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I don't need magic dust to transform this side, says Klopp

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The heavy metal that Jurgen Klopp had promised was delivered on day one of his reign. Cymbals were crashed, the amplifier was switched to full blast and White Hart Lane reverberated to the sound of a Northern band trying to thrash its way out of the difficult second-album phase that had cost Brendan Rodgers his job. Liverpool made a noise all right but they rarely came close to playing a tune.

Sweet symphonies, Klopp believes, will follow soon enough. The faith of the new Liverpool manager in his players exceeds that of most who have seen them toil to negligible effect during the past six months of Rodgers's reign. Having taken three days of training to turn them into a running, pressing machine, Klopp is confident that the next phase, making Liverpool more effective with the ball, will not be a problem. Their goalless draw with Tottenham Hotspur, though, suggests that challenge is greater than the high chief of gegenpressing is prepared to admit. "I am not sure how many games you saw like this from Adam Lallana?" Klopp asked in the knowledge that Lallana had delivered one of his most effective performances for Liverpool. "I know him from Southamptons and he can do 20-30 per cent more," he continued, warming to the theme. "Philippe Coutinho? Do you not think he can play better football than today? Of course, he can.

"Lucas? You don't think he can play balls on the right and left side? Of course he can. Emre Can? Learning between running and passing? He can learn. Milner? The complete football player, the perfect professional. [You think] I should teach them technical aspects? They know. We have to altogether help them to show it."

What followed captured one of the prime reasons why Klopp's appointment was a no-brainer for Fenway Sports Group (FSG), Liverpool's owner, and why it has energised the club's supporters. In contrast to Roy Hodgson, the manager that FSG inherited and one that the fans did not want, who repeatedly described himself as "not the magic wand man" to justify failing to get the best out of the players available to him, Klopp insists there is no need for him to resort to sorcery because it is not required. "We don't have to sprinkle magical dust on them: 'and now you can play football.' They know how to play," he said. "We just have to create a situation where it is possible to do this."

For now, everyone associated with Liverpool is delighted to see a team that play as a team as the motivational issues that affected them during the final weeks of Rodgers's reign are eradicated by Klopp's arrival and ultra-aggressive approach. The contrast with what had gone before is apparent but the comparisons are restricted to Rodgers' Liverpool at their worst, a situation that, as Mauricio Pochettino pointed out, is not fair on Klopp's predecessor.

"If you have the opportunity to see the Arsenal versus Liverpool game, it was the same high tempo that Liverpool played, under Brendan Rodgers," the Tottenham head coach said. "I think the work and the job of Brendan Rodgers was fantastic. Today, yes, Liverpool ran because they were prepared like us when it was Nigel Adkins before and we arrived [at Southampton]. We said to be fair we need to give the credit to the previous manager and always it is about time to work."

There was another game that took place in north London that would have provided a better reference point.

Less than two years ago, Liverpool pressed high up the pitch, outworked and outran Tottenham but they also scored five unanswered goals. None of their goalscorers that day was available to Klopp on Saturday, Jordan Henderson and Jonathan Pressing matters after first match The distance run by Liverpool saw a big increase - the second highest figure of the day behind Bournemouth - as did the number of sprints. Their passing suffered, though.

Flanagan through injury, Luis Suarez and Raheem Sterling through ambition, and it was telling that the 13 players he used against Spurs have scored two league goals between them this season.

For all Liverpool's effort, they struggled in attack after Divock Origi struck the crossbar from a set piece after ten minutes. While the visiting team constantly won possession with their pressing, they did little with it and were indebted to Simon Mignolet for ensuring Klopp's English debut did not end in defeat as the goalkeeper produced outstanding saves from Clinton Njie, the substitute, and Harry Kane. Ultimately, most of Liverpool's energy was expended preventing Tottenham from playing because, on the day at least, they lacked the necessary quality to play themselves.

"I saw many good things in my team today," Klopp said. "There was pretty offensive defending and we tried to disturb at the right moment. OK, the timing was not perfect but I saw situations with a 5-6 centimetre difference we would have had the ball again. This is cool. But of course we should play better football."

"When we have the ball the other team has to run. I saw things like this 1,000 times. We start with this development and the most important thing is for the players to be prepared to be a little bit wild. You can run and then you can miss. No problem. Don't worry. Come back again. That's what I saw today."

RATINGS Tottenham Hotspur (4-2-3-1): H Lloris 7 -- K Walker 6, T Alderweireld 7, J Vertonghen 7, D Rose 7 -- M Dembele 7, D Alli 6 -- E Lamela 6 (sub: A Townsend, 87min), C Eriksen 8, N Chadli 5 (sub: C Njie, 11 7) -- H Kane 7. Substitutes not used: M Vorm, K Wimmer, K Trippier, B Davies, H Winks. Booked: Lamela.

Liverpool (4-3-2-1): S Mignolet 8 -- N Clyne 6, M Skrtel 6, M Sakho 8, A Moreno 6 - J Milner 7, L Leiva 8, E Can 7 -- A Lallana 7 (sub: J Allen, 81), P Coutinho 5 (sub: J Ibe, 87) -- D Origi 6. Substitutes not used: A Bogdan, K Toure, C Randall, J Teixeira, J Sinclair. Booked: Leiva, Milner.

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Jürgen Klopp's first game as Liverpool manager ends in Tottenham draw

The message on one of the German tricolours fluttering in the away end was Mein Held – My Hero. Liverpool, as their new manager promised, had a different look. They chased and harried and could not really have given much more to try to get the Jürgen Klopp era off to a winning start but, ultimately, there was not enough inspiration to go with all the perspiration.

Liverpool were quick to the ball, full of energy and ran so hard that when a Tottenham man went down midway through the second half every single one of Klopp's players came to the touchline for a drinks break. They looked worn out, yet they still roused themselves for one last effort. It has been a long time since Adam Lallana has covered this much ground in one game. Emre Can sprinted when once he might have strolled. Liverpool became a team of one goalkeeper and 10 James Milners and Klopp must have been encouraged by the speed at which his changes have been implemented.

What they could not do, deprived of some of their better players, was match all their effort with a touch more refinement. Daniel Sturridge's latest injury setback left them with Divock Origi, ordinarily their fourth-choice striker, in attack and though the Belgium international worked hard he did look slightly raw for the position. As such, Liverpool were unable to extend their winning sequence against Tottenham to six matches, having scored 18 times and conceded four in the previous five encounters. They did, however, register their first clean sheet in nine matches and, in the process, they largely subdued Spurs, even if Mauricio Pochettino could justifiably reflect that his team created the better chances.

On those occasions, Simon Mignolet's goalkeeping ensured a reasonable start for Klopp, particularly when Harry Kane had a chance to win the match five minutes from the end of normal time. Mignolet made an even better save earlier to keep out Clinton N'Jie, who had replaced the injured Nacer Chadli, but Spurs managed only one 15-minute spell in the first half when they put their opponents under sustained pressure. They had a tendency to play the ball long and high in the second half and more might have been expected of the home side, especially thinking back to the way they had dismantled Manchester City in their previous home game.

This was the first time this season that Spurs have been outrun by their opponents and the statistics confirmed what Liverpool's supporters can expect from now on: a team that tries to run the opposition off their feet. The difficulty when teams play with that kind of intensity is that mistakes can follow. At times, Liverpool needed someone to put their foot on the ball and pick the decisive pass, rather than it always being football at full throttle.

