Klopp Crashes out the Champions League

By Abby

It’s been 9 months since Liverpool were titles of Europe, but their hopes for a successive title were crushed when Atletico Madrid snatched this dream from Klopp’s hands in a 3-2 defeat at Anfield yesterday night. The Reds lost 4-2 on aggregate in the last-16 round of the Champions League.

With Liverpool’s success in the Premiership this season filling fans with arrogance, the Reds had thought they could overturn Atletico’s 1-0 aggregate advantage. But no! Fans thought they had succeeded when Fermino scored Liverpool’s second goal of the match within the first 5 minutes of extra time. But goalkeeper Adrian’s silly errors allowed Llorente and Morata to stop these hopes in their tracks, when they both scored in extra time.

Klopp was left baffled and “searching for the right words” in his interview after the defeat and was staggered by his side’s failure to win the game. With much of the possession and goal scoring opportunities being created by the Reds, it was a disappointing game for supporters as they watched their team fail to capitalise of the opportunities that landed in their laps.

This is Liverpool’s first defeat at home in Europe since October 2014. Captain Henderson said that his team’s loss was down to a lapse in concentration, stating that it cost the team their win. He was determined that his team “take it on the chin” and was adamant that the derby next week was “what the focus needs to change to very quickly.”

Klopp’s side will play Everton on Monday 16th where Liverpool will hope to extend their lead to 28 wins, as they chase the Premier League title.

Hopefully, Liverpool’s successful run will also come crashing down, so that Manchester City can overthrow them and retake the top spot.