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'We will be ready for them and show no fear'

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Edin Dzeko's weekend was all mapped out for him. He was given the afternoon off on Saturday, the striker kicking his heels on the substitutes' bench as Roma overcame SPAL, while yesterday he might even have had time to trawl through his emails.

In his inbox, courtesy of the club's analysts, would have been the highlights of West Bromwich Albion's rousing comeback against Liverpool, a showreel likely to leave him salivating at the prospect of tomorrow's Champions League semi-final, first leg at Anfield.

Crosses whistled across Loris Karius's penalty area, centres caused consternation among the visiting defenders even before a corner spread panic and Jake Livermore scrambled in. Moments later Salomón Rondón conjured a late equaliser with a header from a free kick as those in red shirts had faces to match. Roma's undressing of Barcelona a fortnight ago had everything to do with a combination of directness, see Dzeko's first goal, and delivery from set-pieces as Kostas Manolas capped a remarkable comeback, and so the initial conclusion at The Hawthorns was that the Italians would not be anything other than enthused at how the game played out.

That suggestion was outlined to Virgil van Dijk who listened to all the questions and then smiled. "There is no need to stress at all," he said.

That is, of course, Van Dijk's outlook on life as a whole, but there was merit to his assertion that this was simply an off-day rather than a lasting return to bad old habits.

Jürgen Klopp understandably chose to rotate his side given the magnitude of Tuesday, with three of his defenders, Joe Gomez, Alberto Moreno and Ragnar Klavan, not regular starters of late. Whether that unsettled Karius is feasible. Yet Liverpool, collectively, let standards slip. Mohamed Salah added to Danny Ings' first goal for the club since October 2015 to equal the tally for most Premier League goals in a season (31). But there were occasions when he played as though distracted by his duel with Harry Kane for the Golden Boot: shots were attempted where a pass to a team-mate might have been more fruitful.

"Everyone gets upset," Van Dijk, said. "No one wants to concede at the last or even concede at all. We need to switch on again. I think we should be fine. It is a massive opportunity to get a good result on Tuesday that could help us reach the final.

"I have not played against Dzeko before but everyone knows the result against Barcelona. I know they are a top team and we have to be ready. I don't fear anyone."

Darren Moore, West Brom's caretaker first-team coach, has galvanised a team prone to surrender under Alan Pardew and five points from three games states his case to remain. He said that he would consider taking action against defender Ahmed Hegazi when reviewing evidence that he punched Ings in an off-the-ball incident.

RATINGS West Bromwich Albion (4-4-2): B Foster 7 — A Nyom 6, C Dawson 6, A Hegazi 6, K Gibbs 6 (sub: O Burke 76min) — M Phillips 7, J Livermore 7, C Brunt 6, J McClean 6 (sub: J Evans 71) — J Rodriguez 6 (H Robson-Kanu 89), S Rondón 7. Substitutes not used B Myhill, C Yacob, G Krychowiak, S Field. Liverpool (4-3-3): L Karius 5 — J Gomez 5, V van Dijk 6, R Klavan 6, A Moreno 5 — J Milner 6, J Henderson 6, G Wijnaldum 6 — M Salah 7 (sub: D Lovren 84), D Ings 7 (sub: R Firmino 66, 6), S Mané 6 (sub: A Oxlade-Chamberlain 66, 6).

Substitutes not used S Mignolet, A Robertson, D Solanke, T Alexander-Arnold. Booked Moreno.

the guardian

Jürgen Klopp bemoans 'dangerous' pitch after West Brom stun Liverpool

It was not the script that Jürgen Klopp had in mind in advance of a critical week and the [Liverpool](#) manager was unable to conceal his anger and frustration afterwards as he described West Bromwich Albion's comeback as useless in the context of their survival hopes and railed against the dry state of the pitch.

Klopp's complaints about Stuart Attwell's poor refereeing were far more legitimate given that Liverpool were denied a clear penalty at the start of the second half and should have been playing against 10 men after Ahmed Hegazi punched Danny Ings in the stomach, yet it was his remarks about Albion's predicament and the playing surface that caused a stir.

In fairness to Klopp, he was honest enough to admit he would have said nothing about the pitch if Liverpool had won a game that was firmly within their grasp when Mohamed Salah registered his 31st league goal of the season – equalling the record for a 38-game season held by Alan Shearer, Cristiano Ronaldo and Luis Suárez – to double their lead 18 minutes from time.

Albion, however, have been a totally different proposition since Darren Moore took over from Alan Pardew and they showed tremendous spirit to score from two set pieces in the last 12 minutes, through Jake Livermore and Salomón Rondón, to salvage a point and leave Klopp, whose team face Roma in the Champions League semi-finals on Tuesday, bitterly upset.

After claiming the pitch became "drier and drier, and it is not in favour or an advantage for the football-playing side", Klopp lamented Attwell's failure to point to the penalty spot after Ings was barged over by Craig Dawson and the way that Hegazi escaped punishment for his punch on the striker.

"You see it, I see it, but that's not important," Klopp said. "It is only important what three or four gentleman with a whistle say. So we cannot change it. I think if you are the better team, you should win. We are the better team, we didn't win. "I don't feel that point will help West Brom massively. It feels like a complete waste of points; they don't need it. We would have needed it. They are all happy now, we are not happy. We stay in the league, they don't stay in the league. It's kind of a strange situation.

"I am a big football fan. You have to do everything to create the best circumstances for all the boys to deliver. You let the home team decide if they water the pitch or not. It's not only football, it's also dangerous for injuries if the pitch is really dry. To be 100%, I would have said nothing about that probably if we had won. But it's all what you see during the game."

Albion may well be heading for the Championship – they are eight points adrift of safety with three matches remaining – yet their supporters' reaction at the final whistle suggested that they viewed the fifth point gained from three games under Moore as anything but futile.

The home team were behind as early as the fourth minute, when Ings, whose introduction was one of five changes that Klopp made to his team, swept home from close range after Georginio Wijnaldum teed him up from Sadio Mané's cross. It was Ings's first goal since October 2015.

Liverpool's second was another of those trademark finishes from Salah, who coolly lifted the ball over Ben Foster after Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain had set him free.

Albion, though, were far from finished. Livermore hooked home from six yards and then Liverpool pressed the self-destruct button. Joe Gomez carelessly gave away possession in the lead-up to the free-kick that Chris Brunt expertly delivered for Rondón to head in at the near post.

Asked about the condition of the pitch, Moore said: "It wasn't a ploy. It was a hot day."