"The problem was when we had the ball we were not good enough," Klopp said. "We didn't use our skills. We were a little too hectic, maybe too eager. We didn't see the right options."

Klopp had set up his team in a new 4-3-2-1 system, with Lallana and Philippe Coutinho patrolling the area behind Origi, and they moved the ball with great purpose during the opening exchanges. "The start was brilliant," he said. The new Liverpool looked like they could not wait to get started and the tall bespectacled guy on the touchline, wearing the dark tracksuit and occasionally delivering a shrill whistle to get his players' attention, was hopping around agonisingly after 10 minutes when Milner swung over a corner, Can had the first header and Origi came next, diverting the ball against the crossbar and unable to get to the rebound when it ricocheted down.

At that stage the home crowd might have recalled the way Liverpool had won their last two games here with an aggregate 8-0 score. Instead, Spurs gradually began to emerge as a threat of their own and Klopp saw for the first time his team's habit of making life difficult for themselves. Lallana was indebted to Mignolet's one-handed save after losing the ball deep inside his own half, giving Kane the chance to set up N'Jie. Later, N'Jie flashed a diagonal effort just over the crossbar after more hesitancy in the defence. Martin Skrtel was involved both times and, in between, Mignolet's feet kept out Kane, with Mamadou Sakho blocking the follow-up effort from Dele Alli.

The game became increasingly error-strewn after the interval and Milner, having already been shown a yellow card, was fortunate the referee, Craig Pawson, gave him the benefit of the doubt after a collision with Danny Rose. Those were the moments when Tottenham's fans were reminded that the current team does not have the same finesse on the ball as previous sides. In the absence of the suspended Eric Dier, Mousa Dembélé acquitted himself well in the holding midfield role but Kane was often isolated in attack and Pochettino was being generous with his praise of the performance.

Klopp's conclusion was that it was a "first good step", pointing out the amount of injuries and his lack of time to work with his players in training. A new team is taking shape and, overall, he could reflect he had seen more good than bad.

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Klopp hoping Liverpool can show wild side
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ONE of Jurgen Klopp's endearing qualities is his ability to tell it how it really is. Liverpool's manager sees what the fans see.

English football has earned a rest from the relentless chatter about clubs being in transition, the philosophy of their latest manager, or how they set up teams with a low, defensive block.

Instead Klopp's eyes light up at the very mention of White Hart Lane, a traditional football stadium that captured the German's imagination when he first looked at the fixture list.

He also knew, just as the 2,950 travelling Liverpool supporters knew, that Adam Lallana, Emre Can and Philippe Coutinho, among others, can play much better than they did here.

'We don't have to sprinkle magical dust on them and say "now you can play football"; Klopp said after his first game in charge. They know how to play. We just have to create a situation where it is possible to do this. Pressure yes, but it is not the biggest pressure -- these guys are running for their lives.

'I'm not sure how many times you saw Lallana like this? What do you think? I know him from Southampton and he can do 20-30 per cent more.

'Coutinho? Do you not think he can play better? Of course he can. Lucas? You don't think he can play balls on the right or left hand side? He can. And Can? Learning between running and passing. He can learn. Milner? The complete football player, the perfect professional, a machine, everything is there. We have to help them to show it. This is not the biggest problem in life.' Liverpool are a long way short of the team that walloped Tottenham 5-0 away under Brendan Rodgers in 2013. To return Liverpool to the top of English football it will require all of Klopp's boundless energy and the resources he used to such effect with Borussia Dortmund.

'We will start with this development and the most important thing is for the players to be a little bit wild,' he added. 'You can run and miss, no problem. Come back again. This part I am satisfied with, but we can do better and will do better. It's OK.' On Daniel Sturridge's latest injury, he said his long-term vision for the player outweighed the short-term temptation to play him.

Without their go-to man they lacked penetration, struggling to create chances against a Tottenham team that has not lost in the league since the opening day at Old Trafford. To play at this tempo will test the fittest players in this squad.

Milner is one of them. He said: 'He [Klopp] is how he seems -- it is not an act. He is a good guy, loves football and wants us to enjoy it, but he asks for 100 per cent.' Simon Mignolet was exceptional for Liverpool, with saves from Spurs substitute Clinton Njie and Harry Kane helping them to their first clean sheet since the 0-0 at Arsenal on August 24.

'The game showed that we have grown up,' claimed Tottenham manager Mauricio Pochettino. 'After beating Manchester City, we have shown that we are a difficult team to play.

'Jurgen Klopp will need time to work, but it was an exciting game because the players were highly-motivated for their new manager.'

SUPER STAT: Spurs are unbeaten in eight Premier League games, the longest run in the division. **TOTTENHAM** (4-2-3-1): Lloris 7; Walker 6, Alderweireld 7, Vertonghen 7, Rose 6; Alli 6, Dembele 6; Lamela 6 (Townsend 87min), Eriksen 6.5, Chadli 6 (N'Jie 6.5, 11); Kane 6. Booked: Lamela.

LIVERPOOL (4-3-3): Mignolet 7.5; Clyne 7, Skrtel 7, Sakho 7, Moreno 6; Milner 6, Lucas Leiva 7, Can 7; Lallana 5 (Allen 80), Coutinho 5 (Ibe 86); Origi 5.5. Booked: Milner, Lucas. Man of the match: Simon Mignolet. Referee: Craig Pawson 7.

The Daily Telegraph

Lallana goes the extra mile as Klopp sets his benchmark

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From depressing to gegenpressing: the Jurgen Klopp era began with sweat rather than swagger, but there was enough to recruit more believers from the ranks of doubters. Seeing footballers run until their legs buckle is peculiarly reassuring, even if the quality was lacking. Adam Lallana collapsing into his manager's embrace after the most active 80 minutes of his Liverpool career was an enduring image of a laborious afternoon at White Hart Lane.

Klopp (below) acknowledged all his exhausted players with handshakes and hugs. A few would have preferred the tinsel towels you throw across those who have just completed a marathon.

'I am not sure how many games you saw like this from Adam Lallana? What do you think?' Klopp said. The only valid response was: "Never." Certainly not in the past 18 months. Klopp added: 'I know him from Southampton and he can do 20-30 per cent more.'

So much for the physical upgrade, what about the technical deficiencies? Perspiration will not go far if attacking innovation is lacking. Like his Dortmund side, Klopp knows when to go full throttle when necessary. He was at his most animated extolling the virtues of the squad he had been bequeathed.

'Coutinho? Do you not think he can play better football? Of course, he can," he said. "Lucas? You don't think he can play balls on the right and left side? Of course he can. Emre Can? Learning between running and passing. He can learn. Milner? The complete football player, the perfect professional, a machine, everything is there. We don't have to sprinkle magical dust on them.'

A customary mime emphasised the point. Klopp sprinkled imaginary fairy powder.

'And now you can play football," he said, words soaked in irony. "I should teach them technical aspects? They know how to play. We have to help them to show it. This is not the biggest problem in life. We just have to create a situation where it is possible to do this.

'The most important thing is for the players to be prepared to be a little bit wild. You can run and then you can miss. No problem. Don't worry. Come back again. We can do better and will do better.'

The difference between Klopp and his predecessors' statements on taking the Liverpool job cannot be overstated. No sooner had Gerard Houllier, Rafa Benitez and Brendan Rodgers arrived than they were talking about squad rebuilding and the high-earning dead wood they had to shift.

