposition players have taken him on, knowing he can be vulnerable under pressure.

Liverpool, on the other hand, refused to buckle when the pressure was rising dangerously close to intolerable. Raheem Sterling, in particular, was a constant menace in the first half and prominently involved in the opening goal, squaring the decisive pass for Jesus after Virgil van Dijk's clearance had been cut out. Van Dijk was knocked off balance in the process but his appeals for a free-kick were futile. Jesus turned in Sterling's pass and Liverpool's night had suddenly become a lot more perilous.

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To put it into context the first half here was even more one-sided than the corresponding 45 minutes in Liverpool's favour last week. The difference, of course, was that Liverpool scored three times at Anfield whereas City, with home advantage, found it harder to turn their early superiority into the hard currency of goals. Bernardo Silva crashed one shot off the post and Sané's disallowed goal was a wretched piece of officiating because the ball came to him from a Liverpool player, James Milner, rather than one of his team-mates. Enraged, Guardiola strode on to the pitch at half-time to remonstrate with the Spanish referee, Antonio Mateu Lahoz, but went too far with his eyeballing and matador-like hand movements. He was "upstairs", in the Colin Bell stand, to watch Liverpool's second-half turnaround and a dismal seven days for City take another turn for the worse.

The Mail

Mohamed Salah and Roberto Firmino send Jurgen Klopp's side through to Champions League semi-finals after resisting first-half onslaught from the hosts

The record books will show that this game slipped away from Manchester City in the 56th minute, when Mohamed Salah scored and left them needing a further four second-half goals. In reality it was probably over some 26 minutes earlier in the evening, when referee Antonio Mateu Lahoz, from Spain, informed Pep Guardiola he would spend the remainder of the match in the stand.

There is a reason an orchestra has a conductor. He does not play a solo, not even an instrument, but he shapes the performance of those who do. He sets the tempo, he harnesses the energy of the group. That is what Guardiola does for his players, on the touchline. In his absence throughout the second-half, the technical area sat empty, as if nobody at the club dared take his place, assume his position or authority. He didn't even leave his yellow ribbon as a reminder of his presence. When the camera panned in on him in the plush blue seats, Guardiola looked forlorn, helpless, like Superman in the face of Kryptonite. When Liverpool scored the second, to win on the night too, he put his head in his hands.

This has been a good season, but a very bad seven days for Guardiola and Manchester City. He seems to have lost his way, his clarity of thought. It is not the worst run of his managerial career – he once lost four on the spin at Bayern Munich, incredibly – but it has removed his cloak of invincibility.

It is not just the three results, with eight goals conceded, but the manner of the defeats and the opposition. Rivals triumphant, leads lost, goals conceded in flurries, and now this – personal indiscipline at a crucial moment. What was Guardiola thinking when he confronted Mateu Lahoz at the end of the first-half? That the official was over-promoted and useless, no doubt – which he is. But that's exactly the reason it was irresponsible to go near him. Mateu Lahoz looked all night as if he had a match-altering call in him, and he made it. Having already disallowed a good Manchester City goal, to deny them a 2-0 lead, he then banished Guardiola for complaining. Maybe Guardiola needs to wise up. His circumstances have changed. He is no longer at the helm of one of UEFA's darlings, Barcelona or Bayern Munich, the elite of the elite. Manchester City is the club that challenged financial fair play; that pays £50m fines; that boos the Champions League anthem. Equally, one can only imagine the wider Spanish view of a high profile individual who wears his support for Catalunya's self-determination as a badge of honour. That is not to say Mateu Lahoz was settling scores – for his employers or his nation – just that Guardiola is no longer on the side of the angels. When his anger spilled over he was treated like any old Mourinho. No wonder he looked stunned.

This is to take nothing away from Liverpool, who thoroughly deserved their emphatic victory over two legs. An aggregate score of 5-1 was every bit as masterful as it appears and, just as questions are being asked of Guardiola, so Jurgen Klopp deserves every ounce of praise thrown his way.

His team having been outplayed in the first-half, he got them in and sent them out rebooted in the second – more ambitious, unafraid to gamble, and within 11 minutes their away goal had ended the tie as a contest.

Most importantly, they were clinical in a way Manchester City were not; they took chances where their opponents squandered, just three shots on target in 180 minutes. Having crushed City's spirit with the first goal, it was almost inevitable that they would go on to win the match. Georginio Wijnaldum started the move that led to Liverpool's equaliser, finding Salah who freed Sadio Mane, staying upright when it would have been tempting to fall in the area under pressure from his City pursuers. Ederson, in the City goal, looked to have mopped up the loose ball, then spilled it, allowing Salah to perform his trademark finish. Close range, no panic, lifting it into the net, coolness personified.

