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## THE TIMES

Rodgers suffers INJURY blows in testing victory

Liverpool 4

Notts County 2 (aet; 2-2 at 90min)

Rarely can a victory have engendered such an acute sense of concern. Liverpool edged past Notts County, but the tortuous manner of their win was the least of their worries on a night when Brendan Rodgers's only reward for an adventurous team selection was an early-season injury crisis.

Goals from Daniel Sturridge and Jordan Henderson in extra time secured progress to the next round, but at what cost remains to be seen. Before Manchester United's visit to Anfield on Sunday, Liverpool lost Aly Cissokho, Joe Allen and Kolo Toure to injury and played the final 20 minutes with ten men, having used all their substitutes. It is hard to imagine a worse preparation for such a crucial fixture.

"I don't think it's overly good," Rodgers said of the injuries. "Cissokho shouldn't be too long, he's got a nick on his ankle. Joe Allen may well be a hamstring and we'll have to assess Kolo Toure in the morning because his groin has opened up a little bit. The most important thing was to get through, but we didn't expect it to be like that."

For an hour, Rodgers's decision to field a strong starting line-up appeared to have paid off as well-taken goals from Raheem Sterling and Sturridge gave Liverpool a commanding lead, which would have been even greater had it not been for the woodwork.

But the League One team staged a thrilling fightback that took Liverpool to the brink and left them digging deep into their resources of character and personnel. Yoann Arquin's muscular headed goal after 62 minutes set in motion a chain of events that stretched Liverpool to the limit on the night and could have more far-reaching repercussions in the days to come.

"I think we got a bit complacent," Sturridge said, and there was an undoubted case for Liverpool to answer for again failing to kill off inferior opponents.

When Adam Coombes, a substitute, converted Arquin's cross with five minutes remaining, that shortcoming came back to haunt them as they were dragged into a period of extra time that they had been desperate to avoid.

County felt aggrieved by the failure of Stuart Attwell to award a penalty when Enda Stevens went down under pressure from Sterling and their sense of injustice became more acute as Sturridge edged Liverpool back in front from the counter-attack.

"I thought that the penalty was the turning point," Chris Kiwomya, the Notts County manager, said. "Sometimes you get them and sometimes you don't. I think he [Sterling] touched him before he got the ball, but to be fair Liverpool also had claims of their own. All I can hope is that we start getting the rub of the green, because we haven't had it so far and tonight we were without five players, so it was a great effort."

Henderson secured Liverpool's advance to the next round after racing clear with only ten minutes remaining. The relief of the home fans was palpable, with a chorus of "You're not singing any more" echoing around Anfield, but such crowing could not hide the fact that Liverpool had been dragged into a fight for survival by a team from two divisions below them.

On the plus side for Rodgers, Martin Skrtel has recovered from a knee injury and should be available for the United match, but Liverpool have started talks to sign Mamadou Sakho, the Paris Saint-Germain centre back. "We need to get a few players in and that will continue right up to the end of the window," the Liverpool manager said. "If we can do that, we'll be happy."

Liverpool (4-2-3-1): S Mignolet - G Johnson, K Toure, A Wisdom, A Cissokho (sub: D Agger, 10min) - J Allen (sub: J Henderson, 64), S Gerrard - J Ibe, L Alberto (sub: P Coutinho, 72), R Sterling - D Sturridge. Substitutes not used: B Jones, I Aspas, Lucas Leiva, F Borini. Booked: Wisdom, Sterling. Notts County (4-4-2): B Bialkowski - M Dumbuya, M Smith, G Liddle, E Stevens - J Campbell-Ryce (sub: C Thompson, 70), J Labadie, M Fotheringham (sub: A Boucaud, 77), D Bell (sub: A Coombes, 82) - C McGregor, Y Arquin. Substitutes not used: F Spiess, G Tempest, R Murray, R Nangle. Booked: Campbell-Ryce, Arquin. Referee: S Attwell.

## the guardian

Liverpool forced to rely on Sturridge going extra mile

Brendan Rodgers vowed last season's cup mistakes would not be repeated but lessons were learned only by the Liverpool manager. A complacent display was almost punished by a Notts County comeback worthy of the club's rich history until the penny dropped for Liverpool in extra time. The shock was avoided but reverberations may be felt against Manchester United on Sunday.

Two goals ahead and cruising for an hour, a strong Liverpool team faltered badly under the first hint of pressure from a side without a win in League One this season. A towering header from Yoann Arquin, plus a cool, 84th-minute finish from the substitute Adam Coombes dragged the second-round tie into extra time, where 10-man Liverpool reaffirmed their superiority. Daniel Sturridge scored his second of the game moments after the referee Stuart Attwell had refused Notts County a penalty when Raheem Sterling nudged Enda Stevens and Jordan Henderson added a fine fourth to ease Anfield's palpitations. "The penalty decision was the turning point for me," said County manager Chris Kiwomya. "He caught his left buttock."

But progress came at a cost for Liverpool. Rodgers played down the consequences of enduring extra time with 10 men five days before United visit Anfield. "We have plenty of recovery time and that was the idea of playing so many senior players," he said. But injuries to Kolo Toure, Joe Allen and Aly Cissokho threaten disruption to Sunday's plans.

"Cissokho was distraught to come off with an ankle injury but shouldn't be out for too long," Rodgers said. "We need to check Joe's hamstring and Kolo overstretched his groin. He doesn't look so good." Martin Skrtel will be back from a knee problem in time for David Moyes's return to Merseyside and Liverpool may now step up their interest in the Paris Saint-Germain defender Mamadou Sakho. Rodgers' strong team selection illustrated the importance he has put on the cups following early exits in the Capital One and FA Cups last season and in the absence of European football this term.

The dividends appeared to arrive early when Sterling collected a pass from Glen Johnson, weaved past two weak defensive challenges on the edge of the area and found the bottom corner of Bartosz Bialkowski's goal.

The post came to Bialkowski's aid when Daniel Agger met a Steven Gerrard free-kick with a glancing header. The keeper made a fine save from another Agger/Gerrard combination before the interval. He was powerless to prevent Liverpool doubling their advantage from a flowing move involving Allen and Gerrard, who threaded a slide-rule pass between Manny Smith and Mustapha Dumbuya to the feet of Sturridge. With a powerful left-foot drive beyond Bialkowski, the England striker had his third goal in three games.

The only blot on Liverpool's first-half performance was an injury to Cissokho six minutes into his first start for the club. Cissokho twisted his left ankle as he attempted to ride a tackle from Jamal Campbell-Ryce. Desperate to impress, the left-back ambled back on after lengthy treatment but collapsed to the floor and was helped from the field in despair.

Cissokho's exit marked the end of Agger's evening on the bench, resulting in Andre Wisdom switching from central defence to right-back and Johnson over to the left.

