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Carroll still for sale despite two goals in a week

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Andy Carroll's headed goal hinted at another rebirth for the West Ham United striker but he remains available for sale. Carroll sipped tea from a Newcastle United mug on Saturday evening while he watched replays of his second imposing header in a week. If only his life off the pitch was always so sensible.

A return to his boyhood club, where he wore the No 9 shirt with pride, has been hindered by an PS18.5 million price tag, equating to the total fee that West Ham paid to Liverpool for his services in 2013, including a PS1 million bonus for staying up in his first two seasons.

Newcastle have been willing to sign him but only on loan and perhaps with reason. Carroll has struggled with injuries, form and fitness, although he has been training with more commitment than at any stage since joining the club. His reward was a third headed goal this season.

Slaven Bilic, the manager, was unequivocal that his striker needed to be more consistent and stay fit to hold down a place for club and country.

"He is good and fit and it's all about him now," Bilic said. "Is he going to maintain and progress and look after himself and train hard and rest or is he going to go the other way? He has a history in that and I'm not his dad, I can't demand things from him. If England is a serious national team and you're trying to win the Euros then you can't talk about the national team when the player has scored two goals [in a week]."

"He has to show it on a longer scale and now it's there. I hope that he's going to do everything because when he's like this he's hard to play against."

Bilic is not the only one to offer advice. Billi Mucklow, Carroll's fiancée and manager, has told him to be sensible on the pitch because it was felt some of his injuries came from him going for balls which he was never going to get. They had a son last year and he has provided Carroll with incentive and perspective.

The West Ham crossing has improved and perhaps as a result Carroll has shown more mobility and willingness to run into dangerous areas. He dropped off at the far post to expose Nathaniel Clyne's height at full back and met Mark Noble's brilliant cross from the right. "He didn't drop for one single minute, he was running, he was doing everything, he was tracking back, he was keeping two centre halves busy," Bilic said. "There are very few guys in the league like him." Bilic revealingly used the word "impact" about him a number of times, which explains why he divides opinion at Upton Park. Is playing a handful of decent games and scoring ten goals in 41 league games since a permanent move enough to justify wages pushing PS90,000 a week? West Ham exploited Liverpool's weaknesses on crosses and isolated Clyne for the first goal, as Michail Antonio rose to convert a ball from Enner Valencia. It was reward for doing repeated drills on the training pitch with Edin Terzic, West Ham's first-team coach who worked under Jurgen Klopp for Borussia Dortmund.

Terzic was scouting for the German FA when he watched a game in Croatia. The taxi driver collected him after the game and when he learnt about Terzic's job, he told him that he was the brother of Bilic. Terzic later joined Bilic at Besiktas and followed him to London. Their work has helped to improve James Collins, the defender who flung himself to block shots to maintain the clean sheet. Collins has worked on reducing errors and he was unexpectedly rewarded with a new contract last week.

RATINGS West Ham United (4-4-2): Adrian 6 -- J Tomkins 7, J Collins 8, A Ogbonna 7, A Cresswell 6 -- M Antonio 7 (sub: C Jenkinson, 86min), C Kouyate 6, M Noble 7, M Lanzini 5 (sub: P Obiang, 39 6) -- A Carroll 7, E Valencia 6 (sub: D Payet, 64 6). Substitutes not used: D Randolph, A Song, M Zarate, N Jelavic. Booked: Lanzini. Liverpool (4-2-3-1): S Mignolet 6 -- N Clyne 5, D Lovren 5, M Sakho 5 (sub: J Allen, 82), A Moreno 6 (sub: B Smith, 61 6) -- L Leiva 6, E Can 6 -- J Ibe 5, R Firmino 5 (sub: A Lallana, 61 5), P Coutinho 5 -- C Benteke 5. Substitutes not used: A Bogdan, K Toure, C Brannagan, C Randall. Booked: Lucas.

the guardian

Andy Carroll delivers knockout blow for West Ham against Liverpool Jürgen Klopp has brought much to Liverpool since becoming the manager but the one thing the German still cannot achieve is momentum. His team arrived here looking for a third straight victory but instead lost for a second time in four games, with the pain for those who filled the away end intensified by the identity of the man who delivered the killer blow.

Andy Carroll has waited three years to score against his former club, making no secret of his frustration at not succeeding at Anfield having arrived there for £35m in January 2011, and he finally delivered. It was classic Carroll, a soaring, expertly directed header that had the ball nestling in the far corner of the net. The No9's revenge followed another fine header from Michail Antonio after 10 minutes, and the win not only moved West Ham ahead of Liverpool into sixth but also completed a league double over the Merseyside club for the first time in 52 years having triumphed at Anfield in August.

West Ham's performance was full of energy, endeavour and no little skill, and for Klopp there was no hiding his fury with his side at their failure to build on victories over Leicester City and Sunderland and instead revert to the lacklustre, sloppy outfit who were beaten 3-0 at Watford before Christmas.

The "soft German" was hard on his players this time. "It was not enough from my team and I'm really angry because we could have got more because everybody could see in the moments we play football what could happen," Klopp said. "We have to again accept that we didn't play like we should."

Klopp went on to say Liverpool "always had the ball", which while stretching it was not completely barmy given they had 65% of possession. As he intimated, Liverpool showed flashes of their capabilities either side of the interval when they threatened with slick, purposeful play, most notably via Emre Can's shot in first-half stoppage time that rattled the bar. But all too often, and not for the first time this season, their passing broke down and they lacked penetration.

Operating again as a lone forward Christian Benteke delivered another display that makes Liverpool's decision to spend £32.5m on the 25-year-old in the summer appear a mistake. The Belgian was too often static and did little or nothing when presented with a chance to strike, most notably early on in the second-half, and with the score 1-0 to West Ham, when he wafted half-heartedly at Alberto Moreno's cross.

The comparison with Carroll was stark. The 26-year-old was a constant nuisance to Liverpool's back four with his aggressive, muscular approach and he put them to the sword on 55 minutes, running on to Mark Noble's cross and, having got a jump on Nathaniel Clyne, sending the ball past a rooted Simon Mignolet for his third goal of the season. Another header shortly after forced Mignolet into a save and, overall, this was a fine afternoon for a player deemed not good enough for Liverpool having become, and remaining ahead of Benteke, their most expensive signing to remind his former employers of what they let go.