It was already done, but Liverpool thrust a second stake through City's heart, to make sure. Nicolas Otamendi dawdled, Roberto Firmino – arguably Liverpool's man of the match – caught him in possession on the left, strode on and finished smartly past Ederson. The home fans began a steady trickle towards the exit. Once again, their hopes had been dashed. For, previously, as magnificent as Liverpool had been in the first-half last week, so City were across the opening 45 minutes here. The difference being that, while Liverpool got the goals and the advantage across the tie, City went in frustrated. Maybe that, too, was part of Guardiola's misguided decision to confront Mateu Lahoz. True, the official had hardly covered himself in glory in the first-half. He had waved away two penalty

shouts that could have gone City's way, gave offside against a good goal and seemed very relaxed about the time Liverpool goalkeeper Loris Karius was taking to bring the ball back into play. That said, Liverpool claimed Virgil van Dijk was fouled for City's first goal, and Mane had been booked for a tackle on Otamendi that looked horrendous in real time but, on closer inspection, turned out to be a case of the striker slipping on the wet surface and skidding into his opponent. It was sheer bad luck, not ill intent. So Mateu Lahoz was an equal opportunities offender. He didn't do anyone too many favours and Guardiola had a responsibility not to jeopardise his best laid plans.

For it was going very well, to that point. If Guardiola had sent his team out with a message it was to be relentless and Liverpool could not get off this ride. The passing carousel, Sir Alex Ferguson would call it when his teams faced Barcelona, but this was more a wall of death.

It spun, but faster. City met Liverpool's fire with one of their own, fast, furious, ball boys and Ederson recycling in an instant. Liverpool were never allowed to gain composure, to step off, to stop moving. It did not help, either, that they conceded from the first attack of the game. Just one minute and 57 seconds had passed when Manchester City scored. Van Dijk has been credited with stabilising Liverpool at the back, but he flapped here, losing out in a challenge to Raheem Sterling and debating the decision rather than moving on with the game.

The ball was played back in to Sterling who broke through the gap vacated by Van Dijk and squared to Gabriel Jesus. So ineffectual in his last two games, the first leg and the derby on Saturday, his finish was mustard here. He beat Karius at his near post, first time. Then, those controversial calls. Bernardo Silva had a shot on 30 minutes blocked by James Milner, who looked to have moved his body, including his arms, towards the ball. Mateu Lahoz was unmoved. Next up, a challenge by Andrew Robertson on Sterling that certainly looked like manhandling, even if the City man tumbled quite easily. Was it a penalty? Maybe. Seen them given?

Definitely. Finally, the goal, turned in by Sane after Karius had come for the ball and failed to collect. The scorer was flagged offside, which he would have been, had the ball not been diverted into his path by Milner. It was this, in particular, that Guardiola seemed incensed about. His mood would not have improved when Bernardo Silva hit a post. And it was all downhill from there.

MATCH FACTS, PLAYER RATINGS AND MATCH ZONE

Manchester City (3-1-4-2): Ederson 6, Walker 6, Otamendi 5.5, Laporte 5, Bernardo 6.5 (Gundogan 7.4, 6), Fernandinho 7, De Bruyne 7, Silva 6 (Aguero 6.6, 6), Sterling 7, Jesus 6.5, Sane 7 Subs not used: Bravo, Kompany, Delph, Zinchenko, Foden Goalscorers: Jesus 2 Booked: Ederson, Bernardo Manager: Pep Guardiola 4 Liverpool (4-3-3): Karius 6.5, Alexander-Arnold 6.5 (Clyne 8.1), Lovren 7, van Dijk 6, Robertson 7, Oxlade-Chamberlain 6, Wijnaldum 6, Milner 7, Salah 6.5 (Ings 8.9), Firmino 8 (Klavan 8.1), Mane 7 Subs not used: Mignolet, Moreno, Solanke, Woodburn Goalscorers: Salah 5.6, Firmino 7.7 Booked: Mane, Alexander-Arnold, Firmino, van Dijk Manager: Jurgen Klopp 7 Referee: Antonio Miguel Mateu Lahoz

The Daily Telegraph

Liverpool survive early storm to sink City

Manchester City 1 Jesus 2 Liverpool 2 Salah 5.6, Firmino 7.7 Liverpool win 5-1 on agg Att: 50,000

By the time it was all over it was hard not to reflect on the line from that old Anfield song about enduring a storm and emerging on the other side triumphant and stronger for the experience, although Jurgen Klopp could never have imagined this would go as well as it did. The storm did come for Liverpool in the first half, when Pep Guardiola's team seemed to occupy every critical part of the pitch in every moment and were ahead within two minutes in a torrent of pressure that made the head spin. Yet, by the end, it was not just that City had failed to score the three goals required to level the tie, they had not even won the match, and it is Klopp's side who go through to the Champions League semi-finals with an emphatic 5-1 aggregate win.

Guardiola was sent off at halftime and obliged to watch from the stands, as his team derailed after a goal from the sublime Mohamed Salah in the 56th minute that changed the mood as completely as Paul Pogba's first had done here three days earlier. When the Egyptian came off with a few minutes left to play – the Etihad emptying, the away fans raucous – Klopp hugged his goalscorer for so long that you wondered if they might watch the last few minutes together arm-in-arm. Somehow Liverpool had survived the first-half onslaught that followed Gabriel Jesus's goal, and they were lucky a second for Leroy Sane's was wrongly ruled offside, perhaps confirming all Guardiola's misgiving about the Spanish referee Antonio Mateu Lahoz. Lahoz had no hesitation in sending off the City manager, although you wonder why Guardiola gave him the opportunity.