'I'm not a miracle worker," was their early message.

'I don't need to be," is Klopp's contrary perspective.

He defended his inheritance as if he had hand picked these players. In some cases - as with the inexperienced striker Divock Origi - he staked his reputation on developing him by admitting he wanted to buy him at Dortmund. How the young Belgian's back must have stiffened on hearing those words.

James Milner said that Klopp's touchline charisma was like "having a 12th man".

Not everyone was buying into it. Mauricio Pochettino, the Tottenham Hotspur manager, suggested that the efforts had more to do with players impressing a new coach.

Not true. Liverpool ran, sprinted and tackled more than in any game this season. It was not the same as the vapid, lethargic performances typifying the start of this season and the end of the last one. Pochettino had a similar galvanising impact at Southampton but the Spurs coach admitted that a different pro-file of player slowed the process at White Hart Lane. Tottenham are improving but this was a missed chance.

Simon Mignolet's three saves - two denying the excellent but unlucky Harry Kane - proved the difference, but, after dismantling Manchester City, a chance for the hosts to underline Champions League credentials was lost.

Take out the Klopp factor and the Merseyside club were under-strength and bereft of firepower given the late withdrawal of Daniel Sturridge. No wonder Klopp was so satisfied.

'We Believe," was the banner in the away end, emphasising the Kop's conviction they have the right man as their leader. If Klopp stirs similar faith that his squad are Champions League material then he is more of a magician than he thinks.

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Klopp insists Liverpool do not need his magic touch
 Jrgen Klopp was reflecting on his goalless debut as Liverpool manager, where his new charges ran hard but created little, and had to deny that he would be bestowing any of his own transformative magic on his new players.
 Expectation control is part of modern football management - Jose Mourinho was forced to clarify that he was not Harry Potter when he took over at Real Madrid in 2010 - but Klopp has a lot to do here. Judging by the number of flags and banners in his honour on Saturday - "Liverpool Uber Alles", "Wir Glauben" ("We Believe"), "Jrgen's Reds" and the rest - he is a hero already.
 Liverpool pressed Tottenham hard at points but lacked the technical execution to create an open-play chance or score a goal. So would Klopp be performing football alchemy on these players? Not so fast.
 "Should I teach them the technical aspects? They know them," Klopp said. "We have to help them to show it. This is not the biggest problem. We don't have to sprinkle magical dust on them 'and now you can play football'. They know how to play. We just have to create a situation where it is possible to do this."
 Brendan Rodgers was not averse to speaking about his gift for "educating" players and making them better. Klopp made no such claims. His immediate priority is just to provide the atmosphere and framework for his squad to play as well as they can.
 Klopp ran through his whole midfield - Philippe Coutinho, Adam Lallana, Emre Can, Lucas Leiva, James Milner - describing how they could play better than they did, not as admonishment, but encouragement that he knows their level.
 "Of course, we should play better football, not because I say so but because we can," Klopp said. "We start with this development, and the most important thing is for the players to be prepared to be a little bit wild. You can run and then you can miss. No problem. Don't worry. Come back again."
 The start of the Klopp era, then, has been decidedly light touch. He has his own way - high pressing, counter attacks - but it has been made as simple as possible for his players so far. Melwood has not exactly been suffering from a jargon deficit for the last three years.
 "You can see that something changed," Klopp said. "We didn't want to do it too complicated because it is not physics, it is football. We had some information. Maybe some things are new but we didn't want it to be complicated."
 Although Tottenham did not create as much as they would have liked, Liverpool's best player was still goalkeeper Simon Mignolet, who produced an excellent save to deny Clinton Njie in the first half. Mignolet revealed just how Klopp is trying to intensify Liverpool's game, while lightening the mood.
 "We did what the gaffer wanted us to do, which was press them high and try to make it difficult for them to play football," Mignolet said.
 "As you can see he is very enthusiastic and very ambitious. On the line you can see that and it rubs off on the players.
 "He is very positive and he wants everyone to go full blast, like he is as well."
 Mignolet received a congratulatory hug from Klopp at the end, on the pitch, but so did all of his team-mates. "Now we have our experience together that we needed," Klopp said. "Now we will go on."



KLOPP'S A WILD THING; Messiah Jurgen runs the rule over his Reds, sees room for improvement and calls on his stars to be a 'bit more crazy'
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 AFTER 10 days of mania, Messiah talk and paparazzi shots, Jurgen Klopp stood in a cramped corridor at White Hart Lane and told us what he can actually do for Liverpool.
 With a wry smile and a twinkle of his fingers, the German said: "We don't have to sprinkle magical dust on them and say 'and now you can play football.' They know how to play."
 A draw at Tottenham was a decent result but also an antidote to the more excitable Reds fans who might have considered their " A draw at Tottenham was a decent result but also an antidote to the more excitable Reds fans who might have considered thei club's new manager across between David Copperfield and Sooty.
 It also showed us Klopp's more worldly capabilities - for example, that he can encourage Adam Lallana, a gifted player who has often flattered to deceive at Liverpool, to 'run for his life'.
 Klopp said: "I'm not sure how many games you saw like this from Adam Lallana? What do you think? I know him since he was at Southampton and know he can do 20 to 30 per cent more.
 "Philippe Coutinho? Do you not think he can play better football than that? Of course, he can.
 "Lucas? You don't think he can play balls on the right and left? Of course he can.
 "Emre Can? Learning between running and passing. He can learn.
 "James Milner? The complete football player, the perfect professional, a machine, everything is there.
 "We just have to create a situation where it's possible to do these things. There is pressure but not the biggest pressure, these guys are running for their life."
 The energy was certainly there in Klopp's injury-ravaged side.
 The quality, he admitted, was largely hidden.
 He said: "Of course we should play better football. Not because I say but because we can. When we have the ball the other team has to run. The most important thing is for the players to be prepared to be a little bit wild.
 "We are only three days together and you can see that something changed.
 "We didn't want to make it too complicated because it is not physics, it is football."
 No rocket science and no sorcery then, but stand-in captain Milner was impressed by the touchline presence of his new boss - his 17th club manager in 13 years.
 Milner said: "He is how he seems, it is not an act - he is a good guy who enjoys what he does and wants us to enjoy it, he just asks for 100 per cent.
 "It has been tough for him, a whirlwind coming into English football and there is expectation and pressure on him and the team. He is trying to get his ideas over - it will take a few months.
 "But he gets his message across on the touchline, like a 12th man.
 If he can inject energy into the boys over the last 10 minutes, when we are tired, then good.
 "He has a great record but we're disappointed for Brendan Rodgers as I feel he is a top manager.
 "I have worked with a lot of managers, I think this is my 17th. Brendan was right up there with the best.
 "I've had quiet managers, animated managers, foreign, British, young, old, different styles. You learn from each one. I am blessed to work with top managers and here is another one.
 "We have a few injuries, to say the least, as you can't even get into our treatment room. Maybe we tried to force it forwards a bit early but it is a pleasing start - Rome was not built in a day."
 And Tottenham boss Mauricio Pochettino claimed Klopp has hardly transformed Liverpool - pointing out their high-energy performance in the 0-0 draw at Arsenal in August.
 Pochettino said: "If you have the opportunity to see the game Arsenal v Liverpool, it was the same high tempo that Liverpool played under Brendan Rodgers.
 "We need to be fair, I think the job Brendan did was fantastic. Like when we arrived at Southampton we gave credit to the previous manager, Nigel Adkins, because always it is about time. Now I think Jurgen Klopp needs time to work, to apply his methods."

