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THE TIMES

Mane pounces to snatch points after Barkley's escape

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The red mist that hung over Goodison Park at the final whistle was caused by Liverpool celebrations, sparked by a firework thrown in the delirium that followed Sadio Mane's winning goal in the fourth minute of stoppage time. They had left it extremely late, but ultimately Liverpool deserved a dramatic Merseyside derby victory that took them back up to second in the Premier League, six points adrift of Chelsea. To that point, it had seemed the biggest talking point of the night would be the red mist that consumed Ross Barkley midway through the second half, when he was lucky to escape with a yellow card for a wild lunge on Jordan Henderson. Everton had run out of steam since a strong start and were left clinging on in the hope of securing a point. Ronald Koeman had made his substitutions in less than ideal circumstances -- Gareth Barry and Joel Robles replacing the injured James McCarthy and Maarten Stekelenburg and then sending on Dominic Calvert-Lewin, the teenager -- whereas Jurgen Klopp bided his time before introducing Daniel Sturridge in the closing stages as Liverpool, dominating possession, went in search of the winning goal. Klopp said on Friday that while Sturridge was not fully fit after a calf injury, it would be "fantastic" to be able to use him for 20 minutes against Everton. As it transpired, he held Sturridge back until the 80th minute, but that was still time enough for him to make an impact. Deep into stoppage time, the England forward created space for himself on the edge of the penalty area and tried his luck with a low shot that beat Robles, the substitute goalkeeper, and struck the base of the post. Mane was the quickest to react, converting the loose ball to secure a precious victory. The dramatic timing evoked memories of Gary McAllister's famous winner for Liverpool at the same end of the ground in this fixture in April 2001 and left Everton's supporters with what has become a familiar sinking feeling in the fixture they await more anxiously than any other. Of 34 Merseyside derby matches played in the Premier League since the turn of the century, Everton have won just three. For Ronald Koeman, it was an unhappy introduction to the fixture on an evening that had initially been full of promise.

In the build-up, Koeman had toyed with the idea of a change of formation, wondering whether the best way to frustrate Liverpool was by switching to a three-man central defence. As it transpired, he went for the familiarity of the 4-2-3-1 formation that brought victory over Arsenal six nights earlier and, on the basis of the first half-hour, in which Everton seemed to be beating their rivals to every loose ball, it looked like the right decision. It was the kind of tenacious, impassioned start that Everton's supporters demand, particularly against these opponents. Klopp is used to seeing his team force the tempo, outworking the opposition off the ball as well as on it, but this time the boot was on the other foot. Klopp said that Liverpool had prepared for a "wild game", but for a time they looked surprised by Everton's intensity. In the space of five minutes Idrissa Gueye beat Roberto Firmino to a 50-50 challenge, Enner Valencia beat Ragnar Klavan in the air and James Milner was tackled by Seamus Coleman. Briefly, this began to look like a return to the mid-1990s and Joe Royle's "dogs of war".

It was hard but fair and it knocked Liverpool out of their stride, but not for long. Everton could not maintain the intensity of that first halfhour, while Klavan stabilised alongside Lovren in the Liverpool defence. The first half ended without a shot on target -- only the second time that had happened in the Premier League this season, after Swansea City against Sunderland -- but there were signs, as the interval approached, that Liverpool were finding their rhythm.

On 38 minutes there was a slick counterattack involving Milner, Firmino and Adam Lallana before Mane wrong-footed the home defence with a body swerve and Georginio Wijnaldum found Nathaniel Clyne in the penalty area. Clyne picked out Divock Origi, but the forward could not quite wrap his foot around the ball and his shot flew wide of the near post.

Everton threatened two minutes before half-time, Ramiro Funes Mori heading narrowly wide from a Barkley corner, but they were already fading as an attacking force. The loss of McCarthy hindered them farther, with Barry, his replacement, unable to bring the same intensity. That long-awaited first shot on target came four minutes into the second half, when Milner's pass sent Firmino clear of Funes Mori. Stekelenburg rushed out to make the save, but Firmino should have done better. So too should Lallana and Origi, who got in each other's way as Firmino tried to make amends. As the second half went on, Firmino produced a clever flick to send Mane into the penalty area, where Leighton Baines and Stekelenburg collided in their desperation to thwart the forward. It prevented a goal, but Stekelenburg was forced to hobble off for Robles. Things were getting strained. Some of the chants on the terraces gave the lie to the old notion of the "friendly derby", while tempers flared when Barkley made an ugly late challenge on Henderson near the touchline. Lovren lobbied for a red card, which understandably irked his opponents, even if the Liverpool defender had a point. As it was, Barkley was shown the yellow, as was Coleman for his role in the shoving that ensued. Lovren, too, was pushing his luck. The momentum was all with Liverpool, who could clearly sense there was a winning goal to be had. Robles was sent scrambling to his right by Firmino's volley.

By now, Koeman's team were pinned against the ropes and there was almost a sense of inevitability about the knockout punch when it arrived in stoppage time. As the red mist subsided, the Everton supporters were left feeling blue once more.

the guardian

Sadio Mané's injury-time winner earns Liverpool dramatic derby victory

Red flares fell from the Bulls Road stand housing Liverpool's supporters but there was no sign of distress. They were signals of the delight, ecstasy and pandemonium that accompanies a stoppage-time winner in the Merseyside derby and the kind of victory that announces a Premier League title contender with resolve. The distress was everywhere else around Everton's old stadium. Jürgen Klopp covered his face in disbelief and delight when Sadio Mané reacted quickest to settle the 227th Merseyside derby in the 94th minute. His first visit to Goodison Park had revealed two sides of Liverpool, passive in the face of a high-octane Everton performance in the first half, superior in the second and the team more likely to win a derby high on attrition but low on quality.