There were heroic performances from Dejan Lovren and Virgil van Dijk in defence, in contrast to a Nicolas Otamendi horror show in the second half, who gifted Roberto Firmino the second goal. City have now lost three in a row and will go to Wembley to face Tottenham on Saturday with the possibility that it could be four. A team briefly considered invincible has been beaten three times now by Klopp. The thunderstorm broke on cue over the Etihad at 7.45pm, not Manchester's regular precipitation this time, but the relentless pressure Klopp had predicted from the outset. It is one thing to forecast this City team in full cry and chasing down a three-goal deficit, but it is another to witness the storm itself.

They finished the half with 71 per cent possession, and it would be right to say that every minute was played like it was the last of time added on at the end of

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the last match ever played in the history of football. The intensity was overwhelming and Liverpool were clinging on from the start, obliged to take bookings when they had to and hope that Sane's succession of crosses did not find their target. At the half-time whistle, Klopp turned and jogged down the tunnel, his team one goal behind on the night. It should have been two, but the Spanish officiating team wrongly ruled out a goal from Sane as offside when the ball had been deflected back towards the German by James Milner, making the City winger's position irrelevant. City's game plan was no different to most weeks: the ball inevitably found its way to Kevin De Bruyne and, from there, City hit the left wing. Sane was the main target, but David Silva was often on the overlap to outnumber Trent Alexander-Arnold. From there, they tried to pick out their man in the box, at which they were less successful.

The goal had come inside two minutes and, at that point, it seemed like City would have no trouble chasing down the deficit. It was a foul by Raheem Sterling on Van Dijk as the defender played an uncertain pass from an unusual position on the left touchline. The ball had left his feet by the time Sterling shoved the Dutchman over but, even so, given the low bar Mateu Lahoz had set, it was a free-kick. From there City's response was rapid, moving the ball from Bernardo Silva's intervention to Fernandinho to Sterling and then a cross to Jesus, who finished first time with his right foot. It was not for another five minutes that Liverpool had a sequence of possession. It was clear that City were going to make as much as possible of any foul and, by the end of the first half, Alexander-Arnold, Sadio Mane and Firmino had all been booked. Mane slipped in challenging Otamendi and accidentally studded the prone Argentine. It merited the booking, although not the sequence of rolls that Otamendi then executed.

City were so firmly in control of the midfield that there was little Klopp's team could do to prevent the ball going out to Sane and, once Alexander-Arnold was booked for an arm thrust across the German's throat, it was on a knife-edge for the youngster. Liverpool defended the ball into the box well but, by the end of the half, they were riding their luck. Lovren got a head to a Bernardo shot which hit a post. Another had been deflected wide it was the disallowed goal that must have enraged Guardiola, sent off having confronted the referee Mateu Lahoz at the whistle for halftime. He took his seat in the stand for the second half. Guardiola's absence did not feel incidental, his presence on the touchline is part of the City dynamic, and you wonder what difference it made.

Klopp had switched Firmino and Salah, moving the Egyptian into a central role, which is why he found himself in the key position to score. It was Salah who found Mane's run and it was Mane who broke the defensive line, darting past Aymeric Laporte and forcing Ederson to dive at his feet. When the ball broke there was still much to do, but Liverpool had the right man on hand. The 39th goal of Salah's season was taken with the usual economy of movement and deftness we have come to associate with this astonishing player. He slipped past Ederson and took stock of Otamendi's position sliding in front of goal, before chipping the helpless defender. The life drained from City, although the second was even worse, Otamendi losing possession and Firmino finding the far corner, a game finished in the quiet of City's expired hope.

THE INDEPENDENT

Salah ends City's Mission Impossible with touch of magic

MANCHESTER CITY Jesus 2 1 2 LIVERPOOL Salah 56, Firmino 77 Liverpool win 5-1 on aggregate

When he was a teenager, Pep Guardiola was a ball boy at the Nou Camp on the night Barcelona overturned Gothenburg's 3-0 firstleg win to reach the 1986 European Cup final on penalties. Terry Venables was Barcelona's manager and, in the afterglow of victory, he declared this a script that would have been beyond even Alfred Hitchcock's power of imagining. The attempt at a remake was great drama, but it was not quite Hitchcock.

Until the interval, at which point Guardiola was sent to the stands after protesting against a wrongly disallowed goal, the comeback appeared possible, perhaps even likely. However, Manchester City's great failure in the first leg on Merseyside had been not to score an away goal. Having orchestrated one of the great Liverpool performances on Wednesday, Jürgen Klopp knew that, if his side scored once, Manchester City would need five. In fact, Liverpool scored twice and won both legs, extending Klopp's impressive record against Guardiola to the realms of the hoodoo. The goal that mattered came from Mohamed Salah, 11 minutes into the second half. Sadio Mané, sent though by Georginio Wijnaldum, had three blue shirts around him and the keeper ahead of him.