Slaven Bilic praised Carroll's all-round contribution. "Andy was brilliant, not just because of the goal but for his performance," said the West Ham manager. "Now he is fit and it is all about him. Is he going to look after himself, work hard, maintain his position or to even make it better?"

There were other standout performers in claret and blue, such as James Collins and Manuel Lanzini, who almost scored with a wickedly swerving shot that hit the post before he was substituted with what appears to be a reoccurrence of a thigh injury and is likely to be out for up to six weeks.

Dimitri Payet came on as a second-half substitute having been out of action for two months with an ankle injury. The Frenchman, so brilliant following his arrival from Marseille in the summer, could well end up taking Antonio's starting place, although the 25-year-old may take some shifting having scored his second goal in successive games.

It summed up West Ham's show of desire and ruthlessness that the opener came via a counterattack that started with Antonio winning the ball from Moreno by his own area before sprinting up the pitch to meet Enner Valencia's cross.

"The situation with Alberto was a foul but we reacted not right. We have to avoid this cross," said Klopp, who by the end was watching proceedings from underneath his hood on what was a wet and grey afternoon in east London. The weather summed up his mood as well as the bleakness of Liverpool's top-four hopes.

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KLOPP HAS TO STOP KOP ROT; Angry manager must toughen up Liverpool for difficult run

THIS wasn't how he expected to be starting the biggest week of his reign so far: smouldering, frustrated and wondering what his team will produce next.

Jurgen Klopp has exuded colour since he stepped into the Barclays Premier League, with his antics on the touchline and some of his comments in press conferences, but for the first time since he touched down at Anfield on October 9, anger has consumed him.

It would be easy to deduce, given that the transfer window has opened for business and an injection of quality is needed, that Klopp's ire stems from Liverpool not being able to bring in high-calibre reinforcements to bolster their ranks but that is not the case.

His vexation stems from the abject performance at Upton Park on Saturday, when West Ham sent Liverpool bouncing out of London with a 2-0 defeat, enabling them to record a first league double since 1963-64. Once again, Liverpool were wretched and Klopp did not disguise his emotions.

'Take this from me we could not do what we should have done at very precise moments and that's why we lost,' said Klopp. 'I only told the players three words after the game immediately but we have to speak about it again because it was not the worst game I ever saw in my life.

'The problem was, I saw what we could have reached but we got nothing. When we had the ball in and around the box we didn't shoot at the right moment, didn't pass at the right moment, didn't play the ball, had no consistency in our crosses and things like this. We lost 2-0 and it was not good.' The annoyance you may have seen him show in front of the television cameras after the final whistle was not an act: those in the away dressing room experienced it on a different level, as they failed to carry out the duties Klopp expected.

Take the first goal West Ham scored.

Some will say left back Alberto Moreno should have been awarded a foul but that incident occurred almost 100 yards away from Liverpool's six-yard area and Michail Antonio simply showed more hunger and desire to get into a position to make a difference.

Andy Carroll's game-clinching header was, from Klopp's point of view, just as bad but this was not something in isolation.

It is impossible to shake the feeling that Liverpool have a soft underbelly and that is why it will be intriguing to see how they respond in this season-shaping sequence.

First up is a trip to Stoke City tomorrow night, for the first leg of the Capital One Cup semi-final; after that comes the FA Cup third round tie at Exeter on Friday night before home fixtures against Arsenal and Manchester United. These are the games for which Klopp was drafted in to mastermind results.

Last season, Liverpool fell at this hurdle in the Capital One Cup and the corresponding fixture against Louis van Gaal's squad saw them suffer the defeat that effectively shattered their hopes of reaching the top four.

So now comes a big test and the question is this: can Klopp, who has not been set any targets to achieve this year by Liverpool's owners Fenway Sports Group, make the difference, given that so many doubts persist over the group which he has inherited? To give you an idea of the esteem in which Klopp is held on The Kop, one post on Twitter after the West Ham defeat likened him to being a 'Michelin chef in charge at McDonalds' yet if you ask Klopp about his squad he will say there is nothing wrong with the quality.

He won't entertain the idea of buying this month for the sake of it on the back of one defeat. He is committed to working with these players and there is no doubt he has been hampered by injuries to Jordan Henderson and James Milner. Danny Ings is also a player who has been missed.

They are players with the mindset to thrive under Klopp, hardworking and determined professionals. Lucas Leiva, out of sorts at Upton Park, has been another important player for the German during his first three months.

What Klopp must effect short-term and long-term is the fact that Liverpool are mentally brittle, with too many individuals who will capsize when things get hard. It is that perception, more than anything, which Klopp does not want to entertain.

'I want to see a change in mentality,' he said on October 15, ahead of his first game in charge, against Tottenham at White Hart Lane.

'We want to go from the first second until the last second. Not because it was bad before but because that is the most easy thing to change.' Performances such as the one against Slaven Bilic's side at Upton Park prove that change is proving more difficult than the German anticipated.

Somehow he has to generate a response.

The Daily Telegraph

Do not blame Benteke for this defeat, fumes Klopp

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For all his quirks and quips, there is a deadly serious side to Jurgen Klopp, whose anger and exasperation were evident after West Ham dismantled Liverpool on Saturday.

Klopp complained that his players failed to carry out a basic game plan and lacked the intensity to compete with the opposition, and was asked how he could address it.

"I can't change a lot. I can't explain. You want a few sentences, I would need to write a book."

It summed up his frustration after Liverpool took another step backwards after successive 1-0 victories over Sunderland and Leicester City. West Ham were excellent, outplaying Liverpool in every department and fully deserving the victory via goals from Michail Antonio and Andy Carroll.

But it was the manner of defeat that upset Klopp so much. Enner Valencia was given time and space to pick out Antonio for a diving header in the 10th minute, and Mark Noble had the same luxury when he crossed for Carroll to power past right-back Nathaniel Clyne and make it 2-0 in the 55th minute.

West Ham could have had more.

Manuel Lanzini struck a post, and Simon Mignolet denied Carroll and Antonio further goals, while Liverpool had little in reply except for an Emre Can shot against the woodwork and a Lucas Leiva header cleared off the line.