When the fourth official signalled eight minutes of stoppage time -- the consequence of Everton losing their goalkeeper Maarten Stekelenburg to injury and a Ross Barkley foul on Jordan Henderson that should have resulted in a dismissal -- Liverpool sensed opportunity. Everton, without a win in 12 derbies and tiring from their first-half exertions, feared the worst.

The substitute Daniel Sturridge weaved across the home penalty area and away from an exhausted Leighton Baines. His low shot deflected beyond the reach of the replacement goalkeeper Joel Robles, struck a post and, with Mané far sharper than Ramiro Funes Mori and Ashley Williams, the Senegal international converted from close range to give Klopp a night to savour. He is the first manager in Liverpool's history to win his first two derbies but moving within six points of the relentless Premier League leaders Chelsea is the statistic that will mean more. Liverpool showed character plus evidence of strength in depth to recover from a subdued start and claim a victory that means in all competitions they have won as many derbies at Goodison as Everton. There was disruption in defence with Joël Matip again sidelined by an ankle injury but, with Ragnar Klavan dominating Romelu Lukaku, they gained a second successive clean sheet in the Premier League.

Klopp introduced Sturridge, Emre Can and Lucas Leiva from the substitutes' bench to good effect. Ronald Koeman lost both James McCarthy and Stekelenburg to injury and had to turn to Dominic Calvert-Lewin, a teenager signed from Sheffield United in the summer, when seeking a second-half threat.

The differences told. The Everton manager admitted Barkley could have seen red for his foul on Henderson but claimed Dejan Lovren should have collected a second yellow card for his part in the mêlée that followed. Koeman's biggest gripe should have been the complete absence of threat from his team, even when on top in the first half.

Everton started as their manager had requested -- for once -- showing the intensity and alertness that underpinned their recovery at home to Arsenal last week. Klopp had expected that tempo from his opponents, their desire to widen the play through Séamus Coleman in particular at right-back and willingness to go long to Lukaku, but was visibly enraged within five minutes as training ground plans failed to translate on the pitch. Not that Simon Mignolet was busy in the Liverpool goal other than dealing with a tame second-half header from Williams. Funes Mori squandered the home side's best chance when, given a free run and a free header at a Barkley corner shortly before the interval, the Argentina defender steered his effort badly wide. Liverpool had shown nothing of the movement or menace behind their emergence as the Premier League's leading goalscorers but improved after the half-hour. Their first chance fell to Divock Origi when Georginio Wijnaldum and Nathaniel Clyne combined down the right. Clyne's centre arrived a fraction behind Origi and, leaning back, he steered a good opportunity high over.

The usual passion was evident but the derby desperately required a shot on target. Liverpool finally obliged in the 50th minute when they parted Everton's defence with ease and forced Stekelenburg into the first important stop. James Milner's first-time ball from the left put Roberto Firmino clean through on goal. Funes Mori resisted temptation to invite another derby dismissal with a professional foul and his keeper rescued Everton, blocking Firmino's effort with his chest and escaping when Mané and Adam Lallana got in each other's way as they pursued the rebound.

Whatever Klopp said in the dressing room at half-time made an impact as his team started with the same intensity as Everton had opened the game. The hosts' midfield balance was disrupted by the loss of McCarthy and their keeper was forced off after being on the receiving end of a vital interception from his own player. A lovely one-two between Mané and Firmino unlocked the home defence but, before the former could convert, Baines slid in to clear and clattered Stekelenburg in the process.

McCarthy's replacement, Gareth Barry, teed up Lukaku for a header that sailed over Mignolet's crossbar but Everton's quality on the ball deteriorated markedly in the second half. They could easily have been reduced to 10 men for the final 30 minutes when Barkley caught Henderson's ankle with a dangerous and reckless tackle but the referee, Mike Dean, opted for a lenient yellow. Everton's punishment would come late and severe, and behind plumes of red smoke Liverpool revelled in a vital result.

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THE MANE FOR ALL SEASONS! Liverpool grab late winner and move up to second after full-blooded derby

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IT was the softest of winners in the roughest of games. Daniel Sturridge's weak shot hit the post, Everton reserve goalkeeper Joel Robles was down to it slowly, Sadio Mane was quickest to react, Liverpool won, as they tend to do in Merseyside derbies these days. There was a time when this match doubled as a title decider. Maybe it will again, one day. Not any time soon on this showing. It was fast, it was furious -- it just wasn't much cop. The one goal came in the 95th minute which added drama, but there were precious few chances, and the biggest talking point until that moment was a foul. Ross Barkley on Jordan Henderson in the 66th minute. The Liverpool captain was lucky to play on, the Everton man lucky to stay on. Late and reckless, it could have resulted in a broken leg. Manchester City's players were probably already commissioning the shirts in tribute. There was a little flare-up between the upright players and Barkley was booked. He deserved more. It was a relief all round when Henderson eventually rose and continued. Jurgen Klopp had his head in his hands until then. We all did, at some point. It was a derby that promised much but failed to deliver on too many levels. Not enough excitement, not enough goalmouth action, an on-target shot ratio better suited to a relegation battle.

