

Jürgen Klopp: The Normal One



1) Discussion

- a) Who are your favourite managers in the Premier League?
 - b) Who are your favourite German managers?
 - c) Who are the most important managers in the world?
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2) Vocabulary

a) Match the vocabulary to the definition.

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| 1) To begin (verb) | a) To grow up or become more developed. |
| 2) Crucial (adjective) | b) A period of 10 years. |
| 3) To form (verb) | c) To start something. |
| 4) Turnaround (noun) | d) A big change from bad to good. |
| 5) Decade (noun) | e) Very important. |
| 6) To mature (verb) | f) To make or create something. |
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b) Complete the sentences with the vocabulary from exercise 2a.

To Begin

Crucial

To Form

Turnaround

Decade

To Mature

- 1) Cesc Fàbregas _____ at Arsenal before returning to FC Barcelona.
- 2) She scored her first goal at the weekend to _____ her career at Chelsea.
- 3) Javier Zanetti played at Inter Milan for almost 2 _____.
- 4) Manchester City's _____ came after they were bought by the Abu Dhabi group.
- 5) Winning the first European Cup was _____ for Real Madrid's history.
- 6) Xavi and Iniesta _____ an amazing partnership in midfield.



3) Quick Read - Read the article quickly and answer the question.

a) Why is Klopp loved by Liverpool fans?

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Jürgen Klopp became Liverpool's manager in October 2015. Before he arrived, Liverpool was not doing well. The team was not winning many games, and the fans were unhappy. Klopp came from Borussia Dortmund, where he had won many trophies.

When Klopp began at Liverpool, the team had many problems. They finished 8th in the Premier League in his first season. However, they reached the finals of the League Cup and Europa League but did not win. Even though they lost, Klopp's style of play, called "gegenpressing," started to show.

Klopp bought important players to improve the team. Virgil van Dijk joined in January 2018. He became a crucial defender for Liverpool. Alisson Becker, the goalkeeper, joined in the summer of 2018. He made the team's defence much stronger. In attack, Klopp signed Mohamed Salah and Sadio Mané. They formed an amazing partnership over the next 5 years. Klopp also signed good midfielders like Fabinho and Georginio Wijnaldum.

In the 2018-2019 season, Liverpool finished second in the Premier League with 97 points, just behind Manchester City. But they won a sixth Champions League by beating Tottenham Hotspur 2-0 in the final, after completing an amazing turnaround to beat Barcelona 4-3 in the semi-final.

The next season, Liverpool won the Premier League for the first time in 3 decades. They finished with 99 points and were champions with seven games left to play.

Klopp is very popular with Liverpool fans. He made a strong connection between the team and the supporters. Players like Jordan Henderson and



Trent Alexander-Arnold improved a lot under Klopp. He also helped young players mature and become amazing footballers.

Jürgen Klopp changed Liverpool from an average team to one of the best in Europe. He brought back success and made the fans happy again. For Liverpool fans, Klopp is not just a manager, but a hero.

4) Discussion

- a) What do you think about Klopp's career at Liverpool?
- b) Do you like the football that Klopp plays?
- c) Where do you think he will manage next?
- d) Who are your top 5 Premier League managers ever?

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- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____