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Salomon Rondon and Jake Livermore pull Baggies back from two goals down to keep faint Premier League survival hopes alive

His mood was unmistakable from the moment he walked into the room. Jurgen Klopp is an open book in terms of emotions and this, plainly, was not going to be a day for humour. Liverpool's manager had just seen a two-goal lead frittered away, resulting in two points being squandered in their pursuit of a place in next season's Champions League. At the final whistle, Klopp had stomped on to The Hawthorns pitch and growled in the ear of Joe Gomez, who had made a mistake in the build up to West Brom's 88th minute equaliser.

Klopp does not take kindly when things do not go his way. Gomez, the young right-back, may have taken the initial brunt but, as he settled into his chair in front of the cameras, there were plenty more targets for the German's ire as he wrestled with the impact of Liverpool taking a false step. This, he acknowledged, was a game that should have been comfortably wrapped up after Danny Ings had opened the scoring and Mohamed Salah clipped in his 41st goal of a remarkable campaign but Klopp was adamant that circumstances – and poor officiating – had intervened. 'I think if you are the better team, you should win,' said Klopp, whose side were pegged back by goals from Jake Livermore and Salomon Rondon. 'We were the better team, we didn't win. I don't feel that that point will help West Brom massively. It feels like a complete waste of points, they don't need it, we would have needed it. They are all happy now, we are not happy.'

'We stay in the league; they don't stay in the league. It's kind of a strange situation. I am a big football fan. You have to do everything to create the best circumstances for all the boys to deliver. You let the home team decide if they water the pitch or not – it's not only football. It's also dangerous for injuries if the pitch is really dry. To be 100 per cent, I would have said nothing about that probably if we had won. But it's all what you see during the game.'

'We are in charge, we try to do not a brilliant game, but for sure a good enough game to win here in a difficult situation. We didn't have a little bit of luck and that's why it's a draw.' Not quite. Klopp rightly grumbled about two key decisions – Ahmed Hegazi escaped a red card for throwing a punch at Ings in the second half, shortly after the striker should have been awarded a penalty after being bundled over by Craig Dawson – but it wasn't all about referee Stuart Attwell. Liverpool thought they could have won without engaging top gear against the Premier League's basement team and, as thoughts began to drift towards Tuesday's Champions League semi-final with Roma, they were caught out.

Karius leaps to punch the ball ahead of the dangling foot of West Brom's Rondon during the second half in the grand scheme, the 'useless comeback' – Klopp's description – will not prevent West Brom from slithering into the Championship and their fate can be sealed as early as Sunday, should Swansea take a point from Manchester City. They are determined, though, not to surrender their place with a whimper; six days after shocking Manchester United at Old Trafford, West Brom upset the odds again, giving supporters who have suffered through a season of misery something about which to smile. And do not underplay how miserable it has been: two managers sacked, impoverished football and financial calamities off the field and an incident in Barcelona with a stolen taxi that marked them down as a club without laws or discipline. But here they were tearing into Liverpool, refusing to give up and harrying them to such an extent that Livermore and Rondon were able to punish a lack of concentration to secure what was just their fifth home point from a possible 21 in 2018. 'It's another good result because we as a football club have come together,' said caretaker manager Darren Moore. The atmosphere was ab superb, the supporters, the staff, in terms of their preparation and the players have continued that on to the pitch. Together we have earned that.' Liverpool's Estonian defender Ragnar Klavan leaps highest and ahead of James McClean to knock the ball out of the box

Such a scenario seemed unlikely when Mohamed Salah clipped in his 41st goal of the campaign in the 72nd minute to equal Luis Suarez's club record of 31 in a Premier League season and give Liverpool a two-goal advantage.

Here was the latest head-spinning statistic from Salah but, for once, he was not going to be the story. The narrative seemed certain to belong to Ings, who opened the scoring in the fourth minute and registered his first goal in the Premier League since October 2015. Ings had other opportunities to add to his total – there was a header flashed over the bar in the 24th minute from James Milner's cross and a one-on-one chance that Foster denied him in the 41st – before he became involved in the flashpoints that left Klopp seething.

Whether he would have been so furious had Liverpool held on is unlikely but the manner in which they folded in the final 11 minutes will have left those scouts from Roma – who beat SPAL 3-0 on Saturday – aware of their vulnerabilities.

'We agree (it should have been a penalty) and (agree about) Hegazi on Ings – it is a red card,' said Klopp. 'You see it, I see it, but that's not important. It is only important what three or four gentleman with a whistle say about it. So we cannot change.'

MATCH FACTS, PLAYER RATINGS AND MATCH ZONE

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Liverpool (4-3-3): Karius 6: Gomez 6, Van Dijk 8, Klavan 6, Moreno 6: Wijnaldum 7, Henderson 7. Milner 7: Salah 7 (Lovren 83mins). Ings 7 (Firmino 65mins 6). Mane

6 (Oxlade-Chamberlain 65mins 7) Subs not used: Mignolet, Robertson, Solanke, Alexander-Arnold Goalscorers: Ings 4, Salah 72 Booked: Moreno Manager: Jurgen Klopp 6

Referee: Stuart Attwell Man of the Match: Virgil van Dijk Attendance: 24,520

The Daily Telegraph

No need to panic over defensive lapses, says Van Dijk

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If Roma players notice Edin Dzeko skipping to board his flight to Merseyside with added relish today, it is a fair assumption he has reviewed the last 10 minutes of Liverpool's defensive performance here.

Jake Livermore and Salomon Rondon may have authored Roma's set-piece strategy as much as enacted that of caretaker manager Darren Moore.

The habit of snatching a frustrating draw from the claws of a comfortable victory has been a frequent flaw through Jurgen Klopp's reign, but so rare recently it appeared to be on the point of extinction since Virgil van Dijk's arrival.

Defensive lapses against West Bromwich Albion were surprising but Van Dijk dismissed the suggestion a renewal of anxiety attacks would be taken into the Champions League semi-finals.

This is a Liverpool team with nine clean sheets in the 16 games since their last calamitous meeting with West Brom in the FA Cup.

Van Dijk acknowledged the climax was unacceptable, but felt it wiser to see it as a "blip" rather than revival of a trend. He says any confidence in Rome due to Liverpool reacquainting with defensive feebleness is misplaced.

"I don't worry at all," said Van Dijk. "There is no need to stress. There is no reason to panic. They are fighting for their lives so in the end they are very direct, balls into the channel, work hard, trying to get fouls and free-kicks - and we didn't deal with that how we should."

"Everyone gets upset. No one wants to concede at the last, or even concede at all. The way we conceded those goals is something to be angry about. We need to be honest with ourselves and everyone was. We need to do better."

"You have to tell each other the truth, you cannot be nice and happy when we want to achieve so much as a team and as a club. A draw here is not good enough."

"We need to keep doing what we did in the last games, recover and focus on Roma now."

"We need to switch on again and do the same things that we always did. I think we should be fine. It is a massive opportunity to get a good result on Tuesday."