Liverpool were slow to fire, but had much the best of it after halftime and deserved the win. Well, they had a few shots at least. In the 49th minute, Maarten Stekelenburg saved one-on-one from Roberto Firmino, who then hooked the loose ball in the direction of Adam Lallana and Mane, who collided as they tried to volley. It summed up the scrappiness of the game.

Stekelenburg was less fortunate soon after when a Firmino backheel sent Mane clear. Leighton Baines intervened with a fine tackle but collided with his goalkeeper in the process. Stekelenburg tried to continue with Ashley Williams taking his kicks, but it was no use. He was replaced by Joel Robles soon after. The fateful eight minutes of injury time stemmed from that.

Robles looked at fault for the winner, but first made the save of the night. It came from a corner, met on the volley by Firmino, Robles athletically equal to it.

Everton attacks were rare by then -- a Romelu Lukaku header over the bar from a Gareth Barry cross being the best of it. Barry came on as a substitute for the injured James McCarthy, his 610th Premier League appearance; only Ryan Giggs now has more. Liverpool celebrated with purpose at the end, second at Christmas six points behind Chelsea, who are still to visit Anfield. Judging by Henderson's reaction at the whistle, too, the next England get-together may be interesting if Barkley is named in the squad. It was a typical derby in so many ways. Sound, fury, but when you got right down to it, not a whole lot of action. Neither goalkeeper was worked in the first half, and both defences held firm.

It was the 27th minute before a Liverpool player even had a touch in the Everton penalty area and the 29th before they mustered anything resembling a shot. A pale imitation it was too, from Georginio Wijnaldum, wild and wide and barely worthy of note had the match possessed a genuine cutting edge.

But while there had been lots of energy, lots of hard running, particularly from Everton, it amounted to little in real terms. It was the work-rate that impressed rather than its product. Ronald Koeman has worried in recent weeks about his team starting slowly. There was no sign of that last night.

It was October 17, 2010 when Everton last earned a victory in this fixture - Roy Hodgson was the manager of Liverpool back then - but this time they met Liverpool's pressing game head on, and Klopp seemed infuriated by his players' tame reaction. He prowled, scowled and screamed from the technical area as Everton's vitality dictated the game. They didn't have a huge number of chances before half-time, but they had the best one. It came in the 43rd minute when Barkley swung in a corner from the right, met powerfully by Ramiro Funes Mori. He should have done better, getting a good connection but sending the ball wide of the near post. That aside, it was Liverpool's defence that impressed -- not a sentence that has been written much of late. Dejan Lovren was reliable and Ragnar Klavan intervened with at least one outstanding tackle. That was needed to repel the first serious Everton threat of note when Aaron Lennon cut in from the left and picked out Romelu Lukaku lurking dangerously in the centre. Klavan was equal to it, though, with a challenge that looked increasingly superb with each replay. Or maybe we were just starved of goalmouth excitement by then.

Inspired, Barkley shot wide a minute later but, the early flurry now subsiding, Liverpool slowly crept back into the game. They forced their best chance -- their only chance of the opening 45 minutes, really -- with their first well-constructed passing move. Mane drove the ball forward, finishing with a neat crossfield pass which Divock Origi jumped over intelligently having sensed Wijnaldum in a better position. He fed Nathaniel Clyne on the overlap and Origi was available for the low cross but was just unable to do enough with it to test Stekelenburg in the Everton goal. It was a similar story for Lukaku at the other end, starved of a supply line with Jordan Henderson doing an excellent screening job and Klavan holding his own in the air. Only the excellent Seamus Coleman on the right seemed close to giving him the service he required. When the first half ended, however, neither side had recorded a shot on target. It was an achievement -- feel free to place mental air quotes around that if it's your thing -- only matched by Sunderland's recent visit to Swansea.

The Daily Telegraph

Mane has final word as Liverpool light up title hopes

Against Everton's dogs-of-war approach, Liverpool dogged it out. A 227th Merseyside derby and one full of bite - with both sets of players baring their teeth after a horrendous late tackle by Ross Barkley on Jordan Henderson for which he should have been sent off - was settled by a painful snap for Everton.

There can be few bigger moments than a 94th-minute winning goal and that is what Liverpool achieved with Sadio Mane reacting sharply to turn the ball home from inside the six-yard area after a smart shot on the turn from substitute Daniel Sturridge came back off the post. There were smoke flares, also, thrown on by the celebrating Liverpool fans, but their team have lit their Premier League title hopes with this result. Liverpool head into Christmas in second place, six points behind leaders Chelsea, and it will be games like this that they will look back on come the end of the season if they are successful. They have given themselves a chance.

They have showed they can play pressure football. True, this was not champagne, attacking play but, as Jurgen Klopp put it afterwards, they faced "wild football" which they had to cope with and respond to. The corks can now pop for Liverpool's Christmas party, which is being held today. A banner unfurled in the away end sarcastically referred to another kind of celebration as it read "Happy 21st birthday" - a reminder of the last time Everton won a trophy (the FA Cup back in 1995) and that was under Joe Royle when his team picked up that 'Dogs of War' tag along the way for their battling approach. Lo and behold, there was one of the players from that team, midfielder Joe Parkinson, on the Goodison Park big screens before kick-off, calling for plenty of aggression from Everton.