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Normal One can't inspire an out of the ordinary performance

After all the hype, the first instalment of Jurgen Klopp's Liverpool reign proved to be something of an anti-climax.

The Normal One couldn't deliver a performance out of the ordinary as the depleted Reds took a hard earned point from an uneventful stalemate with Tottenham at White Hart Lane. This wasn't "full throttle" football as for the most part both teams played with the handbrake on during a contest largely devoid of quality. But the show of appreciation from the 3,000-strong travelling Kop at the final whistle underlined that Klopp had been true to his word.

On the eve of the contest in the capital, the new manager had promised an instant change in Liverpool's mentality.

He had also warned that significantly altering the Reds' style of play and fashioning a team in his own image would take time.

Klopp was proved right on both counts. A first clean sheet in nine matches was reward for a gutsy rearguard effort.

"We need to open our chests," was Klopp's message to his players and they certainly answered his call for a greater show of bravery.

Mignolet and Sakho in fine form for Reds

Time and time again since last season went off the rails, Liverpool have been a soft touch. Too often when their backs have been against the wall they have crumbled. There has been no backbone. No resilience. The final stages of Brendan Rodgers' tenure were dogged by the Reds' habit of shooting themselves in the foot. Belief was in such chronic short supply that when the chips were down they inevitably buckled. But the Klopp effect was evident in the capital. His appointment has clearly not only galvanised the fanbase but also the dressing room. When Liverpool were under pressure against Spurs, they dug deep. They were helped in their mission to keep the hosts at bay by a trio of fine saves from Simon Mignolet and a commanding display from centre-back Mamadou Sakho. Without the ball, the Reds were impressive as they shut down space and frustrated a Tottenham side unbeaten in the Premier League since their opening day defeat at Old Trafford.

Reds have now scored eight goals in nine league games

However, in possession the size of the challenge that awaits Klopp was laid bare as after a dominant opening 20-minute spell, standards slipped and Spurs were gifted the initiative. Composure was in painfully short supply. Liverpool have scored just eight goals in nine league matches this term and a lack of creativity and firepower remains a major problem. Hugo Lloris saw his crossbar rattled but was never seriously tested. Of course Klopp was hardly helped by the twin foes of having just two full days to work with his players following the internationals and an injury crisis which has deprived him of so much talent.

Preparations for the trip south had already been traumatic enough having lost both Danny Ings and Joe Gomez to season-ending cruciate ligament injuries.

But Klopp's selection headache was cranked up further when Daniel Sturridge was ruled out on Saturday morning due to a swollen knee.

In the continued absence of Christian Benteke and Roberto Firmino that left Divock Origi as the only striker still standing. With Jordan Henderson, Jon Flanagan, Dejan Lovren and Jordan Rossiter also still missing, Klopp was without nine of the squad he inherited.

Origi not yet ready to lead the line in Premier League

Klopp is famed for his motivational skills and he did his best to talk up Origi both in the build up and post-match inside the bowels of White Hart Lane.

But the reality is that the 20-year-old Belgium international is not yet ready to shoulder the burden of leading the line for Liverpool in the Premier League.

Thankfully, reinforcements are on the way with Benteke and Firmino due back in full training next week and Sturridge's absence is only expected to be a case of days rather than weeks. Origi is still learning his trade and his potential is obvious but he hasn't come close to replicating the form he showed at the 2014 World Cup and justifying the £10million the Reds paid Lille for his services. Too often when Philippe Coutinho burst forward looking for a willing runner, Origi's movement was sluggish. On his full league debut for the Reds Origi couldn't provide the Reds with the attacking focal point they required. How different his afternoon may have been had he tucked away a golden opportunity to open his Liverpool account early on. James Milner's corner was met by Emre Can and Origi nodded goalwards from close range. He looked destined to score but the ball cannoned off the underside of the bar and somehow Spurs hacked it to safety. Klopp looked like he had removed the lead from Can's boots

For the first quarter of the contest Liverpool played with an energy and a sense of purpose that had been lacking so far this season as they swarmed all over Tottenham. Klopp, covering almost as much ground as his players, was a hive of activity on the touchline, clapping his hands in approval and barking orders. Emre Can was never able to convince Rodgers of his ability to play in midfield but here was the young German playing in the role he was bought for.

It looked as if Klopp had removed the lead from Can's boots as he was so much more mobile and athletic. When Can made one crucial covering tackle, his fellow countryman punched the air in delight. After that initial burst, Liverpool stumbled and Spurs took control. Mignolet expertly denied substitute Clinton Njie before

keeping out Harry Kane's strike and then Sakho thwarted Dele Alli from the follow up. Martin Skrtel had problems dealing with the threat of Kane but, crucially, Sakho stood firm. It's now hard to believe that the France international spent the early weeks of the campaign watching events unfold from the bench. Sakho read danger and dealt with it expertly, while Nathaniel Clyne also caught the eye at right-back.

The second half was horribly scrappy with both teams toiling in the final third. Milner, who had already been booked, got lucky when Craig Pawson failed to punish his collision with Danny Rose. Origi could have further incensed the home crowd as Rose stayed down but fired tamely at Lloris.

However, Spurs looked the more likely winners and Mignolet did well to claw away Kane's deflected effort late on. Remarkably, Graeme Souness in April 1991 still boasts the claim to fame of being the last Liverpool boss to win his first league game in sole charge of the club. 'We Believe' read the banner as Klopp walked to salute the away end and embraced his players at the final whistle. **The dream start eluded him but a point on the road in difficult circumstances represents a solid base to build from.**

EveningStandard.

Jurgen Klopp's first match in charge ends goalless at White Hart Lane with Jurgen Klopp, the self-proclaimed 'Normal One' left White Hart Lane with what he labelled a 'normal result' as his new Liverpool side drew 0-0 with Tottenham. Much had been made of the German's arrival in the Barclays Premier League as replacement for Brendan Rodgers but, with main striker Daniel Sturridge not risked due to a minor knee injury, he could not start his much-heralded reign on Anfield with a victory.

Divock Origi, with only 17 minutes of Premier League football to his name, started in place of Sturridge and came closest to winning the game for the visitors - who had goalkeeper Simon Mignolet to thank for keeping a clean sheet.

Liverpool had won their previous five meetings with Spurs, including 5-0 and 3-0 wins here under Rodgers in their last two visits to north London - but Mauricio Pochettino, whose arrival to these shores in 2013 as manager of Southampton came without the fanfare given to his counterpart.

As it turned out, Pochettino's side did enough to win the game and, after the opening 30 minutes, were more than a match for Klopp's Liverpool.

Nacer Chadli was forced off in the early stages as he went down after defending a Liverpool corner, with Clinton Njie replacing him.

The Reds nearly took advantage of Chadli's absence as, with Spurs momentarily down to 10 men, Emre Can flicked on James Milner's corner and Origi's header came back off the crossbar with Hugo Lloris beaten.

Klopp had been stood on the touchline since the opening moments from where he watched his new charges dominate the opening 25 minutes - although they nearly fell behind after a sloppy pass from Adam Lallana.

The midfielder gifted the ball to England team-mate Harry Kane, who did well to pick of Njie on the edge of the box - with the Cameroon international drawing a great save out of Mignolet.