He stumbled through the challenges, the ball was played out to Salah who chipped it over the prone figure of Nicolas Otamendi and into the net. The Argentine banged his head on the wet ground. It was over. The entire Liverpool team ran to their own supporters as a blue flare landed on the pitch. They knew it, too. When Roberto Firmino ran through to score Liverpool's second, seizing on Otamendi's error, the only script that would have put Manchester City through belonged in a comic book. What would have stung Guardiola is that the night had begun with so much promise. After less than two minutes, Manchester City had their goal. It started with Raheem Sterling barreling into Virgil van Dijk close to Klopp's technical area. "Get up", somebody shouted as the Dutchman rolled over. It was Sterling who got up first and was there to receive Fernandinho's pass. In the first half of the Manchester derby, when City had been gliding to the title, Sterling had squandered two chances that would have settled the match. This

time he provided Gabriel Jesus with a perfect square pass. The Brazilian did not miss. The electronic scoreboard showed one minute and 57 seconds.

It was showing something around 13 minutes when Mané slid into Otamendi with studs slightly above the turf. The crowd bayed for red, Ederson left his area to start pushing Mané, for which he was booked. Mané's card might have been red and it might have been yellow. The referee, Antonio Lahoz, decided Liverpool would continue with 11. As if to prove that what managers shout from the touchline is so much wasted breath, Guardiola had just told his team to calm down and keep their focus, a third of a way through a half that would produce five bookings and end with the Manchester City manager confronting the referee and being sent to the stands. City tried very hard to recreate Anfield's febrile atmosphere. There were blue and white flags under every home seat, rolling choruses of "Blue Moon" and several sharp intakes of breath, although the Liverpool team bus was allowed in unmolested. Its occupants were, however, to be given a torrid welcome. Klopp had described City's first half against United as "a thunderstorm" and in the opening 45 minutes Liverpool had to withstand constant hard rain. From the edge of the area, Bernardo Silva delivered the kind of shot from which Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain scored Liverpool's second at Anfield. Silva's shot touched the tip of James Milner's head, the top of Dejan Lovren's head and struck the post. Liverpool should have gone into the interval two goals down. As Loris Karius punched away a cross, both Jesus and Milner went for it; the ball rebounded to Leroy Sane, who scooped it over the line. There was barely a protest when Sane was called offside, but the ball had come off Milner's knee. In cricket or rugby, the decision would have been corrected. Guardiola allowed the injustice of it all to overwhelm him and watched the second half from the posh seats.



THUNDER KLOPP - City threatened a perfect storm of goals, but Liverpool were the ones who struck the KO blows

WE NEVER thought they would be able to trump last week's game. But the sequel was even better.

It was breathless and brilliant in equal measure as Manchester City gave everything - and somehow Liverpool triumphed after an incredible white-knuckle ride. Typically it was Mohamed Salah with his 39th goal of the season which proved decisive at a time when Liverpool were on the canvas never mind the ropes. Roberto Firmino got a second late on but the tie was already Liverpool's by then. Salah's goal was magical, brilliantly executed, what he has been doing all season and, at this rate, he could carry them to Champions League glory in Kiev next month. But that only tells half the story about a game full of controversy, incident and drama with Pep Guardiola sent to the stands in fury after seeing City robbed of a perfectly good goal which really would have put Liverpool on the rack. Little wonder that he lost the plot because it was a bad decision and his City players gave everything, they deserved more and yet ultimately could not match Liverpool's brilliance at Anfield six days earlier.

In the space of a week, City's magnificent season has taken a terrible turn as they blew winning the title in the Manchester derby on Saturday and are now out of the Champions League. Maybe, just maybe, it was Liverpool's history, their European pedigree which ultimately carried them through because this was as tough as it could get. And now no-one will fancy getting them in Friday's semi final draw. City threw the kitchen sink at Liverpool in the first half.

They hit the post, laid siege to the visitors' penalty box and it must have been pure torture for Reds' boss Jürgen Klopp on the touchline.

City made a start every bit as fast as Liverpool at Anfield last week. Guardiola's gamble of playing three at the back looked risky but it quickly reaped rewards because their high-octane football left Klopp's men unsure whether to stick or twist. If anyone had any doubts as to whether City believed they could do it, they disappeared within two minutes. Virgil van Dijk screamed foul as Raheem Sterling challenged him after the ball had gone - giant defender against pint-sized winger seemed a mismatch - and suddenly David Silva and Fernandinho combined brilliantly to launch a counter-attack. Sterling squared it to Gabriel Jesus and the Brazil striker slotted the ball into the bottom corner with a brilliantly clinical finish. Suddenly the roof came off the Etihad. City had lit the blue touch paper as Guardiola got his dream start. From then on, City's pressure was relentless and Leroy Sane, Sterling and Jesus went close. Bernardo Silva crashed a shot against the post and then City were robbed of a perfectly good second goal after 42 minutes. Spanish referee Antonio Mateu Lahoz and his linesman ruled Sane's effort offside when Liverpool's James Milner got a vital touch.