Liverpool arrived forewarned - indeed their own striker Divock Origi had predicted a "war" - and there were plenty of skirmishes to report on. Not least in that fierce midfield battle. The problem for Everton was that it was not, truly, sustainable and especially after their initial 30 minutes of intensity burned out without scoring a goal to fall back on. That was further compounded by the loss of James McCarthy, who had led the charge, to injury at half-time.

When eventually the board went up to show eight minutes of injury time, a testament to what a bonejarring encounter this was, with Everton also hampered by the loss of goalkeeper Maarten Stekelenburg to injury after he received a dead leg when he was clattered into by his own defender Leighton Baines in a desperate last-ditch clearance, it felt like eight minutes too long for the home side. And so it came to pass. Afterwards Everton manager Ronald Koeman rued how things had conspired against his players but, in truth, they not only ran out of steam but also lost their way, with Liverpool slowly exerting control and - just about - deserving this victory that felt imbued with such significance, as was demonstrated by the celebrations at the end.

The feistiness of this derby was laid bare from the outset. The visceral roar to every tackle, every throw-in won, fuelled it even further and there was just the one chance apiece in that first half.

For Everton, Ramiro Funes Mori should have scored when he was allowed a free header from a corner but planted it wide and, for Liverpool, Origi should also have done better than side-foot over after he was teed up by Nathaniel Clyne in the one move of quality in those first 45 minutes.

Gareth Barry replaced McCarthy, taking him to 610 Premier League appearances, outright second in the list behind Ryan Giggs (632) and one ahead of Frank Lampard, but he was unable to replicate his teammate's influence.

Beside him Barkley could not be faulted for effort - Koeman had demanded more - but he was horribly late, as he charged to tackle Henderson, catching his ankle. A melee followed, with Dejan Lovren hurtling across and Koeman insisting that if his player should have been sent off then so should the Liverpool defender - who was already cautioned. Instead Barkley and Seamus Coleman were yellowcarded by referee Mike Dean.

It seemed that incident, unfortunately, would be the big talking point - with Henderson fortunate to escape serious injury - but Liverpool began to press even more and Everton retreated further. For them the ball was coming back too quickly, with substitute goalkeeper Joel Robles doing well to deny Roberto Firmino from a corner before Klopp called on his replacements.

Such is Sturridge's ability that despite only coming through two training sessions as he recovers from injury he was entrusted with winning this match. As he did with his smart movement and predatory instinct which caught out Robles and was snapped up by Mane.

There was time for Liverpool to almost double that advantage and although Coleman did superbly to clear Firmino's shot off the line it all proved to be in vain. Liverpool had their win; their statement. They were, yet again, top dogs in this fixture, painfully extending Everton's long run without a win against them. Their tails are up.

Everton (4-2-3-1): Stekelenburg 7 (Robles 64); Coleman 8, Williams 7, Funes Mori 7, Baines 7; McCarthy 8 (Barry h-t), Gueye 7; Lennon 6, Barkley 5, Valencia 6 (Calvert-Lewin 73); Lukaku 6. Subs Mirallas, Cleverley, Holgate, Kenny. Booked Barkley, Coleman, Gueye.

Liverpool (4-1-2-3): Mignolet 6; Clyne 6, Lovren 6, Klavan 7, Milner 6; Henderson 6; Lallana 5 (Can 82), Wijnaldum 5; Mane 6 (Lucas 90), Firmino 6, Origi 5 (Sturridge 82). Subs Karius (g), Moreno, Woodburn, Alexander-Arnold. Booked Lovren.

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THE INDEPENDENT

Mane strikes late to seal victory in chaotic Merseyside clash

A night when it seemed Robbie Savage, of all the people, summed it up on radio. If you're not playing well" he told Five Live listeners, "just run around.

There was plenty of that here. Running around when passes were miscontrolled. Running around when clearances were chased. Running in straight lines to meet headers and belting them away.

Everton had not won a Merseyside derby since 2010. Liverpool had not won at Goodison Park since 2011. Until right at the end, it felt inevitable that neither side was going to alter their recent dubious records playing like this.

And then sensationally, it all changed. Eight minutes of injury time were awarded, largely because of injuries to Maarten Stekelenburg and Jordan Henderson.

From just outside the box, Daniel Sturridge struck a shot, which bobbed against a post. From there, Sadio Man[c] placed to score.

Jrgen Klopp's Liverpool had won. Ronald Kman's Everton had lost. It means Chelsea have a six-point lead at the top of the Premier League table on Christmas day rather than eight.

In big blue lettering on page seven of the match day programme, Phil Jagielka, the Everton captain suspended for this game, left a message for home supporters.

Don't underestimate the part you can play on nights like this," he wrote.

For that to happen, Everton needed to start fast: getting into Liverpool faces like they did against Arsenal last Tuesday in the second half.

The opening 25 was just as Kman would have wanted it. The first sliding tackle came from Ashley Williams on Divock Origi after 11 seconds. Everton hoofed it forward three times in the first minute, testing Liverpool's defence; Dejan Lovren thundering away Seamus Coleman's enticing cross. The number eight on Ross Barkley's was ripped by minute two and by minute five, Roberto Firmino had ducked out of a 50/50 challenge with Idrissa Gueye.

The home crowd was discouraged. Klopp was unhappy, shrieking orders at Ragnar Klavan, the Estonian deputising for Ji Matip for the second game running. He was competing but not always convincing. When Aaron Lennon fizzed a delivery towards Romelu Lukaku, his t-end stopped him from scoring.

