

= 1979 FA Charity Shield =

The 1979 FA Charity Shield was the 57th Charity Shield , an annual English football match played between the winners of the previous season 's Football League and FA Cup . It was held at Wembley Stadium on 11 August 1979 . The match was contested by Liverpool , champions of the 1978 ? 79 Football League and Arsenal , who beat Manchester United in the final of the 1978 ? 79 FA Cup . Watched by a crowd of 92 @, @ 800 , Liverpool won the match 3 ? 1 .

This was Arsenal 's tenth Charity Shield appearance and Liverpool 's ninth . Arsenal made no changes to the first team which played in the FA Cup Final the previous season , whereas for Liverpool new signing Avi Cohen started on the bench . In the match Liverpool took the lead in the 38th minute when Terry McDermott scored past goalkeeper Pat Jennings . They extended their lead through Kenny Dalglish in the 63rd minute before McDermott added his second two minutes later . Alan Sunderland scored a consolation for Arsenal late on .

= = Background and pre @-@ match = =

The FA Charity Shield was founded in 1908 as a successor to the Sheriff of London Charity Shield . It was a contest between the respective champions of the Football League and Southern League , and then by 1913 teams of amateur and professional players . In 1921 , it was played by the Football League champions and FA Cup winners for the first time . This was the fifth year that Wembley Stadium played host to the Shield .

Liverpool qualified for the 1979 FA Charity Shield as winners of the previous season 's First Division . Under manager Bob Paisley , the team amassed a then @-@ record points total of 68 and conceded the fewest goals in a 42 @-@ game Football League season with 16 . The other Charity Shield place went to Arsenal who beat Manchester United to win the final of the 1978 ? 79 FA Cup . Arsenal led the game 2 ? 0 , but conceded twice late into the match before retaking the lead in the 89th minute ; the final score was 3 ? 2 . The game is referred to as the " Five @-@ minute final " as three goals were scored in that time frame .

Liverpool had won three previous Shields outright (1966 , 1974 , 1976) , shared two with Manchester United (1965 and 1977) and one apiece with Everton (1986) and West Ham United (1964) . The club lost one Shield contest ? against Leicester City in 1971 . This was Arsenal 's first appearance in the Charity Shield in 10 years ; prior to the game they had won seven Shields (1930 , 1931 , 1933 , 1934 , 1938 , 1948 and 1953) , and lost two (1935 , 1936) . Before the match Paisley told reporters , " Basically it is a conditioning game , part of the process of getting the players fit " .

= = Match = =

Liverpool employed a traditional 4 ? 4 ? 2 formation , with David Johnson playing alongside Kenny Dalglish up front . Defender Avi Cohen was named on the substitutes ' bench , whereas Frank McGarvey ? signed from St Mirren in the close season ? was omitted from the matchday squad . Arsenal organised themselves similarly to their opponents and named an unchanged team from the one which won the FA Cup .

= = = Summary = = =

Liverpool dominated the opening exchanges , but struggled to create clear @-@ cut chances . They almost went a goal behind when Frank Stapleton 's header forced goalkeeper Ray Clemence into action . Seven minutes before the interval , Terry McDermott scored for Liverpool . The midfielder collected a pass from Ray Kennedy who surged through the centre , turned left and from outside the penalty area struck the ball low into the bottom left @-@ hand corner . Arsenal began the second half with more vigour , but struggled to suppress Liverpool 's attacks . Alan Kennedy found space to shoot after a one @-@ two with Ray , but his effort went over the post . Arsenal were

forced to make a substitution around the hour mark after Sammy Nelson collided with McDermott and was concussed ; Willie Young replaced him . Liverpool extended their lead minutes later . Alan Hansen intercepted an Arsenal attack , strode forward and passed the ball to Dalglish . The striker approached the penalty area , cut inside Steve Walford and curled the ball into the right @-@ hand corner . John Hollins came on for David Price , at which point Liverpool scored their third . Dalglish dispossessed Liam Brady , but tripped himself in the process . Johnson collected the ball and played it back to Dalglish , who charged forward and sprayed a pass towards McDermott , the furthest forward player on the right . The midfielder 's shot went under the legs of Pat Jennings and into the goal . Alan Sunderland scored a late goal for Arsenal having combined well with Stapleton . This did not dampen the spirits of the Liverpool spectators , who chanted , " What 's it like to be outclassed ? " and , " Why are we so great ? " during the course of the 90 minutes .

= = = Details = = =

= = Post @-@ match = =

Liverpool 's performance was greeted with applause from both sets of supporters as Phil Thompson led his team up to the Royal Box to receive the Charity Shield . Paisley was delighted with the manner of his team 's win and quipped , " I am just sorry we didn 't get two points for it ! " He praised the Wembley surface and said of McDermott 's first goal " [It] captured what we are looking for ? the run , the control and the finish were perfect . " Arsenal manager Terry Neill described the match as a " great advertisement for football " and felt his side contributed greatly in periods . Of his opponents , he said : " Liverpool are a smashing side and I don 't expect to meet anyone better this season . " Indeed , Liverpool went on to retain the First Division title , withstanding pressure from Manchester United and ending their league campaign on 60 points . Arsenal finished three places behind in fourth , and reached the finals of the FA Cup and UEFA Cup Winners ' Cup , only to end the season empty @-@ handed .