Such were the mitigating factors, the main one being a back four that had never previously been assembled, there was annoyance rather than concern as goals by Danny Ings and Mohamed Salah failed to yield the three points that would have prevented the unwanted extension of Liverpool's chase for topfour confirmation. Klopp was in a sour mood because of standard referee Stuart Attwell was evidently not so charmed as everyone else by Ings ending a three-year goal wait, refusing a penalty claim and tolerating a punch in the striker's chest by Ahmed Hegazi. The Liverpool manager lamented what he called "wasted points", but Liverpool were plodding rather than dynamic and Klopp's biggest concern is leaving the door ajar for Chelsea, who host the Merseysiders at Stamford Bridge for the penultimate game. Prolonged European involvement has cost Liverpool four points from recent games at Everton and West Brom. Ensuring standards are not compromised when competing in multiple competitions is the next stage of Liverpool's evolution.

West Brom must ask themselves why this point did not mean more. How can a side win at Old Trafford and go unbeaten in three games against this Liverpool team, yet finish bottom of the Premier League? It is rather like completing four London marathons and then tripping up every time you try to finish 400 metres.

"Everyone around me at the club is giving everything," insisted Hawthorns caretaker Moore. "To get what we did from the game, it is a collective effort and that's why I keep using the words 'togetherness' and 'we' because that's what we need to the end of the season."

Privately, even Moore must recognise a contradiction. The effort on display here and at Manchester United is commendable, but the notion everyone is pulling together for a final survival push suggests such application was unforgivably lacking when Tony Pulis and Alan Pardew were around.

It is too late for West Brom to help themselves, but if Roma score from a few corners over the next two weeks they may yet receive a message of appreciation from their manager, Eusebio Di Francesco.

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THAT'S SAL,FOLKS - Rondon equalises as doomed Baggies stage brave comeback

WEST BROM are virtually gone - about to lose their Premier League status for a record fourth time - while mighty Mo Salah is busily creating Liverpool history. Barring a comeback to rival Lazarus, the Baggies will be relegated in another downer in the roller-coaster life of the Midlands club. And that's despite a gutsy comeback at home and a late equaliser from Salomon Rondon for a precious point.

Sadly too late, it is clear that they have rediscovered their mojo under caretaker boss Darren Moore, which may well help to raise his stock when it comes to the selection of a permanent boss.

But the serious damage inflicted by the abysmal reign of Alan Pardew has proved irreparable.

For Liverpool, however, it's about hitting the European heights again as they contemplate a Champions League semi-final against Roma. Despite some first-team players being rested or on the bench - with a top-four place practically assured and that semi imminent - Salah was still selected to play from the start. The Egyptian is Jurgen Klopp's Duracell bunny, ready to run and run - and, apparently, without needing to recharge those batteries.

As such, he was rewarded with his 31st Premier League goal to hoist him level with Luis Suarez, the last Liverpool player to reach that mark in a season. Salah also shares with Alan Shearer Cristiano Ronaldo, the biggest total parity and o, I reached in a 38 game Premier League campaign - and there are still a few games to come. "I'm happy for Mo. They are great names in the game. But, like Mo, we want to win games," said a frustrated Klopp.

It's now 41 goals for Salah in all competitions - just six behind the all-time club record of Ian Rush.

Nevertheless, some of the gloss of Salah's latest exploit was definitely removed by West Brom's fighting finale, which produced two goals in the last 11 claw back a 2-0 deficit. Salah was seen in a lengthy conversation, following the final whistle, with fellow Egyptian Ahmed Hegazi.

minutes to Sala conv finE Maybe he was telling him that the Baggies defender was lucky to remain on the pitch after an off-theball punch into Danny Ings' body early in the p b Ing second half. Klopp insisted: "It is a red card You see it, I see it, it is not a problem. It is only important what three or four gentleman decide."

It was also a day to remember for Ings for a different reason. Two-and-a-half years without a Premier League goal is enough to send you over the edge - especially if you are a striker.

But, despite being ravaged by serious injuries, the former Burnley striker has never thrown in the towel.

Forget Tuesday night, the match at The Hawthorns was the big one for the 25-year-old.

A short corner routine in the fourth minute, involving James Milner and Sadio Mane, saw the latter fire in a low cross, which fell for Ings to rifle home. And when you've just scored a first Premier League goal in 930 days, it wouldn't matter if it had come against Forest Green - it's time to celebrate.

Cue pandemonium surrounding Ings as he wheeled away in ecstasy. His last successful strike at this level was in the Merseyside derby against Everton in October 2015, the final game of Brendan Rodgers' Anfield reign.

Just before the break he had another opportunity to prove the "London buses theory" that you wait for ages for one and two then come at once. Joe Gomez fed Salah and, under a challenge, the ball spurted out nicely into the path of Ings.

But Baggies keeper Ben Foster raced out to block, leaving the striker holding his head in his hands.

Inevitably, Salah had to get in on the act and, when substitute Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain laid the ball into his path, he was on his way gliding into the area and chipping over Foster.

Game over? It would have been weeks ago, but not now under Moore. With 11 minutes to go, Baggies midfielder Jake Livermore applied the final touch, following a goalmouth melee in the aftermath of a Chris Brunt corner, to give the Baggies hope.

Then, in the 88th minute, a Brunt free-kick was headed in by the dangerous Rondon to at least supply some pride as West Brom say their Premier League farewells.

Moore said: "We're delighted. It's another positive result and solid performance against a very good team. We've earned that result.

"The support, players and staff have all come together. And the big thing for me is the togetherness."

On the possibility of landing the job permanently, he added: "I keep saying it's all about the next game. We move on to next week."

An unhappier Klopp was more candid in his assessment when he said: "When you play football you need a normal pitch. When it gets drier, it's not good for the footballplaying side.

"Each club can decide it like they want. If West Brom want to have more possession next year in the Championship, I'm sure the pitch will be watered." But he had a special word for Ings, adding: "Of course, it's nice for Danny. He could have scored a second and could have had a penalty."

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Old habits haunt Reds but there's no reason to panic after West Brom draw

Old habits reared their ugly head at the Hawthorns. **Liverpool** were in control and on the verge of ensuring they went into the club's biggest game for a decade on the back of a hard-fought triumph over lowly West Brom. The vibrant travelling Kop were paying homage to the awe-inspiring brilliance of Mohamed Salah, who had equalled the Premier League scoring record with his 31st league goal of the campaign. Thoughts had already turned to Tuesday night's titanic Champions League semi-final first leg with Roma at Anfield.

'Italy, Italy, we're the greatest team in Europe and we're going to Italy,' they roared. Liverpool were 2-0 up and cruising. Danny Ings had ended his 930-day Premier League goal drought before Salah had inevitably taken centre stage. The feelgood factor was alive and well. The bandwagon was rolling on.