Klopp seemed to be unhappy with Klavan's conservative passing decisions. And yet, Liverpool's reluctance in midfield to receive the ball was of equal significance. Everton's three in that department were highly motivated and fleshy in appearance; Barkley, particularly, charging around with plenty of enthusiasm but with the composure of a bus without breaks when it came to making the right decisions.

Klopp had told Sky reporters that the grass on the pitch was a little bit high for his liking. It had been well watered before kick-off, especially in the areas where Klavan was operating, to the left of Liverpool's defence.

By half time the pitch, indeed, was cutting up to the point where it seemed like quad bikes had driven on it. Players on both teams were losing their footing and it affected the quality of the spectacle.

Despite Liverpool's poor play, the chance of the half was theirs and when Origi met Nathaniel Clyne's cross, he should have made it 1-0.

There was a sense that Liverpool simply had to get better in the second half because they could not have been any worse in the first. And so, they began a lot more convincingly. Their second chance to take the lead came when Firmino was released by Milner's lofted pass but the Brazilian, so ruthless usually, struggled to convince that he was in control of the bouncing ball and his tame flick enabled Maarten Stekelenburg to make the save.

Everton's problems were mounting. James McCarthy was already substituted for Gareth Barry with a hamstring injury by the time Stekelenburg had to be taken off as well. His exit was a consequence of Leighton Baines's efforts to stop Man[c] from scoring, the left back crunching into his own goalkeeper in a challenge that needed to be made with Stekelenburg playing the role of innocent bystander.

It was only when Barkley applied his studs to Henderson's ankle that the crowd really got going again. Barkley was fortunate to remain involved but Mike Dean, the referee, was some distance from the incident when it happened and he did not have the benefit of replays to analyse just how dangerous Barkley's tackle was.

Liverpool were pushing harder than Everton by the end and but for Ji Robles's reflexes following Firmino's turn and volley, they victory might have been secured a little earlier. Sturridge was sent on by Klopp for his first appearance in almost a month. The decision proved to be crucial because Everton's defenders backed off as Sturridge prepared to strike, reluctant to be beaten by his turn.

Suddenly, it was 1-0 to Liverpool.

TEAMS

Everton (4-1-4-1): Stekelenburg; Coleman, Williams, Funes Mori, Baines; Gueye; Valencia, McCarthy, Barkley, Lennon; Lukaku. Subs: Robles, Mirallas, Cleverly, Barry, Calvert-Lewin, Holgate, Kenny.

Liverpool (4-3-3): Mignolet; Clyne, Lovren, Klavan, Milner; Lallana, Henderson, Wijnaldum; Man[c], Origi, Firmino. Subs: Karius, Sturridge, Moreno, Lucas, Can, Woodburn.

DAILY Mirror

SMOKIN'

SADIO MANE grabbed a dramatic last-gasp winner to keep Liverpool's title challenge alive.

He reacted quickest when a Daniel Sturridge shot bounced back off a post five minutes into added time and poked home from eight yards.

But it was Sturridge who turned a frenetic Merseyside derby, making a massive impact after coming on as a substitute. The striker had been absent for a month having picked up what was described as a minor calf injury, and boss Jurgen Klopp had idly wondered if he would see him again.

But it was Sturridge who produced a clever shot that carved viciously through the Everton defence and cannoned back off the post to allow Mane his tap-in.

The win moves Liverpool up to second in the table and they were only denied a second goal last night by a brilliant goalline clearance from Seamus Coleman, who raced back to block Roberto Firmino's shot.

Liverpool skipper Jordan Henderson said: "Regardless of the table it gives us great confidence to come and win a local derby.

It gives us the momentum to keep going and we need to keep performing and keep getting results."

It was tough luck on Everton, who gave everything but now have just one win in their last 20 meetings with their most hated of rivals.

Yet the Blues were lucky to have got through to the end of the game with 11 men, Liverpool pointing the finger at Ross Barkley for an x-rated tackle on Henderson.

Barkley jumped in with his studs up, and while referee Mike Dean deemed it a yellow card, Barkley was fortunate not to be sent off.

Pundit Robbie Savage said: "He could have broken Henderson's leg. It should have been a straight red."

Klopp said: "It was very intense and a deserved win in a difficult game. If you only win games when you're brilliant you won't win many games. It was a battle and we were ready for it."

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Mane writes his name into Merseyside derby folklore as stalemate transformed into dramatic triumph

For the first time in more than five years the travelling Kop celebrated victory across Stanley Park.

When Mane reacted quickest in the 94th minute to tuck away the rebound after Daniel Sturridge's low drive had bounced back off the post, there were scenes of unbridled jubilation among the 3,000 visiting fans in the Lower Bullens.

For Jurgen Klopp, this was another slice of history as he became the first Reds boss ever to win his first two battles with the Blues.

Did Liverpool deserve it? Probably not after such an error-strewn contest which was largely devoid of quality.

But that made it all the sweeter as they inflicted the Blues' first home league defeat since March and cut Chelsea's lead at the top of the Premier League to six points.

Klopp opted to twist and Liverpool launched a late salvo

This was a case of fortune favouring the brave.

Many managers would have settled for what they had as the Reds looked set to emerge with a dogged point.

But Klopp opted to twist rather than stick. He threw on Daniel Sturridge, fit again after missing the previous five matches with a calf injury, and Liverpool launched the late salvo which yielded the winner Kopites so craved.

As stunned Evertonians headed for the exits in their droves, Mane's name echoed around Goodison.