There was no disruption as Liverpool continued to dominate possession, with the movement of Sterling, Sturridge and Jordan Ibe offering a constant outlet to Gerrard and Alberto. It arguably became too comfortable for Rodgers' team, with complacency and slack defending proving a dangerous brew. "We were complacent in the second half," Sturridge said.

The night had been exhausting for the men from Meadow Lane yet it spoke volumes about their character and fitness how they improved as the contest wore on. The on-loan Celtic striker Callum McGregor began to cause problems down the right and 3,000 away fans were in ecstasy when Smith headed Mark Fotheringham's free-kick across the Liverpool area and Arquin rose above Wisdom to head home.

County's comeback was on when Arquin broke down the left and crossed for Coombes to convert with his first touch but, to Liverpool's credit, the scare and the disadvantage of 10 men concentrated the minds in extra time. Sturridge scored his fourth of the season from Philippe Coutinho's pass and Henderson added polish to the scoreline with an impressive individual goal.

"It is a range of emotions to be honest," Rodgers said, "but to come through with 10 men showed tremendous character."

Liverpool 4-2-3-1

Mignolet; Johnson, Toure, Wisdom\*, Cissokho (Agger, 10); Gerrard, Allen (Henderson, 65); Ibe, Alberto (Coutinho, 72), Sterling\*; Sturridge.

Subs not used

Jones, Aspas, Lucas, Borini.

Referee S Attwell.

Notts County 4-4-1-1

Bialkowski; Dumbuya, Smith, Liddle, Stevens; Campbell-Ryce\* (Thompson, 70), Labadie, Fotheringham (Boucaud, 77), Bell (Coombes, 82); McGregor; Arquin\*.

Subs not used

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## The Mail

DANIEL FLYING  
LIVERPOOL 4  
NOTTS COUNTY 2

(After extra time. 90 mins: 2-2)

It started like a dream but almost became a nightmare. Cup competitions have been the bane of manager Brendan Rodgers' life at Liverpool and so it threatened to be again last night. From appearing set to cruise into the third round of a competition that has given the Anfield club so many great memories, Liverpool were left clinging on against Notts County.

It was only down to them having the hottest striker in England that they kept their heads above water.

Daniel Sturridge spared Liverpool's blushes with the decisive goal in the first half of extra time -- his second of the evening -- to give Rodgers' side a 4-2 win but that only told half the story.

Notts were magnificent in clawing their way back from two goals down and perhaps deserved more. Jordan Henderson's effort just after the start of the second period of extra time flattered the hosts.

Sturridge's left-foot shot in the 105th minute, which squirmed beyond the grasp of Bartosz Bialkowski, ensured Rodgers avoided a repeat of the experiences he endured against Oldham, in the FA Cup, and Swansea in this competition last season but it was a game he will be happy to forget as Liverpool finished with 10 men because of injuries, the worst of which was suffered by defender Kolo Toure. Rodgers took no chances with regards his team selection last night. If anything, it was a surprise how strong he decided to go, with Steven Gerrard, Sturridge, Glen Johnson and Toure all starting.

To strengthen their hand further, Daniel Agger entered the fray after 10 minutes to replace the injured Aly Cissokho.

'One thing is a certainty,' Rodgers wrote in his programme notes. 'We don't have any complacency going into this contest. We have given this fixture the same attention in terms of preparation as we will for Manchester United on Sunday.' The reward was a blistering start and a goal after four minutes, wonderfully dispatched by Sterling after he had waltzed past two defenders following good work by Jordan Ibe and Johnson. It was the perfect way for Sterling to cap his return to the England squad.

Though it did not deflate the optimism of the 3,000 travelling fans, the execution of the goal and the speed with which Liverpool played served only to underline what kind of task the League One side faced.

The closest they went to troubling Liverpool in the first half was a Joss Labadie free-kick.

After that, Notts's ambitions seemed limited to keeping the score down and it was no small feat they went into the break with only Sturridge adding to Liverpool's tally, the England striker maintaining his blistering form with a shot from 12 yards after being beautifully teed up by Gerrard.

Had Liverpool scored five in the opening 45 minutes, there could have been few complaints. Agger headed against the base of a post and had another effort superbly saved by Bialkowski; Gerrard hit the woodwork, while Sturridge's aim unusually deserted him.

That, however, was not the case after the restart. Liverpool failed to resume at a similar pace and, sensing they had a chance to make things uncomfortable for the home side, Notts started to push and press, using their physicality to get a foothold in the game.

They had managed to create a couple of half chances but, on 62 minutes, the lifeline they craved arrived. The build-up to the goal may have lacked a bit of culture -- Mark Fotheringham tossed a freekick into the area and Manny Smith flicked it on -- but the result was joyously received, Yoann Arquin thumping a header past Simon Mignolet from eight yards.

Suddenly, the unthinkable looked possible. The visiting fans had found their voice, the home crowd were anxious and the saunter into round three became a fight for the eight-time winners.

The visitors forced extra time in the 84th minute when Coombes scored the equaliser, tucking a right-foot effort home neatly.

STAR OF THE FUTURE

JORDON IBE -- Liverpool's winger has rich potential, and should have had a penalty in the first half as his speed caused problems.

## The Daily Telegraph

Liverpool limp past County

Liverpool 4 Sterling 4, Sturridge 29, 105, Henderson 110

Notts County 2 Arquin 62, Coombes 84 aet; score 2-2 at 90 min

Att: 42,231

Liverpool's encouraging start to the season was almost ruptured by Notts County as Brendan Rodgers's side made cup progress at some cost to both their pride and medical bills. Kolo Toure, Joe Allen and debutant Aly Cissokho were injury

casualties, their setbacks causing as much despair as a second-half deterioration which allowed a courageous lowerleague side to force extra-time.

Ultimately, Raheem Sterling, Jordan Henderson and two goals from Daniel Sturridge brought some normality to proceedings, but County's Yoann Arquin and Adam Coombes ensured all the ovations were directed at the visitors.

It was a reminder that for all the dulcet tones when Liverpool are on song, they are capable of bum notes when they look deeper into the squad. "It shows we need some more numbers and we'll be working until the end of the window," Rodgers said. At least he can call upon the fitagain Martin Skrtel against Manchester United this weekend, while a deal for Paris St-Germain defender Mamadou Sakho will be pursued with greater vigour in the next few days.

For all their cup success, Liverpool have suffered more hiccups recently than a bloated alcoholic. Oldham last season, Northampton a couple of years ago and too many other embarrassments have been crammed into domestic competitions to sit uncomfortably with the triumphs.

Notts County threatened another, cancelling out a two-goal lead and a sense of serenity to cause chaos the second half. "Truthfully, I'm disappointed we didn't win," said Chris Kiwomya, pointing to a possible penalty 30 seconds before Sturridge's second restored Liverpool's lead in extra time. "They were down to 10 men because of the injuries then and we need to learn when to smell blood, but I can't be too harsh. I'm really proud of the guys."