However, inexplicably, with the finish line in sight Jurgen Klopp's side stumbled. They took their eye off the ball and paid the price. Two points were carelessly tossed away. Here was the old Achilles heel that Klopp thought he had long since addressed. Twice inside the final 11 minutes Liverpool were found wanting from set-pieces as first Jake Livermore and then Salomon Rondon cashed in on their generosity. Frustrating? Yes. Sloppy? Unquestionably. Reason to panic? Behave. Liverpool remain in the box seat to secure back-to-back top-four finishes for the first time since 2009. They sit eight points clear of fifth placed Chelsea, who have a game in hand. Such is their superior goal difference that the Reds only require a maximum of four points from their final three league games.

With the trip to Stamford Bridge sandwiched by home games against Stoke and Brighton that's a position of strength. This setback won't have any impact on Tuesday's visit of Roma. The Serie A outfit will face a very different Liverpool – both in terms of the personnel on duty and the intensity they will be hit with.

Trent Alexander-Arnold, Andy Robertson and Dejan Lovren will return to the back four with Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain certain to be recalled in midfield after his eye-catching cameo against the Baggies. Roberto Firmino will lead the line after having his feet up for the opening 65 minutes at the Hawthorns. Critics will pounce on the late defensive slips but it's worth remembering that Liverpool have kept nine clean sheets in their last 15 games. Virgil van Dijk was immense once again and the progress made in that department since the Dutchman's January arrival is undeniable. [Klopp bemoaned the dry pitch](#) but that could hardly be blamed for what happened in the closing stages.

Where the manager did have a point was with his criticism of blundering referee Stuart Attwell, who made a succession of bewildering decisions.

Ings was denied a clear penalty after being brought down by Craig Dawson and Ahmed Hegazi somehow got away with punching the striker in the midriff.

Having insisted on Friday that he wouldn't be influenced by the impending clash with Roma, Klopp duly changed half his team with recalls for Joe Gomez, Alberto Moreno, Ragnar Klavan, James Milner and Ings.

Those key men who were given a breather weren't missed early on as Liverpool flew out of the blocks and secured the breakthrough inside four minutes.

It was created by the brilliance of Sadio Mane, who skipped past Jay Rodriguez and picked out Gini Wijnaldum with his cross. The Dutchman controlled and Ings swooped to hammer the ball beyond Ben Foster. The outpouring of emotion showed just what it meant to the former Burnley frontman, whose previous goal for the club came in Brendan Rodgers' final game in charge in the derby at Goodison in October 2015. That drought is put into context by the fact that this was only his second Premier League start under Klopp.

It's been a long road back for Ings from the dizzy heights of establishing himself at Liverpool and playing for England. Not once but twice his world came crashing down as serious knee injuries put his Anfield career in jeopardy.

He's had to be patient. He spent the first half of this season on duty for Liverpool Under-23s but his attitude and application remained first class.

How he deserved a moment like this. His popularity in the squad was highlighted by the race to mob him after he wheeled away in celebration. Ings put in a tireless shift. His movement was intelligent and he could hold his head high.

Salah had the look of a man on a mission to add to his remarkable haul. It was always a question of when rather than if he would notch. Some of his close control and mazy dribbling was a joy to watch. The Egyptian winger saw one effort deflected narrowly over and curled a free-kick wide before Liverpool lost their way. Standards slipped and the Baggies started to secure a foothold in the contest. They targeted Liverpool's left hand side where Alberto Moreno struggled badly on his first league start since November. Joe Gomez produced a fine defensive header to thwart James McClean but the young defender also looked rusty after a month out with an ankle injury. The Reds enjoyed a massive let-off when Jay Rodriguez somehow failed to convert McClean's cross-shot. Ings could have bagged a second before the break after good work from Gomez and Salah but Foster denied him.

The Reds striker was incredulous after the interval when Attwell turned a blind eye to Dawson's blatant trip. With the composed Van Dijk winning his aerial battles, Liverpool dealt with a succession of high balls pumped into the penalty box. Firmino and Oxlade-Chamberlain came on for Ings and Mane before the Reds bagged a second 18 minutes from time.

It was a classy team move with Firmino finding Oxlade-Chamberlain, who expertly released Salah. The finish was sublime as he dinked a left-footer over Foster. Salah is proving a master at making the breathtaking look routine.

His 41st goal of the season equalled the Premier League record of 31 goals in a 38-game campaign. He sits level with Alan Shearer, Cristiano Ronaldo and Luis Suarez. He also equalled the club record of scoring in 23 different league games in the same season – set by Roger Hunt in the Second Division back in 1961/62.

The Golden Boot is within his grasp and surely he will return from the capital with the PFA Player of the Year award on Sunday night. West Brom looked beaten at that point but caretaker boss Darren Moore deserves credit for the mini revival he has instigated. They refused to throw in the towel. When a corner wasn't dealt with, Karius parried from Dawson and Livermore tucked away the rebound.

With Lovren on for Salah, it was effectively a back five late on and the Reds invited pressure. With two minutes to go Rondon took advantage of some slack marking to head home Chris Brunt's free-kick. '2-0 and you ***** it up', crowed the home fans who will be watching Championship football next season. The away end responded defiantly with a chant of 'bring on yer Roma by the score'.

No more distractions. The main event is at Anfield on Tuesday night.

MATCH FACTS

West Brom: Foster, Gibbs (Burke 76), Dawson, Hegazi, Nyom, Phillips, Livermore, Brunt, McClean (Evans 71), Rondon, Rodriguez (Robson-Kanu 89).

Not used: Myhill, Yacob, Krychowiak, Field.

Liverpool: Karius, Gomez, Klavan, Van Dijk, Moreno, Milner, Henderson, Wijnaldum, Mane (Oxlade-Chamberlain 66), Salah (Lovren 83), Ings (Firmino 65).

Not used: Mignolet, Robertson, Solanke, Alexander-Arnold

Referee: Stuart Attwell Attendance: 24,520 Goals: Ings 4, Salah 72, Livermore 79, Rondon 88. Bookings: Moreno

Man of the match: Virgil van Dijk. At his commanding best once again.

BIRMINGHAM MAIL

West Brom's decision to stick with Alan Pardew now seems even more painful

West Brom's never-say-die spirit under Darren Moore came to the fore as the Baggies fought back from two goals down to salvage a point against Liverpool. The Champions League semi-finalists looked home and hosed thanks to goals from Danny Ings and Mohamed Salah. But Albion refused to lie down and hit back through Jake Livermore's first goal of the season and an 89th minute header from Salomon Rondon. The Baggies remain unbeaten under Moore's caretaker charge and look increasingly like they will go down fighting.

Here's five things we learned.