Christian Benteke rarely threatened and Michael Owen was critical of the Belgian striker in his TV commentary. Klopp did not agree: "It's not the game to pick one player out when we all did not do our best job," said the manager. "We could not do what we should have done at very precise moments and that's why we lost. We can talk about good crosses from West Ham and also bad defending. But the rest of the game, when we had the ball in and around the box, we didn't shoot at the right moment, didn't pass at the right moment, didn't play the ball, had no consistency in our crosses and things like this. I can't find any excuses."

Carroll is beginning to show the form that prompted Liverpool to pay a club-record PS35 million for him five years ago, although Slaven Bilic warned against talk of an England recall. "To talk about the Euros is wrong," the West Ham manager said. "He's got all the quality but he has to show it on a longer scale." But Bilic is delighted Carroll looks to be fully fit after three injury-hit seasons. "He looks really good. He is fit and it's all about him now. Is he going to maintain and progress and look after himself and train hard and rest, or is he going to go the other way?"

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THE INDEPENDENT

Carroll told to ignore Euros and work on fitness record
Slaven Bilic has said he now expects Andy Carroll to change his "history" and look after his fitness properly to become the player he should be. However, he warned England that they cannot think seriously about winning a competition if they keep getting excited by any player who scores two goals.

Carroll headed the second goal in West Ham's impressive 2-0 win over Liverpool on Saturday. It was the first time in two and a half years that he has scored in successive games and led to talk about whether he can make England's Euro 2016 squad.

The former Liverpool striker scored at Euro 2012 but a series of injury problems means that it remains his last international goal and he has not received a single cap since 2012.

Bilic said he expected Carroll to use that as a target, but there was a mild rebuke for the player as the manager hinted he had to change his off-pitch approach and first concentrate properly on keeping fit to earn an extended run in the side.

"He looks really good to me, he didn't drop for one single minute in today's game," Bilic said. "He was running, he was doing everything, he was tracking back, he was keeping two centre-halves busy when needed.

"He is good and fit and it's all about him now. Is he going to maintain and progress and look after himself and train hard and rest, or is he going to go the other way? He has a history in that and I'm not his dad, I can't demand things from him, but I'm expecting that, to be fair.

"To talk about the Euros is wrong for him," Bilic insisted. "If England is a serious national team and you're trying to win the Euros then you can't talk about the national team when the player has scored two goals.

"He's got all the quality. To ask me, 'does he have quality?' then, yes, but he has to show it on a longer scale and now it's there. He's got a chance, that's why I'm asking.

"It [Euro 2016] would push me, definitely, and I hope that he's going to do everything because when he's like this he's hard to play against."

A former central defender, Bilic said he would have loved the challenge of competing against Carroll and compared him to his old Everton team-mate, Duncan Ferguson.

"Would I stop him? I don't know but I would love to because I like those sort of challenges. There are very few guys in the league like him. There are guys who are more pacy running behind but he's like English tackles and duels. He's like the Duncan Ferguson of my time."

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp, meanwhile, revealed that his team have been investigating their repeated poor starts in matches.

Michail Antonio's early header on Saturday was the fourth time since the German took over that Liverpool have conceded inside the first 10 minutes of a match.

"It's something we have spoken about three times and it is not good. But we are in a situation where we need to start playing football again. West Ham played the first ball to Andy Carroll very easily. But under pressure we tried to play those first balls either on the half-volley or to players' chests. What were they doing? You cannot control balls like this and that's what the situation was."

Klopp was most angry with the lack of intensity from his team, and when asked how a manager regularly elicits that response, he puffed out his cheeks.

"It's my responsibility. I can't change a lot," Klopp said. "I can't explain. You want a few sentences, I would need to write a book."

DAILY MIRROR

THREE LITTLE WORDS; Klopp admits he said only that to his flops; (THEY PROBABLY WEREN'T 'I LOVE YOU')

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WHILE Slaven Bilic was urging West Ham's stars to stay focused, Jurgen Klopp said just three words to his Liverpool flops.

They probably weren't suitable for a family newspaper.

In fact, you can decide for yourselves what they may have been. Considering the fact the Reds couldn't defend, couldn't score and were hopeless in midfield, however, you wouldn't need to be Sherlock Holmes to guess correctly.

West Ham's first double over Liverpool in 51 years was achieved for the loss of zero goals with five scored.

Reality is biting hard at Anfield and for Klopp in particular.

Right now it is West Ham looking like the top-four challengers. Liverpool are an inconsistent, mid-table mess.

Since his arrival Klopp has been feted as though he turned up wearing one sandal. So Brendan Rodgers will have been pouring himself a large one as the problems that cost him his job resurfaced for his replacement. After this surrender the charisma of Klopp's early press conferences had long gone.

In its place was frustration, anger and a barely-disguised contempt for the lack of application that cost Liverpool dear.

"I only told the players three words after the game," said the German. "But we have to speak about it again because it was not the worst game I ever saw in my life."

Michael Antonio headed in (right) after 10 minutes from Enner Valencia's cross. Andy Carroll did the same from Mark Noble's cross 10 minutes after half-time.

West Ham were organised, direct and clinical. Liverpool were overelaborate, toothless and appeared unable to believe that they couldn't take home the points simply because of who they were.

Stoke will slaughter them tomorrow night if they produce anything like they did here.

Bilic ordered his men to play to Carroll's strengths and won. Klopp wanted his men to do likewise with Christian Benteke but ended blasting their preference to play like fancy dancs.

Klopp added: "West Ham played the first ball to Andy Carroll very easily.

"But under pressure we tried to play those first balls either on the half-volley or to players' chests. What were they doing?"

And what has happened to Benteke? When Liverpool signed him in the summer he looked the striker to solve their problems up front with Daniel Sturridge hardly ever available.

The Belgian has been a bitter disappointment and appears not to want crosses to feed on. His demand for the short ball was highlighted - and criticised - on Match of the Day.

Earlier on BT Sport, Michael Owen laid into the lack of application that Benteke himself had said he was ready to address.

Asked about Owen's comments, Klopp's refusal to meet them head on and defend his PS32million striker was telling.

"It's not the game to pick one player out and talk about this," he said. "I have no idea what he spoke about.

"But take this from me - we could not do what we should have done at very precise moments. That's why we lost."