Despite garnishing his team sheet with star names such as Sturridge, Steven Gerrard and Simon Mignolet, the sense of comfort after a dominant first half swiftly disappeared after the interval. Sterling put Liverpool ahead on four minutes, dropping the shoulder 30 yards from goal, dancing past two defenders and striking ferociously beyond Bartosz Bialkowski. Sturridge added a brilliant second, Gerrard slicing through the County defence to enable a darting left-foot finish from the England striker.

Rodgers's plan was to secure progression with enough time to give key players a rest before the final whistle, but it was dismantled by a fight back. The promise was there when Callum McGregor's pace came to the fore, and their threat was rewarded when Yoan Arquin's header halved the deficit on 63 minutes. The Anfield atmosphere changed completely.

County substitute Coombes equalised on 83 minutes, firing in after another lapse on the Liverpool right by Andre Wisdom. Confidence was soaring in Kiwomya's side when Toure had to be carried off in the first half of extra time due to a groin injury, by which time Liverpool had used all their substitutes.

Instead, Sturridge struck his second in first half before Henderson finally settled nerves on 110 minutes. Another win for Liverpool, their third in a row, but one which left plenty of scars to heal before Manchester United's visit on Sunday. Liverpool (4-3-3) Mignolet; Johnson, Toure, Wisdom, Cissokho (Agger 10); Gerrard, Allen (Henderson 66), Alberto (Coutinho 72); Ibe, Sterling, Sturridge. Subs Jones, Aspas, Borini, Luca. Booked Wisdom, Sterling.

Notts County (4-4-2) Bialkowski; Dumbuya, Liddle, Smith, McGregor, Bell (Coombes 82), Arquin, Labadie, Campbell-Ryce (Thompson 70), Fotheringham (Boucaud 77), Stevens. Subs Spiess, Tempest, Murray, Nangle. Booked Campbell-Ryce, Arquin. Referee S Atwell (Warwicks).

## THE INDEPENDENT

Sturridge steadies Reds after Notts scare

Liverpool and Sunderland survived big scares but Premier League Crystal Palace were sent crashing out of the Capital One Cup by lower-league opposition last night.

At Anfield, Liverpool looked to be cruising against League One Notts County, Raheem Sterling giving them a fourth-minute lead with a 20-yard drive and Daniel Sturridge making it 2-0 after he was set up by Steven Gerrard.

Yet Chris Kiwomya's side refused to fold and drew level with six minutes to go through Yoann Arquin and Adam Coombes. Liverpool went into extra time with just 10 men after Kolo Tour[c] was carried off on a stretcher but Sturridge put them back in front in the 105th minute and Jordan Henderson then made it 4-2. Crystal Palace, who reached the semi-finals a year ago, also crashed out as League One Bristol City inflicted their third defeat out of three this season at Ashton Gate. The former Arsenal winger Jay Emmanuel-Thomas put City ahead in the 59th minute and Scott Wagstaff made it two 12 minutes later. Owen Garvan pulled one back for Palace late on.

Sunderland came back from two goals down at home to MK Dons to go through 4-2. Paolo Di Canio's side were rocking as on-loan Chelsea youngster Patrick Bamford and Izale McLeod put the League One visitors 2-0 ahead by the 55th minute. However, the introduction of Connor Wickham saved Sunderland, the substitute setting up Jozy Altidore then scoring two late goals himself, before Adam Johnson grabbed the fourth in added time.

Reading, relegated from the premier League last season, were thrashed by in-form Peterborough 6-0 and Queen's Park Rangers are also out, troubled striker Nile Ranger and Alex Pritchard getting Swindon's goals in a 2-0 win at Loftus Road.

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## STURRIDGE.. & SHAKEN

Liverpool 4 Notts Co 2 (aet)

DANIEL STURRIDGE was Liverpool's saviour yet again last night.

The Reds had been made to sweat by Notts County when the League One visitors battled back from two goals down to take the tie into extra-time.

A repeat of their humiliating defeat to Northampton two years ago was looming before Sturridge scored his second of the night on 105 minutes.

Jordan Henderson made sure of victory with Liverpool's fourth goal five minute later.

The home side looked to be easing into the third round of the Capital One Follow One Cup when Raheem Sterling opened the scoring on four minutes.

The 18 year old picked up the ball midway inside the County half, accelerated past Manny Smith and beat Bartosz Bialkowski with a shot from just inside the area. Sturridge doubled the lead just before the half hour mark with his ninth goal in eight appearances.

Between the two goals Aly Cissokho's Liverpool debut had been ended by injury after just 10 minutes.

Daniel Agger replaced him and almost made it 2-0 when he glanced a Gerrard free-kick against a post.

Gerrard was also denied by the woodwork, but County refused to give up and when Liverpool went to sleep in the second half, they took full advantage.

Yoann Arquin got on the end of a 62nd-minute free-kick to nod home and give County hope.

The Reds roused themselves and Kolo Toure hit a post.

But still County scrapped away and substitute Adam Coombes equalised within two minutes of coming on with just six minutes of normal time to play.

LIVERPOOL: Mignolet 7, Johnson 7, Toure 6, Wisdom 5, Cissokho 5 (Agger 10, 6), Gerrard 8, Allen 4 (Henderson 65mins 6), Ibe 6, Luis Alberto 4 (Coutinho 72, 6), Sterling 8, Sturridge 7

NOTTS COUNTY: Bialkowski 7, Dumbuya 5, Liddle 5, Smith 6, Stevens 5, Campbell-Ryce 4 (Thompson 70, 5), Labadie 7, Fotheringham 6 (Boucaud 77, 6), Bell 6 (Coombes 82n 7), McGregor 6, Arquin 8. REFEREE: Stuart Attwell



Rarely has a night at Anfield started so brightly and descended into such a painful slog. Liverpool booked their place in the third round of the Capital One Cup as an embarrassing upset at the hands of Notts County was narrowly avoided, but the DVD will make unpleasant viewing for Brendan Rodgers.

From a position of complete control, following first-half strikes from Raheem Sterling and Daniel Sturridge, the Reds imploded after the break.

A 2-0 lead was carelessly squandered as Yoann Arquin and substitute Adam Coombes enabled Chris Kiwomya's League One strugglers to force extra time. The momentum generated by Liverpool's perfect start to the Premier League campaign looked set to be lost as they got increasingly ragged.

Their cause wasn't helped by the worrying sight of Kolo Toure being stretchered off, following injuries to both Aly Cissokho and Joe Allen, which left the Reds down to 10 men for the final 20 minutes.

However, they got out of jail as goals from Sturridge and substitute Jordan Henderson eased the nerves and finally killed off County's dreams of a major scalp. No-one could point the finger at Rodgers for his team selection as he fielded a strong line up including Steven Gerrard and Sturridge. But that made the manner in which such an unconvincing victory was achieved all the more concerning. Rather than being able to rest his big guns in the second half with one eye on Sunday's visit of Manchester United, he ended up having to put them through a gruelling 120 minutes of action. This was hardly the ideal preparation for facing David Moyes' men.