Albion have Liverpool's number:

They might be Champions League semi-finalists, but the Reds just can't find a way past the Baggies. They've faced each other three times this season and Liverpool have failed to win any of them. Further proof, were it needed, that Albion can be a match on their day. Somewhat frustratingly, they haven't had anywhere near enough of those 'days'.

It shouldn't have come as a surprise:

This result will have shocked many. Especially with the Baggies trailing by two goals with only But West Brom have form against Liverpool and Liverpool have form of struggling against struggling teams. The Reds have won only one of four Premier League games this season against teams that started the day bottom of the table.

Hegazi might be in trouble:

Lord only knows what was going through Ahmed Hegazi's mind when he aimed a little dig at Danny Ings as he lay on the pitch after the pair had challenged for the ball. It would be hard to class it as even a punch. More a push, with clenched fist, into Ings' midriff. A tame blow that would not have hurt Ings half as much as he made out. But one that could elicit retrospective action, and potentially a ban, if reviewed by the Football Association. The FA can take that step if, as was the case here, the referee misses the incident. Hegazi could be hit with a three-game ban if found guilty of violent conduct.

Jonny's no fan favourite

Withdrawing James McClean, after a typically exhaustive performance from the Irishman, did not go down well with the home fans who acknowledged his efforts. But it was the identity of his replacement that really irked the Albion faithful.

Jonny Evans came on as Darren Moore went with five at the back.

The Northern Irishman, a member of the infamous 'Cab Four' out in Spain, was roundly booed. And not by a small section of the home fans.

By a large number of Baggies fans who, it would seem, can't wait to see the back of him when he almost inevitably moves on in the summer.

Albion are not going down quietly:

Alan Pardew wanted to save the Baggies, but if they were to get relegated on his watch, he wanted them to go down fighting rather than "with a whimper". It will be certainly be the former under Big Dave who has clearly got the players pulling in one direction and believing in each other.

With each passing week and positive result, the board's decision to stick with Pardew and not show faith in Moore becomes more and more painful and no less frustrating.

Where might the Baggies be had Pardew walked sooner?

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THE INDEPENDENT ON SUNDAY

Salomon Rondon strikes late to rescue point for West Brom as Liverpool stumble ahead of Roma visit

West Bromwich Albion rained on Mohamed Salah's parade as the Premier League's bottom club staged a fine comeback to claim a 2-2 draw against Liverpool at The Hawthorns.

Salah's record-equalling goal gave the Reds a 2-0 lead with just 18 minutes remaining and seemed certain to help them tune up for their Champions League semi-final with a Premier League victory.

Yet Albion bagged two goals in the final eight minutes through Jake Livermore and Salomon Rondon to deliver an unexpected blow to Jurgen Klopp's side three days from their big meeting with Roma.

Danny Ings looked set to take the headlines with his first goal in more than two years. Salah then appeared to steal top billing as he bagged his 41st goal of a stunning debut season with the Reds.

But even the free-scoring Egyptian was upstaged in part by Livermore and Rondon.

Salah, who will face former club Roma on Tuesday in the first leg of the Champions League last-four tie, equalled Luis Suarez's 2013-14 club record of 31 goals in a Premier League season.

And his 41st goal in all competitions means only Anfield legends Roger Hunt and Ian Rush have bagged more goals in a single campaign.

Hunt managed 42 in the second division in 1961-62 while Rush amassed 47 in 1983-84 but Salah has already secured his standing among Merseyside football royalty.

West Brom ensured he was not on the winning side, however, and six days on from their victory at Manchester United they recovered another small piece of pride in a dismal season.

Yet the Baggies, despite a vast improvement under caretaker manager Darren Moore, could still be relegated this weekend if results elsewhere go against them. Liverpool set the early pace and took less than four minutes to open the scoring from their second corner of the game.

Sadio Mane exchanged passes with James Milner before skipping past Jay Rodriguez and crossing to the edge of the six-yard box.

Georginio Wijnaldum laid it off inadvertently to Ings, who poked home from close range for his first goal since October 2015 - a period of 930 days. It was the former Burnley forward's second league start in the same period.

It took West Brom 15 minutes to cause Liverpool any alarm, and when they did Kieran Gibbs was on hand to prevent a Matt Phillips cross reaching James McClean at the far post.

Then Chris Brunt sent a long-range effort well over as the Baggies attempted to muster a response. When a Brunt pass released Rodriguez, he cut back and fed Phillips for a shot that was saved low down by Loris Karius before Liverpool stepped up the pace and Salah curled a free-kick just wide after being dragged back by fellow Egyptian Ahmed Hegazi.

Yet the hosts applied some pressure as the opening half reached its latter and when James Milner was caught in possession by Jake Livermore and his cross was fired back across goal by James McClean, a sliding Rodriguez was a whisker away from forcing it home.

Liverpool might have doubled their lead three minutes from half-time when Salah combined with Joe Gomez to free Ings, whose shot was blocked superbly by Albion goalkeeper Ben Foster.

Amid the period of West Brom promise came two moments of controversy involving Ings. First the striker appeared to be blocked off the ball by Craig Dawson but his penalty appeals were rejected. Then he looked to be punched in the chest by Hegazi as the pair grappled on the floor following a challenge.

And with 18 minutes remaining, Salah appeared to snuff out any hopes of a West Brom fightback with his record-breaking goal.

Roberto Firmino headed down a goal-kick by Karius to fellow substitute Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain, who threaded a ball for Salah to race onto a chip the advancing Foster.

But the hosts halved the arrears with 11 minutes remaining as Livermore forced the ball home after Dawson's shot was charged down in a frantic scramble.

And with two minutes left they bagged an unlikely equaliser as Brunt's free-kick was thundered home by the head of Rondon at the near post.

West Brom (4-4-2): Foster; Nyom, Dawson, Hegazi, Gibbs (Burke 76); Phillips, Livermore, Brunt, McClean (Evans 71); Rodriguez (Robson-Kanu 89), Rondon.

Subs: Myhill, Yacob, Krychowiak, Field.

Liverpool (4-3-3): Karius; Gomez, Van Dijk, Klavan, Moreno; Wijnaldum, Henderson, Milner; Salah (Lovren 84), Ings (Firmino 66), Mane (Oxlade-Chamberlain 66). Subs: Mignolet, Robertson, Solanke, Alexander-Arnold. Booked: Moreno.

The Sunday Telegraph

West Brom battlers show teeth too late with drop drawing nearer
West Bromwich Albion 2
Livermore 79, Rondon 88
Liverpool 2

Ings 4, Salah 72 Att: 24,520

It was only stalling the inevitable. The end will come soon enough, the moment other results conspire to make the mathematics unbreachable. But at the conclusion of this resolute comeback, the West Bromwich Albion fans made a noise as if the title had been won rather than relegation postponed.