Lahoz has history with City, he has refereed two Blues' games before, giving three penalties, and that was more than enough for Guardiola, whose protestations as the teams left the pitch at half-time saw him sent to the stands for the second half. Guardiola's absence from the touchline was crucial. City lost hope and direction. And when Salah scored in the 56th minute, it was all over. Sadio Mane raced into the box, went round Ederson, and with the ball running loose, Salah slotted home an ice-cool finish. Guardiola put his head in his hands in the stands, the energy drained out of the stadium and Liverpool were gifted a second after 77 minutes. Nicolas Otamendi's sloppy pass let in Firmino who raced through and fired past Ederson (right) as the Liverpool fans behind that goal celebrated wildly as they dreamed of sixth European Cup.

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Jürgen Klopp's juggernaut gathers pace as bold Reds dig deep to regain place among European royalty

At the end of the storm Jürgen Klopp had predicted there was a golden sky. Liverpool were tossed and blown but they held their heads up high and emerged triumphant on a dramatic night.

The words of the club's iconic anthem, which echoed around the stunned Etihad, were fitting as the resurgent Reds booked their place in the semi-finals of the Champions League at the expense of Manchester City.

Predictably, Kopites were put through the wringer before they could celebrate the sweetest of European scalps.

In a position of control following last week's 3-0 victory at Anfield, Liverpool felt the full force of a City backlash.

Gabriel Jesus' early goal gave the Premier League champions elect hope and the Reds had to withstand 45 minutes of almost incessant pressure.

But rather than crumble, they dug deep. Through a mixture of good fortune and heroic defending they survived without further damage until the break.

Whatever Klopp said at half-time proved inspired. The second half display was brimming with guts, spirit and desire.

This was Klopp's Liverpool. They were bold – just like their manager had demanded and they got their reward.

Mohamed Salah, who appears to be writing his own scripts, coolly dinked home his 39th goal of the season to break City's resolve. Roberto Firmino then took centre stage to send the travelling Kop into raptures.

Salah and Firmino have hit the heights during this thrilling Champions League adventure – their tally of nine goals in 11 outings is a new club record.

But this was truly a momentous team effort. When Liverpool were under the cosh and their dreams were on the line, to a man they stood up and delivered.

For the first time in a decade the Reds will be in the pot when the draw for the semi-finals is made in Nyon on Friday. They have retaken their place among European royalty.

No wonder the delirious away end chanted Klopp's name repeatedly during the closing stages.

The last time Liverpool graced this competition prior to his arrival they were embarrassed and dumped out at the group stage.

Now they are feared once again across the continent and that's down to Klopp and the magic he has worked over the past two-and-a-half years.

The German has bought wisely, he's developed what he inherited and created a team ethic which is enabling them to flourish. The juggernaut is gathering pace and a final trip to Kiev in May is now tantalisingly close.

Don't under-estimate what Liverpool achieved against Pep Guardiola's star-studded side. They didn't just beat the favourites to win the Champions League, they hammered them 5-1 on aggregate. Free-scoring City had just three shots on target in the space of 180 minutes.

The teamsheet had represented a statement of intent from Guardiola as he brought in Raheem Sterling and Bernardo Silva for Ilkay Gundogan and Vincent Kompany.

It was effectively a front six and they tore at Liverpool from the off.

City led inside two minutes. Virgil Van Dijk's appeals for a free-kick were ignored after he was knocked off his feet by Sterling close to the touchline and the Reds were left exposed.

Fernandinho played in Sterling, who crossed for Jesus to reduce the deficit.

It set the tone for a horribly one-sided opening 45 minutes as City, who had scored three or more on 12 occasions at home this season, bossed proceedings. Klopp had warned Liverpool to expect a "thunderstorm" and they found themselves under siege.

Roles were reversed compared to six days earlier with the hosts relentless and Klopp's men momentarily looking rattled. The Reds caused trouble for themselves as they repeatedly coughed up possession cheaply.

Leroy Sane and Bernardo Silva got at Trent Alexander-Arnold and Andy Robertson down the flanks. Liverpool's midfield battled to secure a foothold in the contest, while the front three had precious little service.

When the Reds did have the chances to counter in the first half they went long too early and the openings disappeared.

Sane's cross-shot was turned away by Loris Karius before the keeper denied De Bruyne. An irritated Klopp couldn't hide his angst, gesturing wildly for his players not to drop so deep.

When Firmino followed Sadio Mane and Alexander-Arnold into the book after chopping down Kevin De Bruyne, Liverpool were teetering on the edge.

James Milner's block thwarted Bernardo Silva, who then saw another effort deflected wide. The Portugal international went even closer with a fierce strike which clipped Dejan Lovren and bounced back off the post.

Lady luck continued to shine on the Reds. Three minutes before the break City thought they had a second goal when Sane tucked the ball away after Jesus had latched on to Karius' punch.

The celebrations were curtailed by the offside flag. Replays showed that Liverpool had enjoyed an almighty let-off as the ball had reached Sane via a touch from

Milner.

The visitors had barely got out of their own half but Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain exchanged passes with Salah and went around Ederson before lashing over.