WEST HAM: Adrian 7, Tomkins 7, Collins 8, Ogbonna 8, Cresswell 7, Antonio 8 (Jenkinson 86), Kouyate 8, Noble 7, Lanzini 7 (Obiang 34, 7) Carroll 9, Valencia 8 (Payet 64, 7)

LIVERPOOL: Mignolet 5, Clyne 5, Lovren 5, Sakho 5 (Allen 82), Moreno 5 (Smith 60, 5), Can 6, Lucas 5, Ibe 5, Firmino 5 (Lallana 60, 5), Coutinho 5, Benteke 4

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MOTM ANDY CARROLL

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Carroll haunts former club as Reds kick off 2016 with miserable defeat
Liverpool kicked-off 2016 in miserable fashion as they crashed to a 2-0 defeat against West Ham at Upton Park.

Andy Carroll returned to haunt his former club as he wrapped up the points after Michail Antonio had opened the scoring.

Jurgen Klopp's side got exactly what they deserved in the capital as they delivered a feeble performance.

After the optimism generated by the recent festive wins over Leicester and Sunderland, standards slipped in all departments. Liverpool were out-fought in all departments as they struggled to maintain possession on a poor surface.

Jordon Ibe, who was recalled at the expense of Adam Lallana, went close early on but Slaven Bilic's men soon turned the screw.

After Lucas Leiva played the Reds into trouble, Antonio almost made him pay.

In the 10th minute West Ham were in front. Alberto Moreno's appeals for a free-kick were dismissed by referee Robert Madley and the hosts countered - exploiting the space the left-back had vacated.

Enner Valencia provided the cross and Antonio got above Nathaniel Clyne to nod home.

Liverpool were lucky not to fall further behind as Manuel Lanzini's swerving 20-yarder cannoned off the post with Simon Mignolet well beaten.

Another quick counter ended with Moreno making a key covering tackle to thwart Valencia.

The ineffective Christian Benteke wasted the Reds' best chance. After James Collins' slip, the big frontman was clean through but his first touch let him down and James Tomkins cleared.

West Ham were forced into a change when Lanzini limped off and was replaced by Pedro Obiang. But they remained on top and Aaron Cresswell saw his strike deflected behind by Clyne.

Emre Can went close to restoring parity in stoppage time, clipping the top of the bar after being teed up by Firmino.

Klopp sent Liverpool out early for the second half and briefly they flickered into life. Coutinho and Moreno combined to pick out Benteke but his finish was wayward.

A promising spell of pressure was ended as West Ham broke away to make it 2-0. Once again it was all far too easy as Mark Noble's cross was emphatically nodded home by Carroll.

Benteke's miserable afternoon continued as he lashed a volley high over the bar. Klopp made a double change just after the hour mark as he brought on Brad Smith and Lallana for Firmino and Moreno.

However, a fightback never looked likely and only the heroics of Mignolet saved the Reds from a heavier defeat.

Carroll looked destined to score again when he rose to meet Cresswell's cross but Mignolet parried and then recovered to keep out the follow up from Antonio.

Lucas' header was cleared off the line by Noble before Coutinho had appeals for a spot-kick ignored after his shot had been blocked.

Joe Allen came on for Sakho late on but Liverpool were well beaten.

WEST HAM UNITED 2-0 LIVERPOOL

Man of the match: Dejan Lovren. Maintained his recent solid form while

standards slipped all around him.

EveningStandard.

Carroll and Antonio send Hammers fifth with second straight win
Liverpool reject Andy Carroll ended the Reds' recent revival as West Ham secured a deserved 2-0 win at Upton Park.

Carroll, who was let go by former Anfield boss Brendan Rodgers after just 18 months on Merseyside, scored with a trademark header to sink his old club.

West Ham were already leading through Michail Antonio's early goal when, nine minutes after half-time, Mark Noble floated in a cross and Carroll powered the ball home.

The goal clearly meant a lot to the striker as he celebrated wildly, with the Hammers registering back-to-back wins while ending Liverpool's run of two straight victories.

Liverpool were hugely disappointing and, with just one shot on target all game, rarely looked capable of getting back into the match after Antonio fired the hosts ahead.

Antonio's first goal for the club, against Southampton last Monday, had more than a touch of fortune about it after a clearance hit him on the head and flew into the net.

But there was no doubt about his second of the season as the winger thumped in a close-range header from Enner Valencia's cross after 10 minutes.

Manuel Lanzini, back in the West Ham side after a spell out injured, showed what they have been missing recently with a vicious, swerving shot which crashed back off the inside of Simon Mignolet's post.

Unfortunately the Argentinian midfielder, who had been the game's most influential player, limped off just before half-time with what looked like a recurrence of his thigh injury.

West Ham continued to cause Liverpool problems, though, with Aaron Cresswell's deflected shot forcing Mignolet to save at his near post.

Liverpool, by contrast, were dismal in attack in the first half, and yet they were inches away from going in level at half-time after Emre Can's curler from the edge of the area clipped the crossbar.

The visitors emerged for the second half early, presumably with a flea in their ear from frustrated boss Jurgen Klopp.

They attacked with more purpose and Philippe Coutinho fizzed a shot over before Alberto Moreno's low cross found Christian Benteke, only for the striker to miss his kick in front of goal.

But just as Liverpool threatened to get back into the game Carroll snatched it away from them, rising above Nathaniel Clyne to powerfully nod Noble's cross past Mignolet and into the back of the net.

Carroll could have piled on the misery with another header from Cresswell's cross but Mignolet made a fine save.

Liverpool almost pulled one back with 10 minutes remaining but Lucas' header was cleared off the line by Mark Noble.

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Carroll rises above the lethargy of Liverpool

It was the perfect way for Slaven Bilic to prove a point, and earn three, while leaving Jurgen Klopp "very angry" with himself. On the eve of a game in which West Ham United leapt over Liverpool in the Premier League, Bilic had argued there was actually a lot of logic to what was a supposedly unpredictable season. His side emphasised that by being better than Liverpool in every department and beating them for a second time this term.

Bilic said that the visitors were "always a trophy or target team" but West Ham are long past the point where results like this one are seen as an upset. The match, instead, looked like a good side playing to their strengths, and an uncertain side trying to figure out what their strengths were.