"Big Dazz, there's only one Big Dazz," they chanted in the direction of Darren Moore, the stand-in manager who has taken five points from his three games in charge, after the previous eight had yielded precisely none.

How the home support must wonder what might have been had he been given the job earlier, had he been able to restore a bit of unity when it might still have counted. Coming a week after victory at Old Trafford, this point was hard-fought. Liverpool had cruised to a two-goal lead that appeared to be the perfect preparation for their Champions League semi-final against Roma on Tuesday. Goals from Danny Ings and, naturally, Mohamed Salah had given the afternoon the appearance of a stroll. But then West Brom, through a scrambled strike by Jake Livermore and a jet-propelled header from Salomon Rondon, fought back with spirit, effort and commitment, three words that would never have been associated with them under the previous hapless regime.

Liverpool's start had suggested they wanted this over and done with quickly. Jurgen Klopp had made a couple of changes ahead of Roma, but enough threat remained as became clear after just four minutes. From a corner, Sadio Mane exchanged passes with James Milner, sauntered into the box and crossed for Georginio Wijnaldum, who cushioned the ball into the VIA FC WBA path of Ings. How the much-absent striker celebrated his first goal since Brendan Rodgers was manager. Ings came close to adding another when he miscued from close-in after being set up by Salah. His manager blamed the bobble on West Brom's decision not to water the pitch. But you sense had the roles been reversed, Salah would have had no such trouble.

With Moore casting a huge, brooding touchline presence, West Brom pressed for recompense. Matt Phillips was enjoying facing Alberto Moreno, in for rested Andy Robertson, and kept tearing down the right wing. Despite the accuracy of his crosses, nothing seemed to land for a colleague. As the half reached its conclusion, the home side had three successive corners, each pinged in with venom. When James McClean fizzed in a cross that spun in front of the sliding Jay Rodriguez, it seemed to sum up West Brom's season: late, ineffectual and off-balance.

As the second half begun, Ings should have had a penalty, when tumbled by Ahmed Hegazi, and the Egyptian was lucky to remain on the pitch after applying his knuckles to Ings's rib cage. But such issues seemed irrelevant when Salah dashed on to substitute Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain's through-ball and chipped Ben Foster for his 31st Premier League goal this season - a strike that put him level with Alan Shearer, Luis Suarez and Cristiano Ronaldo in the records. It was a finish that appeared to have killed the game. Until two late set-pieces allowed the most unlikely of comebacks, Livermore finishing off a free-for-all from a corner before Rondon powered in Chris Brunt's freekick. "Unfortunately for them, it is a useless point," said Klopp. Sadly for the calm, dignified, impressive Moore, he is right.

West Bromwich Albion (4-3-3) Foster 6; Nyom 6, Hegazi 5, Dawson 6, Gibbs 6 (Burke 76); Livermore 7, McClean 6 (Evans 71), Brunt 6; Phillips 8, Rondon 7, Rodriguez 6 (Robson-Kanu 88). Subs Myhill, Yacob, Krychowiak, Field.
Liverpool (4-3-3) Karius 6; Gomez 6, Klavan 6, Van Dijk 7, Moreno 5; Wijnaldum 6, Milner 6, Henderson 6; Salah 7 (Lovren 83), Ings 6 (Firmino 66), Mane 7 (Oxlade-Chamberlain 66). Subs Mignolet, Robertson, Solanke, Alexander-Arnold. Booked: Moreno.

Referee S Attwell (Warwickshire).

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THE SUNDAY TIMES

Klopp red-faced after West Brom rally

WEST BROM 2

Livermore 79, Rondon 88

LIVERPOOL 2

Ings 4, Salah 72

Danny Ings' first goal in 930 days, Mohamed Salah maintaining his personal revision of the Liverpool goalscoring record books, key players watching from the bench; this was turning into the perfect pre-Roma preparation for Jurgen Klopp at The Hawthorns yesterday.

But whatever the debate about the quality of the Premier League, there can be no doubting the domestic game's inexhaustible ability to offer drama and unpredictability, as Salomon Rondon proved when he rose to head in an 88th-minute equaliser for a West Brom side who are days from relegation.

To that list of the Premier League's qualities can also be added the catalogue of excuses produced by the league's managers. Forget Salah or Jordan Henderson, some of the most imaginative and creative work from a Liverpool employee yesterday came from Klopp as he sought to blame a dry Hawthorns playing surface for his team throwing away a two-goal lead. "I know what people will think about it if I say it, but the pitch got drier and drier, which is not an advantage for the footballplaying side," said Klopp. "You could see that with the second chance Danny had.

"I'm a big football fan. You have to try to do everything to make the best circumstances for all the boys to deliver. But we let the home team decide whether they water the pitch or not.

"It's not just for football but also it is dangerous for injuries if the pitch is dry. A hundred per cent, I wouldn't have said anything about that if we had won but this is all what I see during the game." At least Klopp, who was last heard moaning about a dry playing surface — in this case his own — after a game with Southampton a year ago, confessed he would not have complained had his side won.

"It wasn't a ploy," responded Albion coach Darren Moore, looking slightly perplexed when asked if the tactic had been deliberate. "It was a really hot day today!" On the other issue concerning two refereeing decisions, however, Klopp had a far more sympathetic audience as he was asked whether Ings should have had a second-half penalty after clashing with Craig Dawson, and if Ahmed Hegazi should have been shown red for appearing to punch the same Liverpool player in the chest as they tussled on the ground. "What did you think?" asked Klopp. "Was it a penalty? Yes. Hegazi on Ings is a red card? Yes. I think the same, we agree. So you can see it, I can see it, but that's not important. All that is important is what the three or four gentlemen with the whistles think."

Had either of those decisions gone Liverpool's way, it would have been hard to imagine Albion salvaging anything from a game in which they trailed after just four minutes when Ings, starting only his second league game in two-and-a-half years, ended a goal drought dating back to scoring against Everton in 2015, just before his wretched run of knee injuries started. A well-worked corner ended with Sadio Mane crossing into the six-yard area and Georginio Wijnaldum setting up Ings, who drove the ball home emphatically.

Albion improved after that shaky start but there was still little to trouble Loris Karius, who actually had a hand in Salah scoring the 31st league goal — and 41st overall — of his extraordinary campaign on 72 minutes. Roberto Firmino headed on a long punt from the goalkeeper and Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain then played in Salah, who finished clinically, lifting the ball over Ben Foster from eight yards.

At that stage, Klopp could not have been happier. Five probable starters for Tuesday's Champions League semi-final first leg at Anfield had been rested and his side were coasting to three points that would have left a topfour finish all but certain. With the game apparently over and relegation all but sealed, bottom club Albion responded on 78 minutes when Chris Brunt's corner was headed back across goal by Jay Rodriguez and, after a Dawson shot had been saved, Jake Livermore rammed home the loose ball.