Spurs were now starting to pass the ball as well as Liverpool had been doing earlier in the half and Christian Eriksen saw a shot deflected behind for a corner as they looked to break the deadlock.

They came closer with two efforts shortly afterwards as Eriksen's threaded pass found Kane, who drew another smart stop out of Mignolet, with Mamadou Sakho on hand to keep out Dele Alli's follow-up attempt.

Klopp returned to his seat just in time to see a mix-up between Nathaniel Clyne and Martin Skrtel allow Njie to nip in an arrow a shot just over the bar as Tottenham continued to force the issue.

The second half started much more evenly with neither side enjoying the dominance they had both sampled in the opening 45 minutes.

Milner was lucky to remain on the pitch after charging into Danny Rose, with referee Craig Pawson not even awarding Spurs a free-kick as Liverpool countered and forced Lloris into a save from Origi.

With seven minutes remaining Kane was played in on the edge of the box by Eriksen, only to see Mignolet once again keep his effort out.

Can fired wide in the closing stages as Klopp's first match ended in the kind of stalemate the 48-year-old had deemed 'normal' at his pre-match press conference.

Liverpool will hope it does not remain that way in the early stages of a tenure they hope will finally deliver a league title.

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Klopp content as Reds earn deserved draw

Occasionally, it is instructive to see ourselves as others see us. Jürgen Klopp might have wanted to see more fun in the eyes of his players, but there was no doubting the excitement refracted through the lenses of his grey-framed glasses after an introductory goalless draw.

White Hart Lane may have an impending appointment with a wrecking ball, but it remains one of the most engaging, atmospheric stadiums in English football. It is a place of leaders and legends, ghosts and gremlins.

Liverpool's travelling fans sensed the significance of the occasion, their songs of homage breaking over the steeply-tiered seating like waves stirred by autumnal wind. A banner proclaimed "We Believe." A German tricolour inscribed with the legend "Mein Heid", literally translated as "My Lord", was used in genuflection. Klopp had no intention of getting carried away, since common sense informs him he must tread warily between romance and realism. Yet he summed up the experience appropriately, in a style owed more to Jack Kerouac than Bill Shankly. "Not the worst place in the world to start" he mused. "It's cool."

He seemed surprised, but understandably gratified, to learn it was Liverpool's first clean sheet in nine games. Tottenham came closest to winning through a Dele Alli effort, blocked on the line by Mamadou Sakho.

Liverpool set a ferocious pace in the first 20 minutes, which were in effect a collective wind sprint, and should have taken the lead when Divock Origi headed against the crossbar. Spurs were resilient and intermittently dominant after that, and the draw was a fair result.

Klopp's managerial principles impose system over the individual. Gegenpressing requires players of exceptional durability and formidable lung capacity to sacrifice themselves for the cause.

The sight of Adam Lallana and Philippe Coutinho closing down opponents with unrecognisable ferocity confirmed they had received the memo. Emre Can, employed in left-sided midfield, ran himself into the ground, so that he resembled an exhausted novice London Marathon runner, stumbling down the Mall.

Though unexpectedly sensitive to references to "full throttle football" Klopp did not lose his air of amiability. He will recognise the logic of suggestions that, at the moment, Spurs have more players suited to carrying out his orders.

This is no coincidence since Mauricio Pochettino is, in his second season at Spurs, emulating his achievement at Southampton in building an urgent, supremely fit team. He has much in common with Klopp, from body language to his faith in incremental progress.

Liverpool's next five league games - home games against Southampton, Crystal Palace and Swansea punctuated by trips to Chelsea and Manchester City - will be testing. Inevitably, Pochettino was pressed to impose a timetable on Liverpool's improvement. He was understandably circumspect. "Maybe I'll tell him," he said with a wry smile. "You need to be really inside a club, playing and training, to discover the capacity to adapt to this style. In Southampton it happened quickly. Here was different pressure, different players."

Since he has no body of work in the Premier League to lean upon, Klopp will initially be judged on superficialities. Though he seemed unhurried and unworried by the photographers in front of his touchline seat, he exhaled and knotted his fingers nervously behind his back.

He had spoken of repaying trust, dealing with pressure and opportunity, and permitted himself a lingering look at Liverpool fans who had found their voice to his right.

He flinched when Origi headed against the bar after Can had flicked on a corner, and bounced on his heels as the ball was scrambled clear. His body language was open and urgent as he punched the air in celebration of Simon Mignolet's superb save from substitute Clinton Njie.

Liverpool's keeper lacked stature and seemed consistently vulnerable under Brendan Rodgers, but his elasticity, in saving again from Harry Kane was impeccably timed.

Klopp was not drawn deeply into the injury problems afflicting his forwards, which gave Origi his first Premier League start. He reasoned "it doesn't make sense" to "think about players I don't have" but hopes Daniel Sturridge's latest injury is a short term handicap.

Sensible judgement needs to be reserved for six months, rather than his first six matches. For now, he could afford to hug players and staff. He applauded the fans but left without a backward glance en route to the dressing room.

His warmth is unforced, but the lessons of his emergence in the Bundesliga are clear: when he has adapted to the rituals and rhythms of his new environment he will be ruthless and remorseless.

Tottenham Hotspur: (4-2-3-1) Lloris; Walker, Alderweireld, Vertonghen, Rose; Alli, Dembele; Chadli (Njie, 10), Eriksen, Lamela (Townsend, 86); Kane.

Liverpool: (4-2-3-1) Mignolet; Clyne, Skrtel, Sakho, Moreno; Milner, Lucas; Coutinho (Ibe, 86), Lallana (Allen, 80), Can; Origi.

Referee: Craig Pawson

Man of the match: Mignolet (Liverpool)

Match rating: 6/10

The Sunday Telegraph

A good start, but Liverpool are years away from glory; Klopp may get his side working harder but a lack of quality will take time to remedy. Two years ago Liverpool came here and ripped the feathers off Tottenham Hotspur's cockerel, winning 5-0 and moving up to second in the Premier League as Brendan Rodgers approached his Anfield zenith. Liverpool's play was intense then, too, with what people now call "lightning transitions", but among the goalscorers on that happy day were Raheem Sterling and Luis Suarez.

Jump ahead to the coming of Jürgen Klopp and Liverpool are industrious again, like clockwork mice. They are hunting down opponents high up the pitch and expending every watt of energy. This is not a reinvention of Association Football - and nor would Klopp claim it to be. Clear away the cult of personality and there is one immutable truth. Teams win prizes when the quality of the players strikes a critical level, as it almost did with Suarez, Sterling and Daniel Sturridge. Klopp's talent roster now is far below that standard, especially with Sturridge, Christian Benteke and Danny Ings all missing.

This was a good start, though, for Klopp: a clean sheet away from home against one of the Premier League's stronger names. Right away Emre Can led the adaptation, moving out of his usual defensive starting post to play the midfield pivot. Can's legs have never moved so fast. He embraced 'counter-pressing' so enthusiastically that he almost injured himself chasing down a Spurs player on the touchline. Philippe Coutinho was also busy as Liverpool's players responded more to Klopp's reputation for intensity than anything he might have had time to instil on the training ground.