Liverpool certainly didn't look to have West Ham's depth, as was demonstrated when Dimitri Payet came off the bench for his first appearance since 7 November and brilliantly embarrassed Klopp's midfielders with a divine double pull-back. The scoreline could have been even more humiliating for Liverpool. A few flashes aside, such as Emre Can hitting the crossbar, the visitors had less of the play and fewer chances, with Simon Mignolet much the busier keeper.

The Belgian had no chance with the 10th-minute opener, as Michail Antonio powerfully headed home Enner Valencia's perfect cross.

Liverpool players thought that Alberto Moreno was fouled in the build-up, but Klopp - to his credit - refused to use that as an excuse and pointed to his team's laxity, perhaps revealing the real reason they lost.

When it was indicated to Klopp that Antonio had run up the pitch to finish the move, Klopp was even more forgiving. "Then it's a deserved goal," the Liverpool manager said, while lamenting his own side's lack of energy.

"We were there but we were not there," Klopp added. "It was bad, I told the players after the game - summary: "not enough". "We could have done much better. Everybody's sore. We had these two moments. We had the set plays, the throw-in, then they hit the post. It's not enough. Who wants to see 95 per cent? If you know in the other team there's Andy Carroll, how can you allow crosses?"

The game was won when the former Liverpool striker rose to meet a Mark Noble cross on 55 minutes and hammered in his header. Klopp, however, didn't solely blame his players. "It's my responsibility. I am angry about myself," he said Bilic was thrilled with his entire side's collective performance. "Probably the two scorers will get the headlines but it was the team that gave them the opportunity."

This was the difference, almost personified by the centre-forwards' performances. While Carroll was able to flourish, the ineffective Christian Benteke looked increasingly frustrated in a system that really didn't suit him. That slight difference in application and approach doesn't just mean that West Ham can nick wins off teams like Liverpool. It means that they can significantly better them.

West Ham: (4-4-2) Adrian; Tomkins, Collins, Ogbonna, Cresswell; Antonio (Jenkinson, 85), Kouyate, Noble, Lanzini (Obiang, 38); Carroll, Valencia (Payet, 64)

Liverpool: (4-2-3-1) Mignolet; Clyne, Lovren, Sakho (Allen, 81), Moreno (Smith, 62); Can, Lucas; Ibe, Firmino (Lallana, 62), Coutinho; Benteke

Referee: Bobby Madley.

Man of the match: Collins (West Ham)

Match rating: 7/10

The Sunday Telegraph

Klopp fumes as Liverpool wilt again

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Jurgen Klopp was in angry mood after his Liverpool side surrendered tamely at West Ham, who moved into fifth place, for a few hours at least, after Michail Antonio and Andy Carroll scored for the second successive game.

While Klopp accused his players of "not giving 100 per cent" at decisive moments and failing in front of goal, Slaven Bilic was full of praise for his "fantastic" striker Carroll, who scored back-to-back goals for the first time in almost three years.

Carroll and Antonio both scored in last Monday's 2-1 win over Southampton, and provided the goals again as West Ham completed a rare home and away double over Liverpool, their first since 1963. "Andy was brilliant, not just because of the goal but for his performance," said Bilic. "I think every ball that Adrian kicked up he went to head it or to flick it, and he was holding the ball up, defending, tracking back, and when he had the chance to press the centrebacks, he took it."

By contrast, Liverpool's PS60 million strike force of Christian Benteke and Roberto Firmino failed to trouble the West Ham defence, for whom James Collins was outstanding.

Yet it was all too easy for Antonio and Carroll against a Liverpool defence that allowed them time and space to score simple headed goals. "It was bad defending from my side," added Klopp. "In the decisive moments we were there, but not 100 per cent. If you fight at 95 per cent it is not enough. When we started playing with a clear direction, we had our moments and we made chances but we didn't score."

But it was the failure to keep out the obvious aerial threat of Carroll that really made him angry. When Mark Noble swung in a cross in the 55th minute, Liverpool's centre-backs Dejan Lovren and Mamadou Sakho were hopelessly out of position, leaving right-back Nathaniel Clyne in an unfair contest with Carroll, who thumped a header Heady days: Andy Carroll thunders in West Ham's second goal against Liverpool into the back of the net. "We had five against one on the sidelines, nobody won the ball, cross for Carroll against Clyne - no chance for Clyne, header, 2-0. If you know the other team have Andy Carroll, how can you allow those crosses?" Antonio had opened the scoring with a controversial goal after 10 minutes. The winger showed tenacity to track back and tackle Alberto Moreno near the byline, but it looked like a foul as he swept the Spaniard's legs away.

Referee Bobby Madley waved play on, however, and with Moreno still prone and out of position, West Ham moved the ball from defence to attack in swift and deadly fashion. By the time Enner Valencia crossed from the right, Antonio had run the length of the pitch to score a diving header.

"Probably the two scorers will get the headlines but it was the team that gave them the opportunity," added Bilic. "The whole team was great." It could have been more. Manuel Lanzini almost made it 2-0 in the 17th minute with a viciously swerving shot from 25 yards that thumped against the far post, but the Argentine midfielder, making his first start after a month's absence, went off injured before half-time.

"That was the only low point," said Bilic. "Hopefully it is not a big injury."

Liverpool started brightly enough and could have taken the lead when Jordan Ibe cut in from the right wing and sent in a shot from 25 yards that missed the far post by a whisker.

Twice Benteke failed to connect cleanly when in a good position in front of goal, and Firmino set up Emre Can for a shot against the bar.

Liverpool tried to get back into the game, but Philippe Coutinho was denied by Adrian and Noble cleared a Lucas header off the line. "It's not a day for being disappointed, only a day for being angry with ourselves and that's what we are," said Klopp.

West Ham United (4-4-2) Adrian 7; Tomkins 6, Collins 8, Ogbonna 7, Cresswell 6; Antonio 7 (Jenkinson 86), Kouyate 7, Noble 7, Lanzini 6 (Obiang 39); Carroll 7, Valencia 6 (Payet 64). Subs Randolph (g), Song, Zarate, Jelavic. Booked Lanzini. Liverpool (4-2-3-1) Mignolet 6; Clyne 6, Lovren 5, Sakho 5 (Allen 82), Moreno 6 (Smith 61); Can 6, Lucas 5; Ibe 6 Firmino 5 (Lallana 61), Coutinho 6; Benteke 4. Subs Bogdan (g), Toure, Brannigan, Randall. Booked Lucas.