Guardiola led City's vehement protests to Spanish referee Antonio Mateu Lahoz at the interval and his petulance saw him dismissed from the touchline. The Spaniard could only sit and watch ashen-faced in the stand as Liverpool turned the tables. Guilty of trying to hold on to what they had in the first half, they settled and got back on the front foot.

Eleven minutes into the second half the mood inside the Etihad was transformed. Gini Wijnaldum and Oxlade-Chamberlain combined to find Salah, who laid it off to birthday boy Mane.

The flying winger drove past Aymeric Laporte with Fernandinho knocking him to the ground as Ederson dived at his feet.

Salah was alert and pounced on the loose ball, nipping it away from the keeper and dinking a classy left-footer into the far corner.

The Kop's Egyptian King wasn't at his blistering best following his recent groin problem but he was still too hot for City to handle.

As the travelling Kop erupted, the home fans sat in stunned silence. Suddenly, City needed four goals in half an hour.

They threw on Sergio Aguero in search of a miracle but the wind had been taken out of their sails.

Defensively, Liverpool were rock-solid in the second half with Van Dijk organising and the outstanding Lovren putting himself into the path of everything City could muster.

Young Alexander-Arnold dealt brilliantly with Sane and the midfield trio of James Milner, Wijnaldum and Oxlade-Chamberlain turned the screw.

With 13 minutes to go the Reds rubbed salt into City's gaping wounds.

It was classic Firmino as he shut down Nicolas Otamendi, picked his pocket and galloped goalwards before slotting past Ederson.

As City fans headed for home, the party in the away end was in full flow. The renditions of 'Allez, Allez, Allez' grew ever louder.

After a turbulent start, here was the golden sky. Klopp's Liverpool will take some stopping.

MATCH FACTS

Manchester City: Ederson, Walker, Otamendi, Laporte, Fernandinho, De Bruyne, David Silva (Aguero 66), Sane, Sterling, Bernardo Silva (Gundogan 74), Jesus. Not used: Bravo, Kompany, Foden, Zinchenko, Delph.

Liverpool: Karius, Alexander-Arnold (Clyne 81), Lovren, Van Dijk, Robertson, Wijnaldum, Milner, Oxlade-Chamberlain, Salah (Ings 89), Firmino (Klavan 81), Mane.

Not used: Mignolet, Moreno, Woodburn, Solanke.

Referee: Antonio Mateu Lahoz (Spain)

Goals: Jesus 2, Salah 56, Firmino 77.

Bookings: Mane, Ederson, Alexander-Arnold, Bernardo Silva, Firmino, Van Dijk

Man of the match: Dejan Lovren. Dug deep and produced under pressure.

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Liverpool reached their first Champions League semi-final for 10 years after coming from behind to win at Manchester City and secure an emphatic 5-1 aggregate win.

City made the perfect start as they tried to reel in a 3-0 deficit from the first leg when Raheem Sterling set up Gabriel Jesus for a cool finish after only two minutes - but they never recovered from a contentious incident just before half-time that saw manager Pep Guardiola sent off.

Bernardo Silva had struck the post and with Liverpool under intense pressure, Leroy Sane scrambled home what City thought was a crucial second.

The goal was ruled out for offside even though the ball came off Liverpool's James Milner and Guardiola marched on to the pitch in an explosion of fury to remonstrate with referee Antonio Mateu Lahoz. The outburst saw him forced to watch the second half from the stands.

With Guardiola away from his technical area, City lost momentum and the visitors delivered the killer blow of the away goal when, inevitably, Mohamed Salah chipped in his 39th goal of the season after a powerful run by Sadio Mane in the 56th minute.

Roberto Firmino's classy finish 13 minutes from time completed the formalities and Liverpool will now have their sights set on a sixth triumph in Europe's elite competition.

The Reds will discover their semi-final opponents when the draw is made on Friday at 12:00 BST in Nyon, Switzerland.

Magic Salah delivers again

Salah's fitness was the major topic of conversation around Liverpool's team selection before this game - and his decisive contribution in the 56th minute demonstrated exactly why.

The striker was substituted in the first leg with a groin problem but was fully fit and restored at the start as Liverpool protected that three-goal lead from Anfield. The Egyptian was powerless in the first half as City tried to claw that deficit back in a thunderous first 45 minutes that saw Jurgen Klopp's side under siege.

In this golden season, however, Salah only needs one chance and so it proved again as he collected the ball as it ran loose from Mane's drive into the area before delivering a composed lofted finish with the confidence of a man who feels he cannot miss.

These are the sort of game-changing contributions needed at this elite level and Salah delivers them.

It was fitting that the underrated Firmino added Liverpool's second with equal calm as City ran out of hope - but it was Salah's cool head in this frantic atmosphere that changed the course and emphasis of this quarter-final second leg.

Guardiola loses cool as Man City curse luck

City will feel they were on the rough end of the decisions as they complained that Sterling should have had a penalty when he was fouled by Andrew Robertson and Salah's opening goal at Anfield was offside.

The sense of injustice was burning again here when what could have been a crucial goal to put City 2-0 up was ruled out for offside.

Milner got the final touch but the flag went up in a moment that was effectively the end of City's challenge on the night.

