

'They are brilliant', Liverpool fans line streets to honour idols

Under **leaden** English skies, **Liverpool** became a carnival of red on Sunday as the football-mad city **hailed** its heroes for bringing home the Champions League **trophy** for the first time in 14 years.

leaden 铅灰色的；沉闷的

Liverpool 利物浦

hail 致敬；欢呼

trophy 奖品

It followed an **epic** season in which Liverpool **narrowly** missed out on a first league title in three decades, causing **agony** — now somewhat relieved — for fans impatient to end the long wait.

epic 史诗的；英雄的

narrowly 勉强地；狭窄地；仔细地

agony 苦恼；痛苦

ecstatic 狂喜的

Celebrations ran late into the night in Liverpool city centre, as **ecstatic** supporters danced drunkenly in the streets singing a **repertoire** of the club's **anthems**.

repertoire 全部节目

anthem 圣歌

The morning after, **bleary-eyed** fans began streaming back onto the streets ahead of the parade, which worked its way slowly towards the city centre.

bleary 朦胧的；模糊的

A **jubilant** atmosphere **rippled** through the city, as all manner of Liverpool flags flew from buildings and cars, drivers sounded **horns** and fans carried everything from banners to balloon replicas of the trophy.

jubilant 欢呼的

ripple 涟漪；波纹

horn 喇叭

Aleisha Tipton, 23, from nearby Cheshire, staked out a prime spot near the **waterfront** end-point. "We don't care about waiting all afternoon to see them," she said of her heroes as light rain started to fall.

waterfront 海滨

"It can rain all day, we don't care!" She was wearing a **commemorative** scarf from 2005, when Liverpool last won the competition in a memorable **come-from-behind** victory over AC Milan in **Istanbul**. "This time is better for me as I was only nine then."

commemorative 纪念的

come-from-behind 后来居上

Istanbul 伊斯坦布尔

For her granddad Ken Jones, 79, this Liverpool team is up there with the best he has seen. "They're brilliant," he said. "I don't think they could replace them with anything better."