Referee R Madley (W Yorkshire).

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Carroll rubs salt in Liverpool's wounds

While Jurgen Klopp was left angry and frustrated that the inconsistency that has characterised Liverpool's season shows no sign of disappearing, Slaven Bilic was entitled to believe West Ham United's concerning dip in form now looks to be behind them after a victory that leaves them in sixth place, three points behind Tottenham Hotspur, who lie fourth.

Klopp had identified this month as decisive in determining Liverpool's season.

With a gruelling schedule of seven games, starting with the Capital One Cup semi-final against Stoke City on Tuesday, the Liverpool manager had called for his side to demonstrate more fight as they attempted to cope with a lengthy injury list and build on the successive single-goal victories against Leicester and Sunderland with which they saw out the old year. By his own admission, his players were found wanting.

Bilic, on the other hand, had every reason to be satisfied. Well-organised, resolute and determined, West Ham deserved to win, producing a performance that highlighted Liverpool's failings at both ends of the pitch.

Michail Antonio and Andy Carroll both produced thumping headers, one in each half, to secure the victory, leaving Klopp infuriated that his side failed to work out that with Carroll in the opposition line-up, dealing with crosses should rank high on his side's to-do list.

West Ham's success, though, was not simply down to their greater aerial power. Carroll's pleasure at scoring against his former club was apparent, but the home side's attacking options owed as much to the pace of Antonio and Enner Valencia as it did to the commanding presence of the centre-forward. Further back, James Collins was outstanding at the heart of the West Ham defence, and while Christian Benteke's difficulties on an afternoon he would like to forget limited Liverpool's attacking threat, the resolve of the home side's efforts to keep a clean sheet was impressive.

The return of Dimitri Payet, who made a telling contribution as a second-half substitute on his return after a seven-game absence with an ankle injury, added to the sense of satisfaction around Upton Park after a second successive victory following a run of eight games without a win.

"This was a great way to start the new year," said Bilic, who admitted the only downside was Manuel Lanzini's withdrawal during the first half with a recurrence of the thigh injury that kept him sidelined for a month. "Liverpool is always a target team, especially now with Jurgen Klopp as their manager, and to create chances and keep a clean sheet is a great way to start the new year for West Ham.

"Probably the two scorers will get the headlines but it was the team that gave them the opportunity. It's always about the team but sometimes it's another individual who becomes the cherry on the pie, but you have a pie and the pie is the team."

Having won 3-0 at Anfield in August, this win ensured West Ham completed a league double over Liverpool for the first time since the 1963-64 season. "We have beaten them away which was even more surprising but it's better to do it at home in front of your fans," added Bilic.

The pattern of the game was set in the 10th minute when Valencia was allowed too much time and space on the righthand side, allowing him to deliver a deep cross that was headed past Simon Mignolet by Antonio, who got in behind Nathaniel Clyne, the Liverpool right-back.

Clyne was again left isolated in the 55th minute, this time with both Valencia and Carroll on his shoulder, as Carroll produced an outstanding header for the second. Little wonder Klopp was seething.

"In the first half, West Ham have chances from set-plays, and a throw-in and bad defending," said the manager. "In the second half we had our moments again, five against one on the sideline, nobody wins the ball again, cross and Carroll against Clyne, thank you. No chance for Clyne again. Header 2-0. That's what makes me angry." He added: "When I talk about defending I don't want to use words like nasty and ugly. It's football, defending. I was a defender and I enjoyed it. Nice part of the game, you get dirty afterwards, that's not a problem. You don't have to wash your clothes by yourself. That's not a problem."

In between those two goals, West Ham had continued to look the more threatening side with Carroll coming close with a header shortly before Lanzini struck the post with a powerful long-range shot. Liverpool's efforts were unconvincing, their approach play summed up by misplaced passes and Benteke's difficulties illustrated by his failure to make more of an opportunity after Collins slipped.

Emre Can struck the bar immediately before half-time as West Ham struggled to adapt to Lanzini's departure, but that was a rare moment of threat before the period of late pressure that further tested West Ham's defences and brought the best out of Collins. "He is not just a good centre-half. Not good, a great centre-half who is playing in the form of his life," said Bilic.

West Ham: Adrian 6, Tomkins 7, Collins 9, Ogbonna 7, Cresswell 7, Kouyate 7, Noble 7, Antonio 8 (Jenkinson 86min, 5), Valencia 7 (Payet 64min, 7), Lanzini 6 (Obiang 39min, 6), Carroll 8 Liverpool: Mignolet 7, Clyne 6, Lovren 6, Sakho 5 (Allen 82min, 6), Moreno 6 (Smith 61min, 6), Lucas 7, Can 6, Ibe 6, Coutinho 7, Firmino 6 (Lallana 61min, 5), Benteke 5

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Andy Carroll scored against his former club as West Ham leapfrogged Liverpool in the table thanks to a first league double over the Reds for 52 years.

Michail Antonio beat Nathaniel Clyne to Enner Valencia's early cross to net the Premier League's first goal of 2016. Liverpool midfielder Emre Can was denied by the bar but Jurgen Klopp's side were off the pace throughout. Carroll, who cost Liverpool a club record £35m in 2011, sealed the points after meeting Mark Noble's cross. West Ham's second straight win lifted them to sixth in the table, Liverpool dropping to eighth.

Liverpool's shortcomings repeated

Liverpool travelled to London knowing victory would leave them just two points off a Champions League place after back-to-back festive wins over Leicester and Sunderland. Yet this was a stark reminder to Klopp that he has his work cut out in 2016 after a lacklustre display that had echoes of the 3-0 defeat by Watford last month. Can did clip the Hammers bar with a curling effort from the edge of the penalty area in added time at the end of the first half. The closest they came prior to that was Jordan Ibe's low shot in the fourth minute which whistled just wide. Lucas then had a header cleared off the line by Mark Noble at 2-0 and substitute Joe Allen wasted a great chance late on. However, West Ham showed more attacking threat and more energy, and were just as impressive as they were when they defeated Brendan Rodgers' Reds 3-0 in August.

Day for Carroll to remember, Benteke to forget

Carroll has endured some dark days at West Ham since joining for £15m in June 2013 thanks to injuries, but this was an afternoon to remember for the former Reds player, who remains Liverpool's record signing.