All of us, in fact, are responding to what we hear and read - as well as memories of Borussia Dortmund - rather than hard evidence of Klopp's suitability for the Liverpool job. There is only 90 minutes of that, which is better than the zero we started out with, when he was being greeted as a kind of hipster Messiah. All that curiosity was harmless enough but Klopp is first among those who wants it to stop. Here at White Hart Lane he was even uncomfortable being asked a question about the death of Howard Kendall. You could see his point. What could he possibly say after one week on Merseyside, beyond the basic sympathy and respect? The last time Klopp stood before a congregation like this was at the German Cup final, which his Dortmund team lost to Wolfsburg. Before that, he had said his goodbyes to the 'Yellow Wall' at the Westfalenstadion, and shed tears as 80,000 fans sent him off for his sabbatical with a huge 'Danke Jürgen' banner. That break from management was curtailed by the sacking of Rodgers and the siren call of a great tradition, from an emotional city ideally suited to Klopp's "emotional" football. If Liverpool feel lucky to have him, Klopp is not remotely inclined to play the magician.

In the first 20 minutes here you could see signs of his anxiety. He was blowing on the touchline as if struggling to catch his breath, and twisting his hands behind his back.

More obvious now that his first game is over is that Klopp has placed his own reputation on the line. The downturn at Dortmund felt like the natural end of a cycle and would not be held against him. He stepped into a year off knowing all the major clubs would be interested when the vacancies popped up again. Maybe even Bayern Munich. But the holiday ended for Liverpool, a club who have not won the title for 25 years, which Klopp's lofty reputation obliges him to correct. He said as much on the first day when almost promising a championship within four years.

So a nervous start for the saviour, until a Can ball-retrieval burst had the new manager shouting and clapping in his coaching zone. Can plays rightback for Germany but was trusted here to set an example to the rest from central midfield. Now Klopp was into his groove. Managing Liverpool was "cool," he told us later. There were flashes of exasperation when his players failed to use the ball creatively, but his mode was one of encouragement.

Klopp was super tactile. There was a hug, a slap and the suggestion of a kiss for Jordan Ibe when he came on. A mere handshake would not do for Coutinho when he was replaced. Instead he received the full Klopp cuddle.

After the game Klopp was all over the pitch, smiling at his men. It was not hard for him to detect a lack of confidence and conviction in this Liverpool side, and making everyone feel better about themselves was the relatively easy part. The first passage of intensive coaching we saw was when an injury allowed a drinks break on 71 minutes and Klopp began instructing Divock Origi in the art of bringing wide players into the flow. Origi was in the team because Klopp had "started out with four strikers and ended up with one" in a week when Joe Gomez and Danny Ings were lost for the season to knee injuries.

This is Liverpool's third big wisdom-import from other countries. Gerard Houllier (France) came first, followed by Rafael Benitez (Spain) and now Klopp (Germany). Each time a cultural upheaval follows - but Klopp's ideas are not complicated, and there will be no rewriting of Liverpool's identity. Put simply, the players are just going to have to work a hell of a lot harder and regain the lost Liverpool swagger in the final third of the field.

Nobody wants to hear it, but it will take two years or more to raise the quality of this squad to where it needs to be. But this was a "cool" enough beginning. Klopp's players are going to have to regain the lost Liverpool swagger in the final third

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Klopp makes point as Liverpool sweat it out

Jurgen Klopp liked the ambience of his first Premier League game but that wasn't important. "We are not here to enjoy," he said. After nine days of talk and toothy grins, match day saw Klopp get serious. No more selfies. Time to work. And what work those Liverpool players have in store. What sweat red jerseys are about to absorb. A team who were growing disinterested and dysfunctional under Brendan Rodgers were transformed into a hunting, harrying, hundred-miles-anhour machine.

And yet what work Klopp also needs to do. For all their effort, Liverpool were not the best side: in Tottenham, Klopp came up against the prime example of how, in this competition, he will have to go some if he's to stand out by making men run. Press to impress. If Liverpool's effort levels were phenomenal so are those, habitually, of Mauricio Pochettino's Spurs and these 90 minutes were ferocious. Win ball, lose ball, win ball. Non-stop.

Like watching two armies of ants swarming over a spherical scrap of food. Klopp once said gegenpressing, his particular brand of possession-hunting, is "the best playmaker", but Liverpool's best chance came at an early set-piece, after which they barely created an opportunity.

Spurs were better because their craft was superior. Cristian Eriksen was the one player who rose above all with his eye-of-the-needle passing penetrating a re-energised Liverpool defence to make small openings for his side. Harry Kane was the other standout and, though he couldn't score, he shielded, protected and used the ball like a top modern lone striker.

This was beyond Divock Origi understandably, in his first start at this level. The 20-year-old stretched Spurs out of shape, at times, with his pace, but he couldn't hold possession or provide a consistent focal point for Liverpool's attacking. The key player of Klopp's Borussia Dortmund was Robert Lewandowski and he could have done with Daniel Sturridge's experience at No9.

Sturridge was missing after taking a knock to his knee in training from Jordon Ibe. There was more to Dortmund, of course, than gegenpressing and Klopp lamented, "the problem of the game was when we had the ball we weren't good enough.

We didn't use our skills. We were too hectic, nervous or something. We didn't see the right options." But he was delighted by the adrenaline rush that three days of his coaching appears to have given his team.

Their start was furious. Emre Can, a strolling, shrugging player towards the end of Rodgers' reign, suddenly looked bionic and hurtled across the turf, closing down foes and clattering them with challenges. Lucas snapped at opponents like a pup. Adam Lallana and Philippe Coutinho demonstrated that flair will not be a get-out to excuse Klopp players from chasing around.

James Milner, who probably does shuttle runs for fun in his back garden, loved it all but took eagerness too far with some of his tackling. Booked after 35 minutes for persistent fouling, he later escaped dis-missal when he arrived late on Danny Rose. Liverpool might have been in trouble with a less lenient referee than Craig Pawson: there were times Can, Alberto Moreno and Simon Mignolet bulldozed through man and ball.

Klopp applauded each instance of player effort with an overhead handclap or fist pump. He could have been at a rock concert: football's "heavy metal" manager indeed. He puffed his cheeks, having thought Liverpool had scored when, in the 10th minute, Can stretched back to nod on Lallana's corner and Origi headed against the underside of the bar. The ball bounced down and back off the ground too high for Origi or Martin Skrtel to convert. For 25 minutes, Liverpool remained breathlessly ascendant, but Pochettino anticipated their energetic start and, having weathered it, Spurs began asserting themselves. Nacer Chadli retired after 11 minutes with suspected ankle ligament damage, but Clinton Njie, his replacement, perhaps improved Spurs, bringing a touch of the unexpected to their left flank.

After Lallana gave the ball away, Kane played Njie into space in the box with a measured pass and Njie struck a swerving shot which Mignolet did well to save. Just before half time, Njie seized on a mistake by Nathaniel Clyne and dipped a shot just over the bar. Klopp began imploring Origi to get the ball down and, when the Belgian managed this, suddenly runners could support him and Can ran on to Origi's pass to have a shot blocked. Coutinho's follow up was tame. Kane and Eriksen, however, were giving the lesson in how to carve out good situations in a congested game and when Eriksen squeezed passes through to Kane on two late counterattacks, it seemed Spurs might win. But, first, Liverpool sprinted back, Klopp-style, to smother Kane. On the second, Mignolet saved Kane's crisp shot.

Up to applaud went Klopp's long arms. He'd celebrated a valiant Mamadou Sakho block from Dele Alli in the first half as if it was a goal. Before kick-off, a horseshoe of photographers around him, he stood hands in pockets, relaxed, but after these 90 minutes, by the time he got to his press conference, he was as out of breath as his players. At full time he had taken the pitch to clap Liverpool's support. Already he is loved for putting a smile back on the face of his club but now it's time to work.