There were full debuts for new boys Cissokho and Luis Alberto with Joe Allen, Sterling, Jordan Ibe and Andre Wisdom also handed an opportunity to shine against a County side who had taken just one point from their opening four matches in League One. Liverpool began with real intent and were in front inside four minutes. Glen Johnson found Sterling in space 35 yards out and Sturridge's intelligent run created space for the young winger to exploit. Sterling, who was making his first start since the Europa League trip to Zenit St Petersburg back in February, skipped past Manny Smith and unleashed a low drive from the edge of the box which nestled in the bottom corner.

There was a brief scare at the other end when Simon Mignolet could only parry a 30-yard free-kick from former Tranmere midfielder Joss Labadie but Jamal Campbell-Ryce lashed the rebound over.

Cissokho's full debut turned out to be brief as he went off after being upended by Campbell-Ryce. His early exit forced a reshuffle with Daniel Agger's introduction seeing Johnson moved to left-back and Wisdom to the right.

With the pace, trickery and movement of Sturridge, Sterling and Ibe, Liverpool looked a potent threat every time they ventured forward. Gerrard went close from distance before the captain delivered an inviting free-kick from the right

flank which Agger nodded against the foot of the post.

The gulf in class was exposed during the opening 45 minutes as Liverpool maintained the pressure and County struggled to get out of their own half.

Sturridge curled wide after some great work from Allen, who teed him up after riding a couple of tackles just outside the penalty area.

The second goal finally arrived in the 29th minute. Gerrard picked out the run of Sturridge with a pin-point through ball and this time the in-form striker made no mistake. Sturridge took a touch to steady himself and then fired left-footed beyond the helpless Bartosz Bialkowski. It was a classy finish but Sturridge was quick to acknowledge the quality of the pass from his skipper.

Only the brilliance of Bialkowski, some generous refereeing and the woodwork prevented Liverpool from adding to their account before the interval.

The keeper produced a fine save to keep out Agger's header and when he was beaten by Gerrard, who had burst on to Sterling's pass, the post came to County's rescue. In between those two chances, Ibe was sent sprawling inside the box but County got the sympathy vote from Stuart Attwell.

After the break Liverpool's standards slipped alarmingly as possession was repeatedly lost and the visitors sensed that at all was not lost.

Labadie's header dropped narrowly wide and then Mignolet kept out Callum McGregor's low drive. To the delight of their 3,000-strong travelling army, County halved the deficit just past the hour mark.

Defending set-pieces was a weakness last season and this was another one for the Reds' unwanted collection. Mark Fotheringham floated a free-kick forward which Smith rose to nod back across goal. Arquin climbed above Wisdom to power a header past Mignolet. It was all far too easy.

Jordan Henderson replaced Allen, who appeared to be hampered by a hamstring problem, and Philippe Coutinho came on for the ineffective Alberto soon after.

County's goal sparked Liverpool into life and they should have put the tie beyond doubt. Toure looked set to celebrate his first goal for the club when he met Gerrard's curling cross but the centre-back could only turn it against the post.

Gerrard continued to be the Reds' greatest creative influence with another perfectly weighted lofted pass finding Sturridge, who nodded into the side-netting. County, who last won at Anfield in 1902, could scarcely believe their luck and stunned Liverpool with an 84th minute equaliser.

More slack defending was punished as Arquin, who was played onside by Wisdom, crossed from the right and unmarked substitute Coombes coolly slotted home at the back post.

It still shouldn't have required an extra half hour but the Reds were infuriatingly wasteful in the final third.

After Agger's deflected 25-yarder flew inches wide, Sturridge raced clear only for his attempted chip to sail high into the Kop. Sterling then scuffed wide after Johnson had put it on a plate for him.

In the first period of extra-time a swift counter-attack petered out when Coutinho side-footed tamely at Bialkowski.

Wisdom struggled all night and was booked after taking out his frustration on the legs of Coombes.

Liverpool's plight deepened as Toure pulled up lame and had to be stretchered off.

With three substitutes already used, the hosts were down to 10 men for the final 20 minutes. Wisdom was shifted into the centre with Sterling pressed into duty as a makeshift right-back.

Sterling's heart was in his mouth when he knocked over Enda Stevens inside the box deep into stoppage time but Attwell waved play on and Liverpool capitalised.

They counter-attacked at pace with Coutinho finding Sturridge. Bialkowski got a hand to his low strike but couldn't keep it out as relief engulfed Anfield.

Henderson finally killed off County in the second period as he nipped past Gary Liddle and expertly beat the keeper. Humiliation had been side-stepped but it was far too close for comfort.

Liverpool (4-2-3-1): Mignolet, Johnson, Toure, Wisdom, Cissokho (Agger 9), Gerrard, Allen (Henderson 65), Sterling, Alberto (Coutinho 72), Ibe, Sturridge.

Not used: Jones, Aspas, Lucas, Borini.

Notts County (4-4-2): Bialkowski, Dumbuya, Liddle, Smith, Stevens, Bell (Coombes 82), Labadie, Fotheringham (Boucaud 77), Campbell-Ryce (Thompson 70), Arquin, McGregor.

Not used: Spiess, Tempest, Murray, Nangle.

Referee: Stuart Attwell.

Attendance: 42,231

Goals: Sterling 4, Sturridge 29, Arquin 62, Coombes 84, Sturridge 105, Henderson 110

Bookings: Campbell-Ryce, Arquin, Wisdom, Sterling.

Man of the match: Raheem Sterling.



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Liverpool need extra time to seal victory over Notts County in Capital One Cup

So much for learning their lesson. Whether it be a second-string or a strong starting line-up, Brendan Rodgers' side continue to make life difficult in domestic cup competition. A surprisingly strong Liverpool line-up made it three wins out of three by eventually dismissing Notts County to progress to the third round of the Capital One Cup last night. But boy, were they made to work for it.

Rodgers admitted to making mistakes after his side infamously slumped to League One opposition in the form of Oldham Athletic in last season's FA Cup, having earlier been undone in the campaign at home to Swansea City in the League Cup. And they were close to a repeat here as an alarming second-half collapse threatened to add County to the hall of shame.

First-half goals from Raheem Sterling and Daniel Sturridge had seemingly ensured a smooth passage while maintaining the early momentum going into Sunday's Premier League visit of champions Manchester United.

But, as in their previous two games this season, Liverpool fell away noticeably after the interval. And County, in the League One drop zone with only one point from their first four games, succeeded where Stoke City and Aston Villa failed by fighting back through goals from Yoann Arquin and substitute Adam Coombes.

Throw in injuries to debutant Aly Cissokho, Joe Allen and Kolo Toure, and what at one point appeared a straightforward confidence-building exercise for Liverpool was transformed into a potentially damaging evening.

But extra-time goals from Sturridge – taking his tally to 15 in 19 appearances – and substitute Jordan Henderson settled a nervy Anfield.