He produced a trademark header to meet a wonderfully weighted cross, Clyne again beaten in the air as he was for Antonio's goal. Carroll celebrated as though his goal had decided the title. In contrast, Christian Benteke - Liverpool's second costliest player - endured a miserable day as his first touch deserted him time and again. He was played through in the 25th minute but allowed James Tomkins to whip the ball off his toes before ballooning a 58th-minute chance over the bar.

How far can West Ham go this season?

Hammers boss Slaven Bilic was not even born the last time West Ham did the double over Liverpool. As poor as the Reds were, West Ham were impressive.

James Collins was excellent at the back as West Ham recorded a fifth clean sheet in seven games, Noble produced a performance full of grit and determination in midfield and Antonio, who started the season at Nottingham Forest, was lively on the wing and fully deserved his second goal in two games. Liverpool join Arsenal, Manchester City, Chelsea and Southampton on the list of scalps West Ham have claimed in the Premier League this season. Will they be starting life at the Olympic Stadium next season in European competition? You would not rule it out at this stage.

Lanzini set for a spell out?

The Hammers were able to welcome back key man Dimitri Payet from injury as a second-half substitute - but did lose Manuel Lanzini in the 39th minute. Lanzini had hit the post with a swerving drive before going down with a muscle injury which could keep him out for some time. Bilic said after the game that it was a tendon problem, while co-chairman David Gold tweeted that he could be out for four to six weeks. Lanzini will have a scan on Monday.

Man of the Match - Michail Antonio (West Ham)

What the managers said

West Ham manager Slaven Bilic: "We created many not only on the break but from open play and we could have scored more. To keep a clean sheet at home to Liverpool is brilliant for the fans and it's a brilliant start to the New Year.

"We played a really good game - especially in the second half. Of course Liverpool had their moments because they are a good passing team but we defended really well as a team."

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp: "The game was decided by two crosses and two headers. At the end of the first half we had our moments but it was not enough. "We always had the ball. We could have made more chances but we didn't so we have to accept that again we didn't play like we should."

The stats you need to know

West Ham are now unbeaten in eight Premier League home games and have not lost at Upton Park since 22 August. Andy Carroll has scored in consecutive Premier League appearances for the first time since January 2015. The Hammers have scored five league goals against Liverpool in a single season for the first time since 1930-31. Liverpool have mustered just one goal in their past four Premier League away games. There were 41 shots (including blocked attempts) in this match - only Leicester v Arsenal (43) in September has seen more in the Premier League this season

What next?

West Ham's next match is an FA Cup third-round home tie with Wolverhampton Wanderers (15:00 GMT) next Saturday before travelling to Bournemouth (19:45 GMT) in the Premier League on 12 January.

Liverpool have two cup ties before their next Premier League game at home to Arsenal (20:00 GMT) on 13 January. They are at Stoke City (20:00 GMT) in the League Cup semi-final first leg on Tuesday, then travel to Devon to face League Two Exeter City (19:55 GMT) in the FA Cup third round on Friday.

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Full time Match ends, West Ham United 2, Liverpool 0.
 90:00+3:06 Full time Second Half ends, West Ham United 2, Liverpool 0.
 90:00+2:33 Foul by Nathaniel Clyne (Liverpool).
 90:00+2:33 Mark Noble (West Ham United wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 89:45 Attempt missed. Joe Allen (Liverpool header from the centre of the box is close, but misses to the right. Assisted by Philippe Coutinho with a cross.
 89:18 Attempt saved. Cheikhou Kouyaté (West Ham United right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Dimitri Payet with a through ball.
 88:09 Brad Smith (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 88:09 Foul by Carl Jenkinson (West Ham United).
 86:37 Foul by Joe Allen (Liverpool).
 86:37 Mark Noble (West Ham United wins a free kick on the right wing.
 85:35 Foul by Lucas Leiva (Liverpool).
 85:35 Cheikhou Kouyaté (West Ham United wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 85:21 Substitution Substitution, West Ham United. Carl Jenkinson replaces Michail Antonio.
 84:39 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by James Collins.
 84:19 Nathaniel Clyne (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 84:19 Foul by Andy Carroll (West Ham United).
 84:16 Attempt saved. Mark Noble (West Ham United right footed shot from the right side of the box is saved in the bottom left corner. Assisted by Michail Antonio.
 81:04 Substitution Substitution, Liverpool. Joe Allen replaces Mamadou Sakho.
 80:18 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by James Tomkins.
 80:15 Attempt blocked. Christian Benteke (Liverpool header from the centre of the box is blocked. Assisted by Brad Smith with a cross.
 78:17 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by James Collins.
 78:11 Attempt blocked. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked.
 77:31 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Mark Noble.
 77:16 Attempt blocked. Brad Smith (Liverpool left footed shot from the centre of the box is blocked.
 77:14 Attempt blocked. Lucas Leiva (Liverpool header from very close range is blocked. Assisted by Emre Can with a headed pass.
 76:43 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by James Collins.
 75:57 Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool wins a free kick on the left wing.
 75:57 Foul by James Tomkins (West Ham United).
 75:10 Attempt missed. Christian Benteke (Liverpool left footed shot from the centre of the box is too high. Assisted by Brad Smith with a cross.
 74:29 Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.
 74:29 Foul by James Tomkins (West Ham United).
 74:16 Attempt saved. Andy Carroll (West Ham United left footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the bottom right corner. Assisted by Dimitri Payet with a cross.
 72:58 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Michail Antonio.
 70:27 Attempt missed. Pedro Obiang (West Ham United right footed shot from the centre of the box is high and wide to the left following a corner.
 69:56 Corner, West Ham United. Conceded by Brad Smith.
 68:25 Offside, Liverpool. Philippe Coutinho tries a through ball, but Christian Benteke is caught offside.
 68:08 Attempt saved. Michail Antonio (West Ham United left footed shot from very close range is saved in the centre of the goal.
 68:05 Attempt saved. Andy Carroll (West Ham United header from very close range is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Aaron Cresswell with a cross.
 66:27 Attempt missed. Jordan Ibe (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is too high. Assisted by Emre Can.
 63:59 Substitution Substitution, West Ham United. Dimitri Payet replaces Enner Valencia.
 61:59 Hand ball by Enner Valencia (West Ham United).
 61:08 Attempt blocked. Dejan Lovren (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked.
 60:46 Substitution Substitution, Liverpool. Brad Smith replaces Alberto Moreno.
 60:35 Substitution Substitution, Liverpool. Adam Lallana replaces Roberto Firmino.
 59:35 Roberto Firmino (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.
 59:35 Foul by Pedro Obiang (West Ham United).
 57:46 Attempt missed. Christian Benteke (Liverpool left footed shot from the centre of the box is too high. Assisted by Philippe Coutinho.
 56:56 Foul by Jordan Ibe (Liverpool).
 56:56 Cheikhou Kouyaté (West Ham United wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 56:09 Attempt blocked. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Emre Can.
 54:37 Goal scored Goal! Goal! West Ham United 2, Liverpool 0. Andy Carroll (West Ham United header from the centre of the box to the bottom right corner. Assisted by Mark Noble with a cross.
 53:43 Offside, Liverpool. Emre Can tries a through ball, but Christian Benteke is caught offside.
 53:23 Attempt saved. Andy Carroll (West Ham United header from the centre of the box is saved in the bottom right corner. Assisted by Michail Antonio.
 50:13 Attempt missed. Christian Benteke (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box misses to the right. Assisted by Alberto Moreno.
 48:46 Lucas Leiva (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 48:46 Foul by James Tomkins (West Ham United).
 47:24 Attempt missed. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the