Suitably encouraged, The Hawthorns responded. Liverpool's defence visibly wilted, Joe Gomez brought down Oliver Burke — a decision disputed by Klopp, of course — and Brunt was given a free kick which he planted onto the head of Rondon, who beat Dejan Lovren to the ball.

Star man: Virgil van Dijk (Liverpool) Yellow card: Liverpool: Moreno Referee: S Attwell Attendance: 24,520 West Brom: Foster 7, Nyom 6, Dawson 7, Hegazi 6, Gibbs 6 (Burke 76min, 6), Phillips 7, Livermore 7, Brunt 8, McClean 6 (Evans 70min, 6), Rondon 7, Rodriguez 7 (Robson-Kanu 88min, 6) Substitutes: Myhill, Yacob, Krychowiak, Field Liverpool: Karius 6, Gomez 6, Van Dijk 8, Klavan 5, Moreno 5, Wijnaldum 6, Henderson 6, Milner 6, Salah 7 (Lovren 83min, 6), Ings 7 (Firmino 65min, 6), Mane 6 (Oxlade-Chamberlain 65min, 7) Substitutes: Mignolet, Robertson, Solanke, Alexander-Arnold

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West Brom produced a "useless comeback" by scoring two late goals to take a point at the Hawthorns, says Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp. The hosts were 2-0 down after 79 minutes - Danny Ings and Mohamed Salah on target for the Reds - before goals from Jake Livermore and Salomon Rondon. However the Baggies will be relegated on Sunday if Swansea beat Manchester City.

"I don't think that point will help West Brom massively, it is a complete waste of points. They don't need it, we would have needed it," Klopp added.

"They are happy now, we are not happy. We stay in the league, they don't stay in the league - it is a strange situation."

The German also criticised the Hawthorns' "dry pitch" after the draw.

The host's comeback started when Livermore scrambled home at a corner for his first goal at the club before Rondon headed in Chris Brunt's free-kick in the 88th minute.

Salah had earlier continued his brilliant form with a chipped second-half finish which takes him to 31 Premier League goals this season and sees him equal the record for a 38-game campaign.

Liverpool, who made five changes to their starting line-up with their Champions League semi-final on Tuesday in mind, were ahead after just four minutes through Ings.

The Englishman, who was making just his second start under Jurgen Klopp, stroked home from six yards for his first goal since October 2015.

The draw ensures West Brom caretaker manager Darren Moore extends his unbeaten start in charge, but his side remain bottom, eight points from safety with three games left.

Moore's Baggies continue to show fight

West Brom have been hapless for much of the season, winning just one point in 18 games during Alan Pardew's four months in charge, but in the past two games they have shown plenty of spirit against two of the league's best teams.

They beat Manchester United last weekend and have now followed that with another morale-boosting showing against Liverpool.

The Baggies battled throughout the game and caused Liverpool problems, particularly with crosses into the box, but when Salah added Liverpool's second in 72nd minute, most in the ground believed the result was sealed.

"We're really delighted," Moore said. "Another positive result and solid performance against a very good team.

"Today we've earned that result. The support, players and staff have all come together.

"The big thing for me is the togetherness."

Despite the comeback, however, there seemed to be a feeling of proud resignation at full-time: the crowd applauded but were not celebratory and Rondon crouched to his knees.

They are still two points below 19th-placed Stoke and eight adrift of Swansea in 17th who have played two games fewer.

"I will only look to the game ahead," Moore said. "This game was a massive hurdle and to come out with a positive performance and a point, we will see what happens this weekend."

By adding another draw to the win and a draw in his first two games in charge, Moore has at least further strengthened his claim for the job on a permanent basis regardless of which division West Brom are playing in next season.

However, when asked about his future at full-time Moore was again non-committal, saying "it is about the next game".

Late lapses cost changed Liverpool

It looked like Liverpool were on course to collect three points despite Klopp resting forward Roberto Firmino, midfielder Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain and defenders Trent Alexander-Arnold, Dejan Lovren and Andrew Robertson. But despite taking the lead, with Joe Gomez, Ragnar Klavan and Alberto Moreno recalled in defence, Liverpool always looked shaky at the back.

West Brom did not create much from open play but they often caused trouble at set pieces and it was defending at a free-kick and a corner which cost the Reds the win.

But Klopp will still be pleased that they completed the game without any injury scares and they remain eight points clear of fifth-placed Chelsea.

Salah's 31st league goal took him alongside Alan Shearer, Cristiano Ronaldo and Luis Suarez, who share the record for a 38-game season.

And Ings, who has recovered from two serious knee injuries, scored his first goal in 930 days and he celebrated his early strike with plenty of emotion.

"It has been a long time," Ings said. "I've had to climb a huge mountain to get into this position. But I would have sacrificed that for three points."

Ings was also involved in an incident with West Brom's Ahmed Hegazi when the Egyptian appeared to punch the striker, albeit with little force.

Klopp criticises Hawthorns pitch

Klopp also described the match as a "difficult game" because of the "dry pitch" at the Hawthorns.

"West Brom decided not to water the pitch at half-time and that makes it difficult," the German said.

"It makes a massive difference. A team like West Brom do not need a wet pitch, they can do it next year playing on a dry pitch in the Championship."

Moore responded to those comments by saying the pitch "was not a tactic" and was "the same for both teams".

"It was a hot afternoon - we watered the pitch before the game," said Moore.

"The heat has dried out the pitch."

Man of the match - Matt Phillips

The best stats

West Brom avoided defeat in a Premier League game in which they were two goals down for the first time since February 2015.

Salomon Rondon has equalled the record for most Premier League games scored in a single season without winning any of them [seven, level with Jordan Ayew in 2015-16].

Salah is just the fifth player in Premier League history to register more than 40 goal involvements in a single season [31 goals, nine assists] - also Alan Shearer [47 in 1994-95], Andrew Cole [47 in 1993-94], Thierry Henry [44 in 2002-03] and Luis Suarez [43 in 2013-14].

Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain has been directly involved in 10 Premier League goals this season, (three goals, seven assists), his best-ever haul in the competition.

Oxlade-Chamberlain has provided more Premier League assists for Salah [five] than he has for any other player in the competition.

Jake Livermore scored his first goal for West Brom in what was his 50th appearance in all competitions.

Chris Brunt has provided 50 assists for West Brom in the Premier League, 26 more than any other player [James Morrison on 24]. He is the first Northern Ireland player to reach this feat in the competition.

What's next?

West Brom travel to Newcastle next Saturday (15:00 BST) while Liverpool follow their European exploits with a home game against Stoke earlier the same day. (12:30 BST).