Toure's departure on a stretcher early in extra time meant Liverpool, with all their substitutions made, were forced to play out the final 20 minutes of a draining extra time with 10 men.

It was hardly the best preparation for United's imminent visit, with Rodgers now facing a selection headache at centre-back with Martin Skrtel still unfit.

Mindful of last season's chastening cup experience, Rodgers fielded a line-up that included Simon Mignolet, Steven Gerrard and Sturridge.

Nevertheless, there were six changes with youngster Jordan Ibe and new signing Cissokho given first starts for the club while Luis Alberto was handed a debut.

Cissokho's evening, however, didn't last long. Requiring treatment on his ankle after a hefty challenge from County winger Jamal Campbell-Ryce, the Frenchman eventually had to concede defeat by limping off after only 10 minutes.

Liverpool had already wrested the initiative. Sterling, making his first start since the Europa League defeat at Zenit St Petersburg in February, epitomised Liverpool's lively start as part of an attacking midfield triumvirate alongside fellow youngsters Ibe and Alberto.

And Sterling took only four minutes to open the scoring, receiving the ball 35 yards out and dancing beyond County centre-back Manny Smith before smashing a shot beyond goalkeeper Bartosz Bialkowski. Liverpool almost doubled their advantage on 19 minutes. Gerrard floated in a free-kick from the right and Daniel Agger, on for the stricken Cissokho, glanced a header against the inside of Bialkowski's far post.

With Sterling effervescent down the left and Ibe causing problems with his close control on the opposite flank, Rodgers' men were vibrant going forward. And the second duly arrived just before the half-hour. An exquisite throughball from Gerrard found Sturridge in space inside the area, the striker taking one touch before firing a finish across Bialkowski into the bottom corner.

Apart from beating out one free-kick by Arquin, Mignolet was a spectator. At the other end, Bialkowski produced a fine stop to deny Agger's header from a Gerrard corner before Gary Liddle was fortunate not to concede a penalty when felling Ibe inside the area.

The post came to County's rescue again four minutes before half-time, Gerrard striking the woodwork from Sterling's pass after a fine Sturridge ball had released the winger. But Liverpool then criminally took their foot off the gas after the interval and County capitalised.

After Callum McGregor fired a shot that was saved by Mignolet on the hour, the visitors were back in the game two minutes later. Mark Fotheringham's deep free-kick was nodded back across goal by Smith and Arquin reached the ball before Toure to power home a header from eight yards.

Liverpool responded. A Gerrard cross was headed against the base of the post by Toure, while another fine pass from skipper was headed wide by Sturridge on the run. But with Liverpool's defence worryingly stretched, the visitors were level six minutes from time, goalscorer Arquin crossing from the right to the far post where Adam Coombes, with his first touch since coming on as substitute, sidefooted home.

Extra time was made more tiring for Liverpool by Toure's exit. But after makeshift right-back Sterling survived a penalty claim on Enda Stevens, substitute Philippe Coutinho broke down the other end and released Sturridge, whose angled drive went through a weak attempted save by Bialkowski and trickled over the line. Victory was secured when Henderson, lively on replacing the injured Allen, literally ran straight through the County defence and finished with aplomb.

Liverpool breathed a sigh of relief. But there remain plenty of lessons to be learned for Rodgers and his players.

LIVERPOOL (4-2-3-1): Mignolet; Johnson, Wisdom, Toure, Cissokho (Agger 10);

Gerrard, Allen (Henderson 65); Sterling, Alberto (Coutinho 72), Ibe; Sturridge. Subs: Jones, Aspas, Lucas, Borini. BOOKINGS: Wisdom and Sterling (both fouls). NOTTS COUNTY (4-4-2): Bialkowski; Dumbuya, Liddle, Smith, Stevens; Campbell-Ryce (Thompson 70), Labadie, Fotheringham (Boucaud 77), Bell (Coombes 82); McGregor, Arquin. Subs: Spiess, Tempest, Murray, Nangle. BOOKINGS: Campbell-Ryce and Arquin (both fouls).

REFEREE: Stuart Atwell.

ATT: 42,231.



Brave Notts County come so close to shocking mighty Liverpool

NOTTS County gave the mighty Liverpool the fright of their lives.

They have not won at Anfield since way back in 1902 – but they had their fans dreaming of a famous upset in the second round of the Capital One Cup until they eventually lost 4-2 in extra time..

The Magpies fell 1-0 behind after just four minutes, Raheem Sterling firing the Reds ahead, and Daniel Sturridge doubled Liverpool's lead before the half-hour mark. Notts looked dead and buried at that stage, but they staged an unbelievable fightback in the second half, Yoann Arquin and sub Adam Coombes scoring to send the tie into extra time.

But Sturridge netted his second goal of the night on the stroke of half-time of extra time and sub Jordan Henderson struck their fourth goal on 110 minutes to finally kill off the Magpies.

Everyone expected Liverpool to name their kids. But they didn't. Boy, how they didn't. England captain Steven Gerrard started. So too, did £12m striker Sturridge, who has scored two goals in two Premier League games for the Reds so far this season Oh, and then there was £18m England defender Glen Johnson, Kolo Toure, Joe Allen, who cost £15m, and first-choice goalkeeper Simon Mignolet.

Together, their starting XI is worth around £80m, while the Magpies are a team of entirely free transfers. Notts gave a debut to their latest signing, Enda Stevens, an emergency loan signing from Aston Villa because they have so many injuries.

His arrival was only confirmed by the club two hours before kick-off.

Talk about being thrown in at the deep end, though the 23-year-old defender started games against Manchesters United and City and Arsenal in the top-flight last season. Stevens replaced injured Alan Sheehan at left-back, to join Gary Liddle, Manny Smith, Mustapha Dumbuya and goalkeeper Bartosz Bialkowski in the back five. The Magpies were also missing their captain Dean Leacock and strikers Enoch Showunmi and Danny Haynes because of injuries.

With those two frontmen, and both Liverpool fans, ruled out, Arquin started as a lone striker, with on-loan Callum McGregor just behind him and Joss Labadie, Mark Fotheringham, David Bell and Jamal Campbell-Ryce in midfield.

Campbell-Ryce helped Barnsley dump Liverpool out of the FA Cup back in 2008 and his recall to the side sparked hope he would be a lucky omen against the Reds this time too, but their hopes of causing an upset were hit after only four minutes, Sterling firing the Reds 1-0 ahead. It was McGregor who gave the ball away and in the blink of an eye Sterling was on the ball, racing towards the penalty area, past two defenders and lashing it past Bialkowski.

When Gerrard curled a free-kick narrowly over the crossbar from 25 yards just minutes later, Notts must have feared the worst, but they hit back quickly and, against all odds, Labadie threatened to equalise on nine minutes.

Thunderbolt free-kicks are fast becoming his trademark and he smashed one at goal from 25 yards, but straight at Mignolet.