Guardiola lost his cool, storming onto the pitch to gesticulate wildly at the referee as the players trooped off at half-time.

It was enough to see Guardiola sent to the stand and the debate will rage about just how much of an influence this had on City in the second half without their manager to orchestrate and inspire from the technical area.

Guardiola has history with Lahoz after he was angered by a penalty awarded to Monaco in the last-16 first leg of the Champions League at the Etihad last season, which was missed by Radamel Falcao, and also his failure to award Sergio Aguero a penalty in the same game.

Tuesday night's result was City's third damaging defeat in six days after defeat at Anfield in the first leg followed by the concession of a two-goal lead at home to Manchester United when victory would have brought them the Premier League title.

But their efforts were appreciated by the home supporters who applauded them off warmly.

It has been a painful few days for Guardiola and his players - but at least they will soon have the league title to console them.

Can Liverpool go all the way in the Champions League?

Liverpool will draw huge confidence from emerging successfully from this all-Premier League quarter-final - and there will have been delight when news filtered through from Italy that [Roma had stunned Barcelona](#).

Klopp's side have the quality in attack to trouble any of the defences left in the Champions League, with Real Madrid and Bayern Munich looking favourites to join Liverpool and Roma in the last four.

Liverpool's defence rode their luck and had their nervous moments here but the bottom line is they restricted City to one goal over two legs.

The final aggregate score was convincing, although City will complain long and hard about some decisions.

Liverpool cannot match the experience of battle-hardened Champions League campaigners like Real and Bayern.

However, the potency of their attack, their growing momentum and the history that gives the club a sense of destiny in this competition means they will have high hopes of lifting the trophy for a sixth time.

Man of the match - Mohamed Salah (Liverpool)

Familiar territory for Liverpool - the stats

Liverpool have reached the semi-final stage of the European Cup/Champions League for the 10th time - the only English team to have appeared in more are Manchester United [12].

After reaching the Champions League semi-finals in each of his first seven seasons in the competition as manager with Barcelona and Bayern Munich, Pep Guardiola has failed to make this stage in both of his campaigns with Manchester City.

Liverpool are the first team to beat a side managed by Guardiola three times in a single season.

Jurgen Klopp has beaten Guardiola more often than any other manager [seven wins].

Guardiola has only progressed in two of his eight Champions League knockout ties as a manager in which his side lost the first leg [v Porto in 2015, Arsenal in 2011].

Guardiola has lost three consecutive matches in all competitions for the first time since May 2015 as Bayern manager.

Roberto Firmino and Mohamed Salah have both scored more goals in a single Champions League/European Cup campaign for Liverpool [eight each] than any other player in the club's history.

Gabriel Jesus has scored three goals in three games against Liverpool in all competitions, more than against any other team since his debut with Man City. Liverpool have scored 33 goals in the Champions League this season - the most by an English side in a single campaign.

What's next?

Manchester City head for Wembley looking to avoid a fourth successive defeat when they meet Tottenham in the Premier League on Saturday [19:45 BST].

Liverpool will know the identity of their Champions League semi-final opponents by the time they kick-off against Bournemouth at Anfield on Saturday [17:30].