box is too high. Assisted by Jordan Ibe.
 45:00 Second Half begins West Ham United 1, Liverpool 0.
 45:00+5:15 Half time First Half ends, West Ham United 1, Liverpool 0.
 45:00+4:36 Foul by Nathaniel Clyne (Liverpool).
 45:00+4:36 Enner Valencia (West Ham United wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 45:00+4:26 Attempt blocked. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Lucas Leiva with a headed pass.
 45:00+3:13 Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool wins a free kick on the left wing.
 45:00+3:13 Foul by Andy Carroll (West Ham United).
 45:00+2:24 Attempt blocked. Aaron Cresswell (West Ham United left footed shot from outside the box is blocked.
 45:00+1:19 Emre Can (Liverpool hits the bar with a right footed shot from outside the box. Assisted by Roberto Firmino.
 44:53 Attempt blocked. Alberto Moreno (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Emre Can.
 41:11 Corner, West Ham United. Conceded by Nathaniel Clyne.
 41:09 Attempt blocked. Aaron Cresswell (West Ham United left footed shot from the left side of the box is blocked.
 39:51 Attempt blocked. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Lucas Leiva.
 39:34 Roberto Firmino (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.
 39:34 Foul by James Tomkins (West Ham United).
 38:18 Substitution Substitution, West Ham United. Pedro Obiang replaces Manuel Lanzini because of an injury.
 38:06 Delay over. They are ready to continue.
 36:57 Delay in match Manuel Lanzini (West Ham United because of an injury.
 36:09 Attempt missed. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box misses to the left. Assisted by Christian Benteke.
 35:25 Delay over. They are ready to continue.
 34:28 Delay in match Adrián (West Ham United because of an injury.
 33:53 Attempt saved. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool right footed shot from very close range is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Emre Can.
 33:50 Attempt blocked. Christian Benteke (Liverpool header from the centre of the box is blocked. Assisted by Alberto Moreno with a cross.
 33:17 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Aaron Cresswell.
 32:21 Alberto Moreno (Liverpool wins a free kick on the left wing.
 32:21 Foul by Michail Antonio (West Ham United).
 32:09 Attempt blocked. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Roberto Firmino.
 29:52 Attempt blocked. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Christian Benteke with a headed pass.
 29:03 Offside, West Ham United. Enner Valencia tries a through ball, but Andy Carroll is caught offside.
 29:02 Attempt missed. Enner Valencia (West Ham United left footed shot from the right side of the box misses to the left. Assisted by Michail Antonio.
 28:15 Delay over. They are ready to continue.
 27:07 Delay in match Cheikhou Kouyaté (West Ham United because of an injury.
 25:28 Offside, Liverpool. Nathaniel Clyne tries a through ball, but Emre Can is caught offside.
 25:22 Attempt blocked. Alberto Moreno (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is blocked.
 24:50 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by James Tomkins.
 24:29 Delay over. They are ready to continue.
 23:34 Delay in match Mark Noble (West Ham United because of an injury.
 23:20 Booking Lucas Leiva (Liverpool is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.
 22:36 Foul by Lucas Leiva (Liverpool).
 22:36 Mark Noble (West Ham United wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 21:52 Roberto Firmino (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.
 21:52 Foul by Mark Noble (West Ham United).
 20:14 Attempt saved. Michail Antonio (West Ham United left footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Aaron Cresswell with a cross.
 19:36 Corner, West Ham United. Conceded by Alberto Moreno.
 19:34 Attempt blocked. Enner Valencia (West Ham United left footed shot from the left side of the box is blocked.
 19:00 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Angelo Ogbonna.
 17:56 Booking Manuel Lanzini (West Ham United is shown the yellow card.
 16:44 Attempt missed. Michail Antonio (West Ham United header from the centre of the box is high and wide to the right. Assisted by Aaron Cresswell with a cross.
 16:28 Manuel Lanzini (West Ham United hits the right post with a right footed shot from long range on the left. Assisted by Enner Valencia.
 12:12 Attempt saved. Andy Carroll (West Ham United header from the centre of the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Aaron Cresswell with a cross.
 9:19 Goal scored Goal! Goal! West Ham United 1, Liverpool 0. Michail Antonio (West Ham United header from very close range to the high centre of the goal. Assisted by Enner Valencia with a cross.
 8:12 Foul by Dejan Lovren (Liverpool).
 8:12 Andy Carroll (West Ham United wins a free kick on the left wing.
 7:22 Attempt missed. Michail Antonio (West Ham United right footed shot from outside the box misses to the left. Assisted by Mark Noble.
 6:46 Foul by Emre Can (Liverpool).
 6:46 Enner Valencia (West Ham United wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 3:14 Attempt missed. Jordan Ibe (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is close, but misses to the left. Assisted by Emre Can.
 0:00 First Half begins.
 0:00 Lineups are announced and players are warming up