Liverpool then went close to doubling their lead on 19 minutes. Notts fans were bowing down to Gerrard like he was a god every time he took a corner close to them in the Anfield Road Stand and he swung a free-kick into the box from the right that sub Daniel Agger headed against Bialkowski's right-hand post.

Down, but undaunted, Notts continued to play well, prompting chants of 'it's just like watching Juve!' from their fans, but the Reds' superior class soon showed again, Gerrard sliding a pass between Dumbuya and Smith for Sturridge, who strode into the penalty area and swept a shot beyond Bialkowski and inside his left-hand post from 12 yards on 29 minutes. It then took a super save from Bialkowski to stop Agger making it 3-0 with a close-range header from a corner 35 minutes, the Pole stretching out his left hand to tip the ball over the bar, and Liddle stopped Sterling inside the box with a superbly-timed sliding tackle four minutes later. They could not stop Gerrard, however. He was running the show and almost scored on 41 minutes. Seizing onto a pass from Sterling, he hit the woodwork. Liverpool were in relentless mood and Gerrard, Sturridge and the rest all came back out for the second half.

The Magpies were also entirely unchanged, although they hoped to change the tide of the tie. It looked impossible, however. Liverpool were cruising and Sturridge threatened to end all hope on 58 minutes, turning past Liddle and Smith inside the penalty area, but he slipped over, fortunately for Notts.

McGregor forced Mignolet into a good save with a powerful low shot from 25 yards on 60 minutes and then, almost unbelievably, Notts scored to spark hope they might, just might, fight back.

They undid Liverpool from a free-kick on 62 minutes. Fotheringham hit it towards the edge of the penalty area from close to the halfway line, Smith headed the ball

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into the danger zone and the rest was glorious has Arquin headed past Mignolet, all in front of the away end too.

The atmosphere suddenly turned tense. Suddenly Liverpool fans feared the worst and their nervousness was not eased when Toure missed a glorious chance to score on 69 minutes, hitting the foot of Bialkowski's left-hand post from inside the six-yard box. The Magpies then completed one of the unlikeliest comebacks with a second goal on 84 minutes. Coombes had only been on the pitch for two minutes and he was the hero for Notts with his first touch, sweeping the ball into the net from inside the box from Arquin's low cross to spark pandemonium in the away section and send the tie into extra time.

The Magpies chances of winning were boosted when Toure was carried off on a stretcher and Liverpool, having used all three of their subs, had to play on with ten men, but Sturridge put them back in front in injury time at the end of the first half of extra time, firing in a low shot that squirmed under Bialkowski and Henderson then swept into the box and stroked the ball home early in the second half of extra time.



Liverpool were taken to extra-time before finally beating League One side Notts County in the Capital One Cup.

The Reds looked to be coasting into the third round when Raheem Sterling beat two defenders to clip in an opener and Daniel Sturridge rifled in a second.

Yoann Arquin headed a goal back for the Magpies and they were level when Adam Coombes tapped in from Arquin's cross.

But Sturridge added his second from a tight angle before Jordan Henderson beat a defender to score from 18 yards.

Liverpool finished the game with 10 men when, with all three substitutes already on the pitch, Kolo Toure was taken off on a stretcher in extra-time.

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Defender Aly Cissokho, who joined from Valencia on loan earlier in the month, lasted just nine minutes of his first start for the club when he hobbled off following a challenge from County's Jamal Campbell-Ryce.

By then, Liverpool were already ahead. Sterling, who was named in Roy Hodgson's England squad earlier in the day, cut past two County challenges, before firing beyond keeper Bartosz Bialkowski.

Defender Daniel Agger headed against the post before Sturridge rounded off an incisive passing move with a sharp finish from 12 yards to score in his third successive game of the season. Captain Steven Gerrard and Toure both hit the woodwork as Liverpool looked likely to progress without too much exertion ahead of Sunday's Premier League derby with rivals Manchester United.

But they were forced to play an extra 30 minutes when the visitors pulled off an unlikely turnaround. County grabbed a goal back early in the second half when Arquin smashed in a powerful header off the underside of the crossbar, while the Reds lost midfielder Joe Allen, who limped off the pitch.

And the comeback was complete six minutes from the end of normal time when the Martinique international ran past the Liverpool defence before pulling the ball back for Coombes to equalise at the far post.

Early in extra time Toure went down injured but the 10 men restored their lead in the 105th minute when Sturridge's low shot crept under Bialkowski and over the line. Substitute Henderson wrapped up victory with a clever individual strike late on when he nutmegged County defender Enda Stevens before curling a low effort into the bottom corner. Liverpool manager Brendan Rodgers:

"I congratulate my men for showing that character and commitment and also Notts County. "At 2-0 down, it was a great fightback and that will bode well for their season. We have seen before that 2-0 is a dangerous scoreline, but we are glad to get through. "It was obviously disappointing with Cissokho getting injured so early on - he was distraught coming off as you can imagine.

"Joe Allen we just need to check - he has maybe tweaked his hamstring.

"And Kolo Toure has overstretched his groin, so we need to assess that, which doesn't look so good to be honest."



120:00+0:11 The match has finished after extra time.

117:19 Clearance by Curtis Thompson.

116:11 The ball is swung over by Jordan Henderson.

114:34 Andre Boucaud has an effort at goal and missed to the left of the target.

113:33 Clearance by Phillippe Coutinho.

113:14 Daniel Agger makes a clearance.

113:11 Corner from the left by-line taken by Andre Boucaud.

112:39 The ball is crossed by Yoann Arquin.

111:14 Glen Johnson manages to make a clearance.

109:40 The assist for the goal came from Jordan Ibe.

109:40 Goal scored Goal - Jordan Henderson - Liverpool 4 - 2 Notts Co Jordan Henderson scores with their right foot. Liverpool 4-2 Notts County.

109:22 Free kick taken by Phillippe Coutinho.

109:11 Foul by Joss Labadie on Phillippe Coutinho, free kick awarded.

108:46 Free kick taken by Simon Mignolet.

108:14 Adam Coombes challenges Raheem Sterling unfairly and gives away a free kick.

107:35 Clearance made by Glen Johnson.

106:54 Shot by Jordan Ibe went wide right of the post.

105:01 The match restarts for the second half of extra time.

105:00+3:34 Phillinne Coutinho provided the assist for the goal.

105:00+3:34 Goal scored Goal - Daniel Sturridge - Liverpool 3 - 2 Notts Co Daniel Sturridge scores with a left foot finish. Liverpool 3-2 Notts County.

105:00+3:21 Curtis Thompson takes a shot. Blocked by Glen Johnson.

105:00+1:50 Andre Wisdom makes a clearance.

105:00+1:47 The ball is crossed by Curtis Thompson.

105:00+1:16 Andre Boucaud restarts play with the free kick.

105:00+0:56 Caution for Raheem Sterling.

105:00+0:56 Booking

105:00+0:49 Raheem Sterling challenges Callum McGregor unfairly and gives away a free kick.