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Match ends, Manchester City 1, Liverpool 2.
 90'+3' Second Half ends, Manchester City 1, Liverpool 2.
 90' Substitution, Liverpool. Danny Ings replaces Mohamed Salah.
 85' Foul by Kyle Walker (Manchester City).
 85' Georginio Wijnaldum (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 81' Substitution, Liverpool. Nathaniel Clyne replaces Trent Alexander-Arnold.
 81' Substitution, Liverpool. Ragnar Klavan replaces Roberto Firmino.
 81' Offside, Manchester City. Gabriel Jesus tries a through ball, but Leroy Sané is caught offside.
 80' Attempt blocked. Ilkay Gündogan (Manchester City left footed shot from the centre of the box is blocked. Assisted by Gabriel Jesus.
 77' Goal! Manchester City 1, Liverpool 2. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool right footed shot from the left side of the box to the bottom right corner.
 75' Corner, Manchester City. Conceded by Sadio Mané.
 74' Substitution, Manchester City. Ilkay Gündogan replaces Bernardo Silva.
 72' Offside, Manchester City. Kevin De Bruyne tries a through ball, but Leroy Sané is caught offside.
 71' Attempt missed. Nicolás Otamendi (Manchester City with an attempt from the centre of the box misses to the left. Assisted by Leroy Sané with a cross following a corner.
 70' Corner, Manchester City. Conceded by Dejan Lovren.
 70' Attempt blocked. Aymeric Laporte (Manchester City left footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Bernardo Silva.
 70' Attempt blocked. Kevin De Bruyne (Manchester City right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Aymeric Laporte.
 67' Corner, Manchester City. Conceded by Dejan Lovren.
 67' Attempt blocked. Sergio Agüero (Manchester City right footed shot from the left side of the box is blocked.
 66' Substitution, Manchester City. Sergio Agüero replaces David Silva.
 65' Virgil van Dijk (Liverpool is shown the yellow card.
 65' Raheem Sterling (Manchester City wins a free kick on the right wing.
 65' Foul by Virgil van Dijk (Liverpool.
 64' Offside, Manchester City. Gabriel Jesus tries a through ball, but Leroy Sané is caught offside.
 63' Corner, Manchester City. Conceded by Trent Alexander-Arnold.
 61' Attempt saved. Kevin De Bruyne (Manchester City left footed shot from outside the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Bernardo Silva.
 59' Attempt missed. Georginio Wijnaldum (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box misses to the right.
 58' Offside, Manchester City. Kevin De Bruyne tries a through ball, but Leroy Sané is caught offside.
 58' Corner, Manchester City. Conceded by Sadio Mané.
 56' Goal! Manchester City 1, Liverpool 1. Mohamed Salah (Liverpool left footed shot from the left side of the box to the centre of the goal.
 49' Bernardo Silva (Manchester City wins a free kick on the right wing.
 49' Foul by Roberto Firmino (Liverpool.
 47' Offside, Manchester City. Fernandinho tries a through ball, but Leroy Sané is caught offside.
 Second Half begins Manchester City 1, Liverpool 0.
 45'+1' First Half ends, Manchester City 1, Liverpool 0.
 45' Attempt missed. Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain (Liverpool right footed shot from the right side of the six yard box is just a bit too high. Assisted by Mohamed Salah.
 44' Attempt blocked. Kevin De Bruyne (Manchester City left footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by David Silva.
 42' Offside, Manchester City. Gabriel Jesus tries a through ball, but Leroy Sané is caught offside.
 41' Attempt blocked. Bernardo Silva (Manchester City left footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Gabriel Jesus.
 41' Attempt blocked. Fernandinho (Manchester City right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Gabriel Jesus.
 41' Attempt saved. Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Roberto Firmino.
 39' Corner, Manchester City. Conceded by Andrew Robertson.
 39' Attempt blocked. Bernardo Silva (Manchester City left footed shot from the right side of the box is blocked. Assisted by Kevin De Bruyne.
 36' Attempt missed. Fernandinho (Manchester City right footed shot from outside the box misses to the left.
 35' Roberto Firmino (Liverpool is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.
 34' Kevin De Bruyne (Manchester City wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 34' Foul by Roberto Firmino (Liverpool.
 33' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Aymeric Laporte.
 32' Attempt blocked. Aymeric Laporte (Manchester City left footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Leroy Sané.
 31' Attempt blocked. Kyle Walker (Manchester City right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Aymeric Laporte.
 30' Bernardo Silva (Manchester City is shown the yellow card.
 30' Hand ball by Bernardo Silva (Manchester City.
 30' Attempt blocked. Bernardo Silva (Manchester City left footed shot from the centre of the box is blocked.
 30' Attempt blocked. Bernardo Silva (Manchester City left footed shot from the centre of the box is blocked.
 29' Trent Alexander-Arnold (Liverpool is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.
 29' Leroy Sané (Manchester City wins a free kick on the left wing.
 29' Foul by Trent Alexander-Arnold (Liverpool.
 26' Attempt saved. Kevin De Bruyne (Manchester City right footed shot from outside the

box is saved in the bottom right corner. Assisted by Bernardo Silva.
 26' Corner, Manchester City. Conceded by Trent Alexander-Arnold.
 24' Offside, Manchester City. Kevin De Bruyne tries a through ball, but Leroy Sané is caught offside.
 21' Corner, Manchester City. Conceded by Trent Alexander-Arnold.
 20' Attempt missed. Leroy Sané (Manchester City left footed shot from the left side of the box misses to the right.
 17' Offside, Manchester City. Kevin De Bruyne tries a through ball, but David Silva is caught offside.
 17' Corner, Manchester City. Conceded by Virgil van Dijk.
 17' Attempt missed. Leroy Sané (Manchester City left footed shot from outside the box misses to the left. Assisted by Kevin De Bruyne following a set piece situation.
 16' Raheem Sterling (Manchester City wins a free kick on the left wing.
 16' Foul by Dejan Lovren (Liverpool.
 14' Ederson (Manchester City is shown the yellow card.
 14' Sadio Mané (Liverpool is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.
 14' Nicolás Otamendi (Manchester City wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 14' Foul by Sadio Mané (Liverpool.
 11' Hand ball by Raheem Sterling (Manchester City.
 9' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Nicolás Otamendi.
 8' Attempt missed. Kevin De Bruyne (Manchester City right footed shot from outside the box is too high. Assisted by David Silva.
 5' Foul by David Silva (Manchester City.
 5' Georginio Wijnaldum (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 4' Foul by Fernandinho (Manchester City.
 4' Sadio Mané (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 2' Goal! Manchester City 1, Liverpool 0. Gabriel Jesus (Manchester City right footed shot from the centre of the box to the bottom right corner. Assisted by Raheem Sterling.
 1' Kevin De Bruyne (Manchester City wins a free kick on the right wing.
 1' Foul by Sadio Mané (Liverpool).
 First Half begins.
 Lineups are announced and players are warming up.