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Match ends, West Bromwich Albion 2, Liverpool 2.
90'+5' Second Half ends, West Bromwich Albion 2, Liverpool 2.
90'+4' Roberto Firmino (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
90'+4' Foul by Craig Dawson (West Bromwich Albion.
90'+3' Attempt missed. James Milner (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is too high. Assisted by Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain.
90'+2' Attempt blocked. Matt Phillips (West Bromwich Albion header from the centre of the box is blocked. Assisted by Salomón Rondón with a cross.
89' Substitution, West Bromwich Albion. Hal Robson-Kanu replaces Jay Rodriguez.
88' Goal! West Bromwich Albion 2, Liverpool 2. Salomón Rondón (West Bromwich Albion header from the centre of the box to the top left corner. Assisted by Chris Brunt with a cross following a set piece situation.
88' Foul by Joseph Gomez (Liverpool.
88' Oliver Burke (West Bromwich Albion wins a free kick on the left wing.
86' Attempt saved. Salomón Rondón (West Bromwich Albion right footed shot from the right side of the box is saved in the centre of the goal.
86' Attempt missed. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool header from the left side of the box misses to the right. Assisted by Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain with a cross.
84' James Millner (Liverpool wins a free kick on the left wing.
84' Foul by Allan Nyom (West Bromwich Albion.
84' Substitution, Liverpool. Dejan Lovren replaces Mohamed Salah.
83' Ragnar Klavan (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
83' Foul by Salomón Rondón (West Bromwich Albion.
80' Hand ball by Jonny Evans (West Bromwich Albion.
80' Offside, Liverpool. Loris Karius tries a through ball, but Mohamed Salah is caught offside.
79' Goal! West Bromwich Albion 1, Liverpool 2. Jake Livermore (West Bromwich Albion right footed shot from very close range to the centre of the goal following a corner.
79' Attempt saved. Craig Dawson (West Bromwich Albion left footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Jay Rodriguez.
78' Corner, West Bromwich Albion. Conceded by Ragnar Klavan.
76' Substitution, West Bromwich Albion. Oliver Burke replaces Kieran Gibbs.
74' Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.
74' Foul by Jonny Evans (West Bromwich Albion.
72' Goal! West Bromwich Albion 0, Liverpool 2. Mohamed Salah (Liverpool left footed shot from the centre of the box to the high centre of the goal. Assisted by Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain.
71' Substitution, West Bromwich Albion. Jonny Evans replaces James McClean.
70' Attempt saved. Salomón Rondón (West Bromwich Albion right footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the bottom right corner.
70' Attempt missed. Craig Dawson (West Bromwich Albion right footed shot from the centre of the box is close, but misses to the right following a set piece situation.
69' Alberto Moreno (Liverpool is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.
69' Foul by Alberto Moreno (Liverpool).
69' Matt Phillips (West Bromwich Albion wins a free kick on the right wing.
66' Substitution, Liverpool. Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain replaces Sadio Mané.
66' Substitution, Liverpool. Roberto Firmino replaces Danny Ings.
64' Joseph Gomez (Liverpool wins a free kick on the right wing.
64' Foul by James McClean (West Bromwich Albion.
63' Attempt blocked. Mohamed Salah (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by James Milner.
62' Offside, Liverpool. James Milner tries a through ball, but Mohamed Salah is caught offside.
59' Corner, West Bromwich Albion. Conceded by Virgil van Dijk.
58' Foul by Danny Ings (Liverpool).
58' Ahmed Hegazi (West Bromwich Albion wins a free kick in the defensive half.
56' Attempt missed. Ahmed Hegazi (West Bromwich Albion header from the centre of the box is high and wide to the left. Assisted by Chris Brunt following a set piece situation.
55' Foul by Danny Ings (Liverpool).
55' Ahmed Hegazi (West Bromwich Albion wins a free kick in the attacking half.
52' Foul by James Milner (Liverpool).
52' Kieran Gibbs (West Bromwich Albion wins a free kick in the defensive half.
51' Sadio Mané (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.
51' Foul by Kieran Gibbs (West Bromwich Albion).
50' Attempt missed. James McClean (West Bromwich Albion left footed shot from outside the box misses to the right. Assisted by Matt Phillips.
Second Half begins West Bromwich Albion 0, Liverpool 1.
45'+2' First Half ends, West Bromwich Albion 0, Liverpool 1.
44' Attempt missed. Allan Nyom (West Bromwich Albion right footed shot from more than 35 yards misses to the right.
42' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Ahmed Hegazi.
42' Attempt saved. Danny Ings (Liverpool left footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the centre of the goal.
37' Attempt missed. James McClean (West Bromwich Albion left footed shot from a difficult angle on the left misses to the right. Assisted by Jake Livermore with a cross.
36' Corner, West Bromwich Albion. Conceded by Danny Ings.
35' Corner, West Bromwich Albion. Conceded by Ragnar Klavan.
34' Corner, West Bromwich Albion. Conceded by Joseph Gomez.
33' Corner, West Bromwich Albion. Conceded by Joseph Gomez.
29' Danny Ings (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
29' Foul by Salomón Rondón (West Bromwich Albion).
27' Mohamed Salah (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.
27' Foul by Kieran Gibbs (West Bromwich Albion).

26' Attempt missed. Mohamed Salah (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is close, but misses to the right from a direct free kick.
25' Mohamed Salah (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.
25' Foul by Ahmed Hegazi (West Bromwich Albion).
24' Attempt missed. Danny Ings (Liverpool header from the centre of the box is too high. Assisted by James Milner with a cross.
22' Attempt saved. Matt Phillips (West Bromwich Albion left footed shot from the right side of the box is saved in the bottom right corner. Assisted by Jay Rodriguez.
18' Attempt missed. Chris Brunt (West Bromwich Albion right footed shot from outside the box is high and wide to the right.
16' Offside, West Bromwich Albion. Craig Dawson tries a through ball, but Jake Livermore is caught offside.
15' Corner, West Bromwich Albion. Conceded by Joseph Gomez.
11' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Jake Livermore.
11' Attempt blocked. Mohamed Salah (Liverpool left footed shot from the right side of the box is blocked. Assisted by Joseph Gomez.
5' Sadio Mané (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
5' Foul by Allan Nyom (West Bromwich Albion).
4' Goal! West Bromwich Albion 0, Liverpool 1. Danny Ings (Liverpool left footed shot from the centre of the box to the centre of the goal. Assisted by Georginio Wijnaldum following a corner.
4' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Allan Nyom.
3' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Craig Dawson.
2' Ragnar Klavan (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
2' Foul by Salomón Rondón (West Bromwich Albion).
First Half begins.
Lineups are announced and players are warming up.