Tottenham: Lloris 7, Walker 6, Aldeweireld 8, Vertonghen 7, Rose 7; Dembele 5, Alli 7, Lamela 6 (Townsend 87min, 5), Eriksen 8, Chadli 5 (Njie 11min, 7); Kane 7
 Liverpool: Mignolet 7, Clyne 7, Skrtel 6, Sakho 7, Moreno 5; Can 7, Leiva 7; Milner 6, Lallana 6 (Allen 81min, 5), Coutinho 6 (Ibe 87min, 5); Origi 6

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Jurgen Klopp's reign as Liverpool manager began with a hard-earned draw against Tottenham at White Hart Lane. The German was overseeing his first game since replacing the sacked Brendan Rodgers - and he will have seen plenty to please him as Liverpool battled fiercely to secure a point. Liverpool showed plenty of the pressing intensity Klopp demands but it was goalkeeper Simon Mignolet who did most to ensure the near-hysteria engendered by the new manager's arrival was not punctured by defeat. Mignolet saved superbly from Spurs substitute Clinton Njie and from Harry Kane in each half and was busier than opposite number Hugo Lloris. Liverpool also had chances to win as Belgium striker Divock Origi, in for Daniel Sturridge who is injured again, struck the bar with an early header but neither side could break the deadlock. And the manner in which Klopp went around embracing his new charges at the final whistle suggested he was well satisfied with his opening 90 minutes in charge.

Klopp the inspiration

Liverpool's players will be hearing a lot from Klopp - and not just on the training ground at their Melwood headquarters. The 48-year-old German prowled his technical area within inches of the pitch offering encouragement, especially when they came within earshot. They can expect no respite from his demands. Klopp is well-known for his heart-on-the-sleeve style and it seems clear already that fellow countryman Emre Can is someone he believes can produce big things after a mixed Liverpool career so far. The 21-year-old Germany international has figured at right-back and central defence more than in the midfield role he was accustomed to when he arrived from Bayer Leverkusen in a £10m deal in 2014. So it was of significance that Can, who Klopp will have studied in the Bundesliga, was immediately played in midfield and responded with an energy and commitment that brought regular gestures of approval from his new manager.

Liverpool still frail defensively

Liverpool had not kept a clean sheet in any of their eight games before their visit to White Hart Lane - and it was easy to see why when Spurs applied pressure. The hosts were pushed back by Liverpool's determination to implement Klopp's pressing style in their early stages but when they got a foothold Klopp needed the intervention of goalkeeper Mignolet, who saved superbly from Njie and Kane, while only a desperate stop from defender Mamadou Sakho blocked Dele Alli. Klopp greeted all those incidents with a clenched fist salute. He will, however, want to get to work quickly on ironing out the defensive flaws and uncertainties that the Reds have demonstrated his season.

Klopp happy to start with a point

Klopp felt Liverpool's performance gave him a good foundation, and said afterwards: "0-0 is not my dream result but it is OK. "I am happy because I saw many good things, in the first 20 minutes we were pressing and were very aggressive. "We will get stronger. We were a little bit nervous when we got the ball because the pulse was a little too high at this moment. "There were many full-throttle moments in the game. We need to improve but after working with the players for three days I am completely satisfied."

Pochettino another Klopp?

The styles may be different - one stone-faced and suited, although occasionally highly agitated, the other in a tracksuit and all animated body language - but Spurs boss Mauricio Pochettino and Liverpool counterpart Klopp have much in common. They are both unashamed advocates of intense, pressing tactics and want their players to be super-fit to carry out their wishes. Liverpool, understandably, are newcomers to Klopp's approach although predecessor Rodgers played the pressing game. Spurs, in contrast, are now becoming accustomed to Pochettino's preferred style in his second season at the club. It is no coincidence they have won many games late on during his tenure. At times at White Hart Lane, this was a match where Pochettino and Klopp turned their similar styles on each other, possession suddenly switching sides as the pressing game worked just as they wanted. It will be intriguing to track the progress of Spurs under Pochettino and Liverpool with Klopp in charge - the clubs share similar aspirations.

'You need to be clinical' - Pochettino

Tottenham boss Mauricio Pochettino felt his side had looked more likely to win, saying: "Both teams played with a very high tempo and it was an exciting game. "I am a little bit disappointed not to win because we created four good chances to score and the only clear one Liverpool had came when we were down to 10 men because Nacer Chadli was off the field getting treatment. "In football you need to be clinical. We weren't but I am still very happy with the performance."

Man of the match: Tottenham's Mousa Dembele

The stats you need to know

Tottenham are on the longest current unbeaten run in the Premier League (eight games), since defeat at Manchester United on the opening day (W3 D5).

Gerard Houllier is still the only Liverpool manager to win his first Premier League game in charge at the club (2-1 v Southampton in 1998, he was joint-manager with Roy Evans at the time).

Liverpool have only won one of their last 10 Premier League away games (W1 D5 L4).

No goalkeeper has kept more clean sheets in the Premier League in 2015 than Liverpool's Simon Mignolet (13).

Spurs have failed to score in four of their last five Premier League games against Liverpool.

This is the fourth clean sheet Spurs have kept in their last six Premier League home matches.

What next?

Liverpool return to action when they host Rubin Kazan in the Europa League on Thursday - this will be Klopp's first game in charge at Anfield. Spurs are also involved in Thursday's European action, playing at Anderlecht.

