

Liverpool 4-0 Manchester United: Yoroâ??s eighth-minute red card sinks Pochettinoâ??s first game

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Mauricio Pochettinoâ??s first match as Manchester United manager was an 11-a-side contest for eight minutes. Leny Yoro was sent off for a last-man foul on Alexander Isak, Dominik Szoboszlai scored from the free-kick, and Liverpool won 4-0 at Anfield on Sunday 22 November, in a game that kicked off at 12.30am on Monday in Singapore.



Rio Ngumoha after scoring Liverpoolâ??s third goal against Manchester United at Anfield on 22 November 2026. Photo: Liverpool FC

Liverpool are fourth on 21 points, one behind Brighton and Manchester City and seven off leaders Arsenal. They were the only side in the top four to win this weekend: Arsenal drew 2-2 at Newcastle, City drew 1-1 with Fulham and Brighton lost 2-0 at Hull. United have eight points and one league win from 11 games, and sit 19th, a point behind Sunderland and Nottingham Forest.

The red card that shaped the afternoon

Liverpool had already gone close twice through Bradley Barcola when Ronald Araujo lifted a ball over the United defence. Isak got to it just ahead of Yoro on the edge of the area and the defender brought

him down. Referee Sam Barrott showed a straight red.

Szoboszlai drove the free-kick low into the bottom corner. Three minutes later Rio Ngumoha found a yard of space on the left, crossed past Diogo Dalot, and Florian Wirtz hooked a volley on the turn in off the underside of the bar. It was 2-0 after 13 minutes.

Pochettino took off Bryan Mbeumo for Harry Maguire midway through the half, then sent on Joshua Zirkzee for Matheus Cunha at half-time. Senne Lammens kept United in it for a while with a run of saves, and Isak skewed one clear chance into the stand before half-time.

Ngumoha and MuÃ±oz finish the job

The third goal came in the 66th minute, moments after United brought on Mason Mount and Noussair Mazraoui. Barcola sprinted clear down the right and squared the ball, and Ngumoha finished first time. Substitute VÃctor MuÃ±oz made it four in the 82nd minute from a Wirtz pass.

Bruno Fernandes had Unitedâ??s best moment in stoppage time, but Alisson Becker saved one on one to keep the clean sheet. Wirtz, who scored one and set up another, was voted Liverpoolâ??s player of the match by the clubâ??s supporters.

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What the two managers made of it

Liverpool head coach Andoni Iraola had no doubt about the decision. â??Itâ??s clearly a foul, heâ??s the last player, he goes against the â??keeper,â?• he said. He added that his side â??have to especially not give them any moment to believe, or any hopeâ?•.

Pochettino did not agree with the red card and argued that United should have had a penalty moments earlier for a JÃ©rÃ©my Jacquet challenge on Mbeumo. â??Itâ??s so painful, we feel pain for that defeat, but we need to keep the head up and translate that anger to an energy,â?• he said.

What comes next

United travel to Sporting in the Champions League this week, then host Brentford at Old Trafford on Saturday 28 November at 11pm Singapore time. Liverpool go to Everton for the Merseyside derby on Sunday 29 November, with kick-off at 8pm in Singapore.

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