Some questioned the size of the fee when Liverpool paid Southampton £30million to secure his services last summer.

Not any more. His eighth goal of the campaign was the most valuable of the lot. In fact it was priceless.

This was the perfect fillip for Klopp's side heading into a festive spell which will severely test their title credentials.

It was testament to the resilience and the never-say-die spirit the Reds manager prides himself on.

It was also testament to the Reds' fitness levels as they grew stronger at a time when Everton ran out of gas.

Ref Dean failed to act properly on shocking challenge

Ultimately, Ronold Koeman's men were left to curse their failure to take advantage of the Reds' struggles during the opening 45 minutes.

But the hosts were given a helping hand by Mike Dean in the second half when the Wirral official blundered by failing to dismiss Ross Barkley for a shocking challenge on Jordan Henderson.

Klopp had insisted his side would be inspired by the noise around them but for most of the first half they were way off the pace.

It was Everton who stamped their authority on proceedings but they were handed the initiative by the Reds' sloppiness.

There was an alarming lack of composure. Inside the opening 45 seconds Dejan Lovren and Ragnar Klavan both launched it aimlessly down field, while Gini Wijnaldum was equally wasteful in possession early on.

It was all far too frenetic. Klopp stood on the touchline desperately trying to instil some calm in the ranks.

When Roberto Firmino lost a 50-50 challenge with Enner Valencia close to halfway it summed up Liverpool's plight.

To their credit Lovren and Klavan stood firm against the physical might of Romelu Lukaku.

Lovren made an important defensive header from Seamus Coleman's dangerous cross before Klavan made a goal-saving challenge on Lukaku.

This was a big night for the Estonia captain, who was making only his fifth Premier League start.

It was a step up from the Augsburg v 1860 Munich derby but he shone in the continued absence of Joel Matip. Klavan was Liverpool's best performer.

Lukaku looked favourite when Aaron Lennon drilled in a low centre but Klavan was alert to the danger and did brilliantly to deny him. Simon Mignolet didn't have a serious save to make all night.

Liverpool's problems stemmed from the top end of the field where Divock Origi struggled to make an impression.

The young Belgian got no change out of Ashley Williams or Ramiro Funes Mori.

With Origi unable to hold the ball up, it just kept coming back.

Belatedly, in the closing stages of the first half, Liverpool spluttered into life as an attacking force.

They started to play their way out of tight situations rather than simply resorting to launching it long as the Blues pressed.

Wijnaldum fired over from 20 yards before the Reds squandered a fine chance eight minutes before the interval.

James Milner, Mane and Wijnaldum combined to release Nathaniel Clyne, whose cross was blazed wide by Origi.

The good news for Kopites at the break was the knowledge that the Reds couldn't play as poorly in the second half and so it proved.

They started to move the ball quicker and there was a better tempo to their work. Mane set the tone by tracking back to pinch the ball off Idrissa Gueye's toe.

Milner's sweeping pass sent Firmino flying in behind Ramiro Funes Mori but he couldn't beat Maarten Stekelenburg. Adam Lallana and Mane then got in each other's way in their urgency to latch on to the rebound.

Lovren sensibly took a yellow when Lukaku threatened to get away from him but for the most part the Reds were in the ascendancy.

Mane's blistering pace nearly enabled him to get on the end of Firmino's clever flick. In stopping him, Leighton Baines and Stekelenburg collided with the keeper limping off soon after.

Liverpool should have enjoyed the luxury of a numerical advantage for the final quarter of the contest.

There was no debate. Barkley had to be sent off for a reckless lunge on Henderson as he planted his studs on the Liverpool captain's ankle. But Dean let him escape with a yellow.

Anxiety levels grew around Goodison as they saw the Blues penned further and further back.

Firmino's volley forced a sprawling save from substitute Joel Robles before Klopp brought on Sturridge and Emre Can.

Before kick-off the away end released dozens of balloons and unveiled a giant card with the message: 'Happy 21st. From your successful neighbours' - a reference to the Blues' long wait for silverware.

The present Kopites wanted finally arrived midway through eight minutes of stoppage time when Sturridge made the difference and Mane pounced.

During a breathless finale only a goalline clearance from Coleman prevented Firmino from adding a second.

Christmas had come early.

MATCH FACTS

Everton : Stekelenburg (Robles 63), Coleman, Williams, Funes Mori, Baines, Gueye, McCarthy (Barry 45), Barkley, Lennon, Valencia (Calvert-Lewin 72), Lukaku.

Not used : Mirallas, Cleverley, Holgate, Kenny

Liverpool : Mignolet, Clyne, Lovren, Klavan, Milner, Henderson, Wijnaldum, Lallana (Can 82), Mane (Lucas 90+8), Firmino, Origi (Sturridge 82).

Not used : Karius, Moreno, Woodburn, Alexander.

Referee : Mike Dean

Attendance : 39,590

Goals : Mane 90+4

Bookings : Lovren, Barkley, Coleman, Gueye

Man of the match : Ragnar Klavan. Big performance from the experienced Estonian defender. Can be proud of his first Merseyside derby.

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Sadio Mane's goal deep into injury time sank Everton and settled a scrappy Merseyside derby in Liverpool's favour at Goodison Park.