105:00+0:37 Phillippe Coutinho takes the chance to get an effort at goal. Manny Smith gets a block in.

105:00+0:17 Andre Wisdom restarts play with the free kick.

105:00 Unfair challenge on Jordan Ibe by Joss Labadie results in a free kick.

104:50 Clearance by Daniel Agger.

104:48 Mustapha Dumbuya produces a cross.

104:13 Enda Stevens produces a cross.

103:22 Clearance by Andre Wisdom.

102:14 Andre Wisdom makes a clearance.

98:04 Clearance by Glen Johnson.

97:58 Free kick crossed by Andre Boucaud.

97:16 Andre Wisdom is cautioned.

97:16 Booking

97:10 Unfair challenge on Adam Coombes by Andre Wisdom results in a free kick.

96:37 Andre Wisdom makes a clearance.

95:42 Clearance by Andre Wisdom.

95:23 Phillippe Coutinho takes a shot. Bartosz Bialkowski safely holds on.

95:13 Simon Mignolet manages to make a clearance.

95:04 Free kick taken by Andre Boucaud.

94:30 Andre Boucaud fouled by Phillippe Coutinho, the ref awards a free kick.

94:24 Clearance by Glen Johnson.

93:47 Kolo Toure makes a clearance.

93:21 A cross is delivered by Adam Coombes.

92:53 Clearance made by Daniel Agger.

92:47 Free kick taken by Bartosz Bialkowski.

92:20 The official flags Phillippe Coutinho offside.

91:31 Shot by Glen Johnson went wide of the left-hand post.

91:27 Clearance made by Yoann Arquin.

91:24 The ball is crossed by Phillippe Coutinho.

91:24 Clearance made by Joss Labadie.

90:43 Free kick awarded for a foul by Curtis Thompson on Glen Johnson.

90:00+4:02 Normal time is of over and the game goes into extra time.

90:00+3:31 Clearance by Daniel Agger.

90:00+2:58 Steven Gerrard has an effort at goal and missed to the right of the net.

90:00+2:12 Raheem Sterling takes a shot and went wide right of the net.

90:00+2:08 Clearance by Glen Johnson.

90:00+2:05 Clearance made by Mustapha Dumbuya.

90:00+2:04 A cross is delivered by Glen Johnson.

90:00+1:13 Shot by Daniel Sturridge went harmlessly over the bar.

87:56 Andre Wisdom restarts play with the free kick.

87:46 Enda Stevens concedes a free kick for a foul on Phillippe Coutinho.

87:30 Andre Wisdom manages to make a clearance.

87:30 Clearance by Adam Coombes.

87:15 Clearance made by Kolo Toure.

86:39 Header by Daniel Agger goes to the left of the goal.

86:36 Corner taken by Phillippe Coutinho.

86:18 Daniel Agger takes a shot. Manny Smith gets a block in.

86:15 Clearance made by Joss Labadie.

86:13 The ball is delivered by Glen Johnson.

85:53 Clearance by Gary Liddle.

85:35 The ball is crossed by Phillippe Coutinho.

84:59 Andre Boucaud takes the free kick.

84:37 Handball decision goes against Phillippe Coutinho.

84:31 Clearance made by Phillippe Coutinho.

83:24 Assist on the goal came from Yoann Arquin.

83:24 Goal scored Goal - Adam Coombes - Liverpool 2 - 2 Notts Co Adam Coombes grabs a goal with a right foot finish. Liverpool 2-2 Notts County.

83:22 Yoann Arquin produces a cross.

83:12 Clearance made by Phillippe Coutinho.

82:44 Clearance made by Jordan Henderson.

82:23 Andre Wisdom restarts play with the free kick.

82:12 Free kick awarded for a foul by Joss Labadie on Phillippe Coutinho.

81:53 Bartosz Bialkowski restarts play with the free kick.

81:40 Substitution Substitution Adam Coombes on for David Bell.

81:11 Glen Johnson challenges Mustapha Dumbuya unfairly and gives away a free kick.

79:47 Daniel Agger restarts play with the free kick.

79:39 Curtis Thompson concedes a free kick for a foul on Raheem Sterling.

79:34 Curtis Thompson takes a shot. Glen Johnson gets a block in.

79:16 Clearance made by Kolo Toure.

78:48 Daniel Agger has an effort at goal. Andre Boucaud gets a block in.

78:17 Gary Liddle makes a clearance.