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Full time Match ends, Tottenham Hotspur 0, Liverpool 0.
90:00+3:05 Full time Second Half ends, Tottenham Hotspur 0, Liverpool 0.
90:00+2:03 Attempt blocked. Alberto Moreno (Liverpool left footed shot from a difficult angle and long range on the right is blocked).
90:00+1:10 James Milner (Liverpool wins a free kick on the right wing).
90:00+1:10 Foul by Dele Alli (Tottenham Hotspur).
90:00+0:03 Booking Lucas Leiva (Liverpool is shown the yellow card for a bad foul).
89:59 Foul by Lucas Leiva (Liverpool).
89:59 Harry Kane (Tottenham Hotspur wins a free kick on the left wing).
88:55 Attempt missed. Emre Can (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is close, but misses to the left. Assisted by Joe Allen).
88:06 Offside, Liverpool. Alberto Moreno tries a through ball, but James Milner is caught offside.
87:15 Offside, Tottenham Hotspur. Kyle Walker tries a through ball, but Clinton N'Jie is caught offside.
86:31 Substitution Substitution, Tottenham Hotspur. Andros Townsend replaces Erik Lamela.
86:17 Substitution Substitution, Liverpool. Jordan Ibe replaces Philippe Coutinho.
85:32 Foul by Erik Lamela (Tottenham Hotspur).
85:32 Alberto Moreno (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half).
84:47 Foul by Dele Alli (Tottenham Hotspur).
84:47 Nathaniel Clyne (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half).
83:51 Corner, Tottenham Hotspur. Conceded by Simon Mignolet.
83:49 Attempt saved. Harry Kane (Tottenham Hotspur right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the bottom right corner. Assisted by Christian Eriksen).
82:39 Foul by Danny Rose (Tottenham Hotspur).
82:39 Joe Allen (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half).
81:32 Foul by Erik Lamela (Tottenham Hotspur).
81:32 Mamadou Sakho (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half).
80:54 Substitution Substitution, Liverpool. Joe Allen replaces Adam Lallana.
77:52 Attempt saved. Divock Origi (Liverpool left footed shot from the left side of the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Philippe Coutinho).
76:30 Foul by Lucas Leiva (Liverpool).
76:30 Erik Lamela (Tottenham Hotspur wins a free kick in the defensive half).
76:02 Offside, Liverpool. Martin Skrtel tries a through ball, but Divock Origi is caught offside.
75:28 Attempt missed. Kyle Walker (Tottenham Hotspur right footed shot from outside the box is high and wide to the right following a corner).
74:54 Corner, Tottenham Hotspur. Conceded by Lucas Leiva.
72:07 Delay over. They are ready to continue.
70:54 Delay in match Kyle Walker (Tottenham Hotspur because of an injury).
70:18 Foul by Harry Kane (Tottenham Hotspur).
70:18 Adam Lallana (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half).
70:06 Attempt blocked. Harry Kane (Tottenham Hotspur left footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Jan Vertonghen).
66:48 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Mousa Dembélé.
64:50 Foul by Clinton N'Jie (Tottenham Hotspur).
64:50 Nathaniel Clyne (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half).
59:37 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Mousa Dembélé.
58:31 Booking Erik Lamela (Tottenham Hotspur is shown the yellow card).
58:26 Foul by Erik Lamela (Tottenham Hotspur).
58:26 Alberto Moreno (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half).
55:41 Attempt saved. Kyle Walker (Tottenham Hotspur right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Christian Eriksen).
54:08 Attempt missed. Lucas Leiva (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is close, but misses to the right. Assisted by Divock Origi).
53:24 Attempt missed. Alberto Moreno (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is close, but misses to the right).
52:34 Foul by Dele Alli (Tottenham Hotspur).
52:34 Emre Can (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half).
50:26 Foul by Erik Lamela (Tottenham Hotspur).
50:26 Alberto Moreno (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half).
47:37 Harry Kane (Tottenham Hotspur wins a free kick on the left wing).
47:37 Foul by Martin Skrtel (Liverpool).
45:10 Foul by Dele Alli (Tottenham Hotspur).
45:10 James Milner (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half).
45:00 Second Half begins Tottenham Hotspur 0, Liverpool 0.
45:00+2:10 Half time First Half ends, Tottenham Hotspur 0, Liverpool 0.
45:00+1:03 Attempt blocked. Lucas Leiva (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Alberto Moreno).
44:33 Attempt missed. Mousa Dembélé (Tottenham Hotspur left footed shot from outside the box is high and wide to the left. Assisted by Christian Eriksen following a corner).
44:02 Corner, Tottenham Hotspur. Conceded by Martin Skrtel.
44:01 Attempt blocked. Harry Kane (Tottenham Hotspur right footed shot from the right side of the six yard box is blocked. Assisted by Dele Alli with a cross).
42:50 Attempt saved. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Emre Can).
42:46 Attempt blocked. Emre Can (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Divock Origi).
42:15 Kyle Walker (Tottenham Hotspur wins a free kick in the defensive half).
42:15 Foul by Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool).
40:13 Attempt missed. Clinton N'Jie (Tottenham Hotspur right footed shot from outside the box is just a bit too high. Assisted by Christian Eriksen with a headed pass).

38:33 Foul by Kyle Walker (Tottenham Hotspur).
38:33 Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half).
37:56 Corner, Tottenham Hotspur. Conceded by Mamadou Sakho.
37:17 Corner, Tottenham Hotspur. Conceded by Adam Lallana.
36:11 Attempt blocked. Dele Alli (Tottenham Hotspur right footed shot from the centre of the box is blocked).
36:08 Attempt saved. Harry Kane (Tottenham Hotspur left footed shot from the left side of the box is saved in the centre of the goal).
34:55 Booking James Milner (Liverpool is shown the yellow card for a bad foul).
34:48 Danny Rose (Tottenham Hotspur wins a free kick in the defensive half).
34:48 Foul by James Milner (Liverpool).
33:26 Attempt blocked. Martin Skrtel (Liverpool header from the centre of the box is blocked. Assisted by James Milner with a cross).
32:57 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Danny Rose.
32:03 Attempt missed. Jan Vertonghen (Tottenham Hotspur header from the centre of the box is too high. Assisted by Erik Lamela with a cross following a corner).
31:38 Corner, Tottenham Hotspur. Conceded by Martin Skrtel.
31:35 Attempt blocked. Christian Eriksen (Tottenham Hotspur right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Dele Alli).
28:14 Corner, Tottenham Hotspur. Conceded by Adam Lallana.
27:41 Corner, Tottenham Hotspur. Conceded by Simon Mignolet.
27:39 Attempt saved. Clinton N'Jie (Tottenham Hotspur right footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the bottom left corner. Assisted by Harry Kane).
27:00 Foul by Lucas Leiva (Liverpool).
27:00 Erik Lamela (Tottenham Hotspur wins a free kick in the defensive half).
26:12 Attempt blocked. Clinton N'Jie (Tottenham Hotspur right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Harry Kane).
24:32 Mamadou Sakho (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half).
24:32 Foul by Erik Lamela (Tottenham Hotspur).
22:18 Harry Kane (Tottenham Hotspur wins a free kick in the defensive half).
22:18 Foul by Martin Skrtel (Liverpool).
21:35 Foul by Erik Lamela (Tottenham Hotspur).
21:35 Mamadou Sakho (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half).
20:40 Offside, Tottenham Hotspur. Clinton N'Jie tries a through ball, but Harry Kane is caught offside.
19:10 Foul by Lucas Leiva (Liverpool).
19:10 Mousa Dembélé (Tottenham Hotspur wins a free kick on the right wing).
16:24 Foul by James Milner (Liverpool).
16:24 Danny Rose (Tottenham Hotspur wins a free kick on the left wing).
13:12 Attempt saved. Adam Lallana (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by James Milner).
11:52 Foul by Erik Lamela (Tottenham Hotspur).
11:52 Alberto Moreno (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half).
11:00 Danny Rose (Tottenham Hotspur wins a free kick in the defensive half).
11:00 Foul by Divock Origi (Liverpool).
10:37 Substitution Substitution, Tottenham Hotspur. Clinton N'Jie replaces Nacer Chadli because of an injury.
9:34 Offside, Liverpool. Lucas Leiva tries a through ball, but Divock Origi is caught offside.
9:28 Divock Origi (Liverpool hits the bar with a header from very close range. Assisted by Emre Can with a headed pass following a corner).
8:55 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Danny Rose.
8:21 Offside, Liverpool. James Milner tries a through ball, but Adam Lallana is caught offside.
7:45 Delay over. They are ready to continue.
6:48 Delay in match Nacer Chadli (Tottenham Hotspur because of an injury).
6:15 Dele Alli (Tottenham Hotspur wins a free kick in the defensive half).
6:15 Foul by James Milner (Liverpool).
5:05 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Dele Alli.
5:04 Attempt blocked. Adam Lallana (Liverpool right footed shot from the left side of the box is blocked. Assisted by Alberto Moreno).
3:43 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Toby Alderweireld.
2:35 Offside, Liverpool. James Milner tries a through ball, but Divock Origi is caught offside.
0:00 First Half begins.
0:00 Lineups are announced and players are warming up.