The Reds' £34m summer signing from Southampton reacted first to a loose ball after substitute Daniel Sturridge's shot had hit the post in the fourth of eight minutes of stoppage time. Everton, who had lost goalkeeper Maarten Stekelenburg to injury in the second half, have now won just one of their past 20 meetings with their local rivals. Liverpool - who moved up to second - created the better chances, with Stekelenburg and his replacement Joel Robles saving well from Roberto Firmino. There was a flashpoint in the second half when a dreadful tackle by Ross Barkley on Jordan Henderson sparked angry scenes and the Everton midfielder was fortunate to escape with only a yellow card from referee Mike Dean.

Big win for Klopp and Liverpool

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp's celebrations at the final whistle carried an extra edge as Mane's late strike sealed three points they desperately needed to keep in touch with Premier League leaders Chelsea. Liverpool are six points behind Antonio Conte's side and will surely take great satisfaction from digging out a vital victory that was based on grit rather than the flowing football that has been their trademark this season. The hosts' high tempo start put the Reds on the back foot but as the game went on they exerted greater control and in the end deserved the win simply for looking the more dangerous side and creating the better chances. And once again Sturridge proved how important he can be to Klopp and Liverpool's cause - despite being marginalised or injured for much of the season - with the run and shot that struck the post before Mane swooped to win the 227th Merseyside derby. Liverpool needed to bounce back from the stumbles of a shock 4-3 defeat at Bournemouth and a home draw against West Ham United. They have done so in style with away wins at Middlesbrough and now Everton.

Everton's wait goes on Everton's record in Merseyside derbies has been a tale of almost unbroken misery since their last win, a 2-0 win against Roy Hodgson's Liverpool in October 2010. There are, however, signs of improvement and they will feel unfortunate not to hold out here and concede so late on.

For the first 45 minutes they adhered to boss Ronald Koeman's demand for a high-intensity pressing game but ran out of steam after the break, not helped by the loss of James McCarthy to injury.

Substitute Gareth Barry may still possess the old guile, but sadly for him and Everton the legs are also ageing and he was miles off the pace - though his substitute appearance did take him second behind Ryan Giggs in the list of most Premier League games played. Everton also failed to give sufficient support to main marksman Romelu Lukaku and Koeman will surely be looking to address this problem in the January transfer window. There are signs that the Toffees are now moving in the right direction, despite suffering their first home Premier League defeat of the season - but Koeman still has much to do.

Barkley lucky not to see red

Barkley has been the centre of much attention this season, whether as the victim of tough love from Koeman or with transfer speculation as he enters the last 18 months of his contract. Here he was centre of attention for different reasons after a late touchline lunge on his England team-mate Henderson in the second half that was somehow only punished with a yellow card. It led to angry exchanges between the players, and Henderson and Barkley also clashed later, the latter wisely not rising to the Liverpool captain's bait. Barkley's night was summed up by a wild cross into the Gwladys Street that brought a furious response from his manager. These are tough times for the talented 23-year-old midfielder.

Man of the match - Ragnar Klavan (Liverpool)

Everton manager Ronald Koeman told BBC Sport: "We are really disappointed to concede in extra time. The eight minutes killed us.

"We have to wait to see about Maarten Stekelenburg's injury - we will know more tomorrow - and James McCarthy has a hamstring injury.

"I know exactly how fast Sadio Mane is, he reacted so well. We did not deserve to concede this goal. "Maybe Ross Barkley was lucky, it was a hard tackle."

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp told BBC Sport: "I don't agree it was a poor first half. Maybe not the best football - you have to adapt to Everton's wild game. A game like this you have to interrupt their rhythm with passing.

"In the second half it was clear they couldn't do the same. We were better, we didn't give one chance away I think. "The goal was not the hardest shot from Sturridge, but hard enough. It was a wonderful feeling.

"I don't like the flares too much. I'm a little bit scared about this. It was a long, long stoppage time. We gave them no chance." On Barkley's tackle on Henderson: "I saw it one time. Everything is clear. I think the referee had a difficult game. Maybe Ross was really lucky and Henderson was really lucky."

Everton sucker punched, again - the best match stats

Everton have only won one of their past 20 Premier League Merseyside derbies versus Liverpool, losing 10 This is Liverpool's fourth Premier League win over Everton that has come via a goal in the 90th minute or later

Liverpool have won double the number of Premier League matches by 90th-minute winners against Everton than they have against any other opponent The first shot on target came in the 50th minute - the second-longest wait in a Premier League match this season after Swansea v Sunderland (51st minute on 10 December) Everton did not manage a shot on target until the 75th minute What's up next?

Everton travel to champions Leicester City on 26 December (15:00 GMT kick-off), before a trip to Hull on 30 December (20:00). Liverpool host Stoke at 17:15 on 27 December and then welcome Manchester City to Anfield on 31 December (17:30).