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<p>77:46 Glen Johnson delivers the ball.  77:19 Kolo Toure takes the free kick.  76:58 Yoann Arquin is booked.  76:58Booking  76:47 Free kick awarded for a foul by Yoann Arquin on Daniel Agger.  76:34Substitution Notts County makes a substitution, with Andre Boucaud coming on for Mark Fotheringham.  75:03 Andre Wisdom takes a shot. Bartosz Bialkowski safely holds on.  74:40 Free kick taken by Glen Johnson.  74:28 Free kick awarded for a foul by Curtis Thompson on Raheem Sterling.  73:57 Clearance by Andre Wisdom.  73:24 Header by Daniel Sturridge misses right.  73:10 Gary Liddle makes a clearance.  71:33Substitution SubstitutionPhillippe Coutinho replaces Luis Alberto.  70:18 Daniel Agger takes the free kick.  70:08Substitution SubstitutionCurtis Thompson replaces Jamal Campbell-Ryce.  69:18 The referee blows for offside against Yoann Arquin.  69:04 Andre Wisdom makes a clearance.  68:53 Kolo Toure makes a clearance.  68:27 Kolo Toure takes a shot and hits the post.  68:25 The ball is delivered by Steven Gerrard.  68:19 Manny Smith makes a clearance.  68:11 Corner taken by Steven Gerrard.  67:48 Clearance made by Gary Liddle.  67:47 Daniel Sturridge crosses the ball.  65:52 Clearance made by Kolo Toure.  65:47 Bartosz Bialkowski restarts play with the free kick.  65:18 The official flags Glen Johnson offside.  64:45 Gary Liddle manages to make a clearance.  64:08Substitution SubstitutionJordan Henderson on for Joe Allen.  61:56 The assist for the goal came from Manny Smith.  61:56Goal scored Goal - Yoann Arquin - Liverpool 2 - 1 Notts CoYoann Arquin grabs a goal with a headed effort. Liverpool 2-1 Notts County.  61:51 Mark Fotheringham takes the free kick.  61:20 Unfair challenge on Joss Labadie by Andre Wisdom results in a free kick.  60:50 Shot by Glen Johnson. Bartosz Bialkowski safely holds on.  59:53 Shot by Callum McGregor. Simon Mignolet catches the ball.  59:05 Header by Joss Labadie goes to the left of the goal.  59:03 Corner taken by David Bell from the left by-line.  58:40 Daniel Agger makes a clearance.  58:34 Corner from the right by-line taken by Callum McGregor.  57:40 Free kick taken by Daniel Agger.  57:35 Foul by Yoann Arquin on Kolo Toure, free kick awarded.  56:06 Shot by Mustapha Dumbuya. Simon Mignolet makes a block.  55:12 Andre Wisdom crosses the ball.  54:51 Clearance made by Joe Allen.  54:48 Kolo Toure manages to make a clearance.  54:42 Bartosz Bialkowski restarts play with the free kick.  54:13 The official flags Glen Johnson offside.  54:07 Clearance by Gary Liddle.  54:05 Corner from the left by-line taken by Daniel Agger.  53:43 Clearance made by Mustapha Dumbuya.  52:15 Free kick crossed by Luis Alberto.  51:50Booking  51:50 for Jamal Campbell-Ryce.  51:34 Free kick awarded for a foul by Jamal Campbell-Ryce on Raheem Sterling.  50:49 Free kick taken by Bartosz Bialkowski.  50:29 Raheem Sterling is ruled offside.  47:03 Clearance made by Steven Gerrard.  47:01 Kolo Toure manages to make a clearance.  46:58 A cross is delivered by Jamal Campbell-Ryce.  45:01 The second half begins.  45:00+2:05Half time It is the end of the first-half.  45:00+0:53 Joss Labadie manages to make a clearance.  45:00+0:16 Bartosz Bialkowski restarts play with the free kick.  44:50 The official flags Raheem Sterling offside.  43:59 Clearance made by Glen Johnson.  43:55 David Bell delivers the ball.  42:18 Kolo Toure makes a clearance.  42:08 Free kick taken by Joss Labadie.  42:03 Kolo Toure gives away a free kick for an unfair challenge on Yoann Arquin.  40:19 Enda Stevens manages to make a clearance.  40:10 Steven Gerrard takes a shot and hits the post.  39:30 Andre Wisdom manages to make a clearance.  37:56 Clearance made by Glen Johnson.  37:53 The ball is crossed by David Bell.  37:36 Raheem Sterling manages to make a clearance.  37:34 Clearance by Daniel Agger.  37:31 David Bell delivers the ball.  37:25 Kolo Toure manages to make a clearance.  37:21 Bartosz Bialkowski takes the free kick.  36:59 Free kick awarded for an unfair challenge on Jamal Campbell-Ryce by Glen Johnson.</p>	<p>36:50 Jamal Campbell-Ryce makes a clearance.  36:35 Joe Allen has an effort at goal. Bartosz Bialkowski catches the ball.  35:38 Clearance by Gary Liddle.  34:41 Corner taken by Steven Gerrard from the right by-line.  34:15 Clearance made by Mark Fotheringham.  34:13 Header at goal by Daniel Agger. Bartosz Bialkowski blocks the ball.  34:10 Corner from the right by-line taken by Steven Gerrard.  33:38 David Bell manages to make a clearance.  33:33 Kolo Toure takes a shot. Gary Liddle gets a block in.  32:15 Steven Gerrard manages to make a clearance.  31:47 Clearance by Andre Wisdom.  31:45 Clearance by David Bell.  30:47 Joss Labadie manages to make a clearance.  30:42 Clearance made by Gary Liddle.  30:39 Corner taken by Steven Gerrard from the left by-line.  28:53 The assist for the goal came from Steven Gerrard.  28:53Goal scored Goal - Daniel Sturridge - Liverpool 2 - 0 Notts CoDaniel Sturridge scores with their left foot. Liverpool 2-0 Notts County.  28:32 Free kick taken by Glen Johnson.  28:19 Yoann Arquin is caught offside.  27:29 Steven Gerrard takes the free kick.  27:18 Unfair challenge on Jordon Ibe by Enda Stevens results in a free kick.  27:13 Clearance made by Kolo Toure.  27:09 The ball is crossed by Mustapha Dumbuya.  26:57 Clearance by Daniel Agger.  26:12 Shot by Raheem Sterling missed to the left of goal.  24:52 Joss Labadie takes the free kick.  24:44 Joe Allen concedes a free kick for a foul on Mustapha Dumbuya.  23:20 Daniel Agger restarts play with the free kick.  22:50 Free kick awarded for an unfair challenge on Raheem Sterling by Joss Labadie.  22:09 The ball is crossed by David Bell.  20:52 Daniel Sturridge takes a shot and missed to the left of the target.  20:47 Clearance made by Joe Allen.  20:43 Clearance by Gary Liddle.  20:43 Corner taken by Steven Gerrard.  20:10 Glen Johnson takes the chance to get an effort at goal. Manny Smith gets a block in.  20:08 Free kick taken by Luis Alberto.  19:59 Unfair challenge on Luis Alberto by Mark Fotheringham results in a free kick.  19:27 Free kick taken by Daniel Agger.  19:17 The assistant referee signals for offside against Yoann Arquin.  18:53 Clearance by Gary Liddle.  18:38 Header at goal by Daniel Agger strikes the woodwork.  18:35 Steven Gerrard crosses the ball in from the free kick.  17:57 Yoann Arquin gives away a free kick for an unfair challenge on Daniel Sturridge.  16:30 Raheem Sterling takes a short corner.  16:14 Mustapha Dumbuya makes a clearance.  15:22 Clearance by Gary Liddle.  14:26 Clearance made by Manny Smith.  13:50 Clearance made by Mustapha Dumbuya.  13:42 Daniel Agger restarts play with the free kick.  13:34 Yoann Arquin concedes a free kick for a foul on Daniel Agger.  13:05 Clearance made by Yoann Arquin.  12:31 Steven Gerrard takes a brilliant shot and goes over the bar.  11:54 The ball is sent over by Glen Johnson.  11:49 Free kick taken by Steven Gerrard.  11:36 Joss Labadie gives away a free kick for an unfair challenge on Luis Alberto.  11:11 Steven Gerrard makes a clearance.  10:25 Clearance by Daniel Agger.  10:10 Clearance made by Luis Alberto.  9:27Substitution SubstitutionDaniel Agger on for Aly Cissokho.  8:13 Shot by Jamal Campbell-Ryce missed to the left of goal.  8:09 Direct effort from the free kick comes in from Joss Labadie. Simon Mignolet fumbles the ball.  7:29 Unfair challenge on Joss Labadie by Luis Alberto results in a free kick.  6:59 Strike comes in from Steven Gerrard from the free kick and misses left of the target.  6:16 Joss Labadie concedes a free kick for a foul on Raheem Sterling.  6:07 Clearance by Gary Liddle.  6:07 Joe Allen sends in a cross.  3:53 Assist on the goal came from Glen Johnson.  3:53Goal scored Goal - Raheem Sterling - Liverpool 1 - 0 Notts CoRaheem Sterling scores with a right foot finish. Liverpool 1-0 Notts County.  3:17 Gary Liddle manages to make a clearance.  2:46 The offside flag is raised against Yoann Arquin.  2:21 Callum McGregor manages to make a clearance.  0:00 The referee gets the game started.</p>
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