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Match ends, Everton 0, Liverpool 1.
90'+10' Second Half ends, Everton 0, Liverpool 1.
90'+8' Substitution, Liverpool. Lucas Leiva replaces Sadio Mané.
90'+7' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Seamus Coleman.
90'+7' Attempt blocked. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is blocked.
90'+7' Delay over. They are ready to continue.
90'+6' Delay in match (Liverpool).
90'+4' Goal! Everton 0, Liverpool 1. Sadio Mané (Liverpool left footed shot from very close range to the bottom left corner.
90'+4' Daniel Sturridge (Liverpool hits the right post with a left footed shot from outside the box. Assisted by Nathaniel Clyne.
90'+1' Foul by Roberto Firmino (Liverpool).
90'+1' Gareth Barry (Everton wins a free kick on the right wing.
90' Foul by Roberto Firmino (Liverpool).
90' Aaron Lennon (Everton wins a free kick in the defensive half.
89' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Dominic Calvert-Lewin.
89' Sadio Mané (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
89' Foul by Idrissa Gueye (Everton).
87' Attempt blocked. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool left footed shot from the centre of the box is blocked. Assisted by Emre Can.
85' Idrissa Gueye (Everton is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.
85' Sadio Mané (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.
85' Foul by Idrissa Gueye (Everton).
84' Sadio Mané (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.
84' Foul by Idrissa Gueye (Everton).
84' Dejan Lovren (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
84' Foul by Romelu Lukaku (Everton).
82' Substitution, Liverpool. Emre Can replaces Adam Lallana.
82' Substitution, Liverpool. Daniel Sturridge replaces Divock Origi.
82' Hand ball by Divock Origi (Liverpool).
80' Attempt saved. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the bottom right corner. Assisted by James Milner with a cross.
79' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Ramiro Funes Mori.
77' Attempt missed. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is high and wide to the left. Assisted by Nathaniel Clyne with a cross.
75' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Seamus Coleman.
75' Attempt saved. Ashley Williams (Everton header from the centre of the box is saved in the top left corner. Assisted by Ross Barkley.
74' Foul by Dejan Lovren (Liverpool).
74' Ross Barkley (Everton wins a free kick in the attacking half.
73' Substitution, Everton. Dominic Calvert-Lewin replaces Enner Valencia.
72' Sadio Mané (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
72' Foul by Gareth Barry (Everton).
70' Delay over. They are ready to continue.
69' Seamus Coleman (Everton is shown the yellow card.
68' Delay in match Jordan Henderson (Liverpool because of an injury).
68' Ross Barkley (Everton is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.
67' Jordan Henderson (Liverpool wins a free kick on the right wing.
67' Foul by Ross Barkley (Everton).
65' Roberto Firmino (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
65' Foul by Gareth Barry (Everton).
64' Substitution, Everton. Joel Robles replaces Maarten Stekelenburg because of an injury.
64' Delay over. They are ready to continue.
63' Delay in match Maarten Stekelenburg (Everton because of an injury).
60' Delay over. They are ready to continue.
58' Delay in match Maarten Stekelenburg (Everton because of an injury).
56' Dejan Lovren (Liverpool is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.
55' Foul by Dejan Lovren (Liverpool).
55' Romelu Lukaku (Everton wins a free kick in the defensive half.
54' Attempt missed. Romelu Lukaku (Everton header from the right side of the box is close, but misses the top right corner. Assisted by Gareth Barry.
53' Foul by Roberto Firmino (Liverpool).
53' Ross Barkley (Everton wins a free kick on the left wing.
51' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Ramiro Funes Mori.
50' Attempt blocked. Nathaniel Clyne (Liverpool right footed shot from the right side of the box is blocked. Assisted by Sadio Mané.
50' Attempt saved. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool left footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the top centre of the goal. Assisted by James Milner.
48' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Aaron Lennon.
Second Half begins Everton 0, Liverpool 0.
45' Substitution, Everton. Gareth Barry replaces James McCarthy because of an injury.
45'+1' First Half ends, Everton 0, Liverpool 0.
45' Divock Origi (Liverpool wins a free kick on the left wing.
45' Foul by Ross Barkley (Everton).
43' Attempt missed. Ramiro Funes Mori (Everton header from the centre of the box misses to the right. Assisted by Ross Barkley with a cross following a corner.
43' Corner, Everton. Conceded by Georginio Wijnaldum.
41' Delay over. They are ready to continue.
39' Delay in match James McCarthy (Everton because of an injury).
38' Offside, Liverpool. Jordan Henderson tries a through ball, but Adam Lallana is caught offside.
37' Attempt missed. Divock Origi (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is high and wide to the right. Assisted by Nathaniel Clyne.

35' Jordan Henderson (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
35' Foul by Ross Barkley (Everton).
33' Georginio Wijnaldum (Liverpool wins a free kick on the left wing.
33' Foul by Idrissa Gueye (Everton).
31' Attempt missed. Georginio Wijnaldum (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is close, but misses to the left. Assisted by Nathaniel Clyne.
30' Divock Origi (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
30' Foul by Ashley Williams (Everton).
29' Foul by Ragnar Klavan (Liverpool).
29' Seamus Coleman (Everton wins a free kick in the defensive half.
28' Divock Origi (Liverpool wins a free kick on the right wing.
28' Foul by Leighton Baines (Everton).
27' Attempt missed. Georginio Wijnaldum (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is high and wide to the left. Assisted by Roberto Firmino.
23' Attempt missed. Ross Barkley (Everton right footed shot from outside the box is close, but misses to the left. Assisted by Ramiro Funes Mori.
14' Jordan Henderson (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
14' Foul by Ross Barkley (Everton).
13' Offside, Everton. Seamus Coleman tries a through ball, but Ross Barkley is caught offside.
13' Attempt blocked. Enner Valencia (Everton right footed shot from outside the box is blocked.
12' Foul by Roberto Firmino (Liverpool).
12' Enner Valencia (Everton wins a free kick in the attacking half.
11' Attempt blocked. Aaron Lennon (Everton right footed shot from outside the box is blocked.
7' Hand ball by Sadio Mané (Liverpool).
First Half begins.
Lineups are announced and players are warming up.