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Daniel Sturridge double sends Liverpool through against Tottenham Hotspur

There were 11 changes on the team-sheet but Liverpool's creativity, potency and confidence remained the same as Daniel Sturridge guided Jürgen Klopp's side into the EFL Cup quarter-finals. A dozen games have yielded nine wins for Liverpool this season and a youthful Tottenham Hotspur team were powerless to halt the momentum gathering at Anfield.

Both Klopp and Mauricio Pochettino utilised their resources for the fourth-round tie but only the former was able to rest his favoured strike-force and retain quality in attack. That is Sturridge's lot at present, biding his time while Roberto Firmino, Philippe Coutinho and Sadio Mané drive Liverpool to joint-top of the Premier League, but the patience of an outstanding predator was rewarded with two clinical goals. Vincent Janssen's late penalty created another tense finale at Anfield but, in truth, Liverpool should have been out of sight.

Sturridge should have departed with the match-ball but missed two gilt-edged opportunities and was denied by the crossbar from a stunning chip. Michel Vorm also saved superbly from the England international, Divock Origi and the substitute Danny Ings as Liverpool dominated chances but not the margin of victory or a flowing, absorbing cup tie. Spurs were bright in possession and spirited in their attempted comeback but, with Janssen weak up front and substitute Shayon Harrison squandering a fine opening for a late equaliser, the difference in quality between the frontlines told.

Klopp has made no secret of his desire to go one better in the League Cup this season and the 2016 runners-up have the form and strength in depth to fulfil his wishes. Trent Alexander-Arnold, an 18-year-old local lad of huge potential, impressed with his awareness, strength and athleticism on his debut at right-back. Another 18-year-old, Ovie Ejaria, grew in stature in central midfield alongside the tenacious Kevin Stewart and Marko Grujic provided another glimpse of his talent in an unaccustomed No10 role.

Pochettino rightly lauded his team's young plus points too – Harry Winks in central midfield, Josh Onomah on the right – but he had no reserves to compare with Sturridge or Origi. For all the Argentinian's stated pride in his team's performance, Spurs' striking options must be of concern for a Champions League manager with designs on the Premier League.

Klopp, by contract, revelled in his choices. "That is Daniel's talent," the Liverpool manager said. "He's a really good finisher and I was never in doubt about him even when he didn't score. Divock Origi didn't score but played well, Danny Ings didn't score but played well and Danny is a wonderful goalscorer. There is no discussion about the quality of Sturridge, Origi and Ings but you cannot play with four forwards and carry on defending. If you know how, tell me."

Liverpool capitalised on an unfortunate slip by the Spurs debutant Georges-Kévin N'Koudou to take an early lead. Grujic was first to the loose ball when the French midfielder fell and drove into the visitors' area where his low cross deflected off Kevin Wimmer into the path of Sturridge. The England international reacted quicker than anyone in white to flick home his first goal at Anfield since the Europa League semi-final victory over Villarreal in May.

Sturridge almost doubled his tally with an audacious attempt that Vorm tipped over and shot tamely at the keeper when well-placed inside the area. Grujic was also close to a second before the interval. Spurs opened brightly but Lucas Leiva, Liverpool's captain in place of Jordan Henderson, thwarted Janssen and N'Koudou with well-timed interceptions. Janssen brought a decent low save from Simon Mignolet on the goalkeeper's return to the Liverpool team but headed his best chance high over the bar from a Kieran Trippier free-kick.

Liverpool's pressure was unrelenting at the start of the second half and Sturridge, Origi and Georginio Wijnaldum all had chances before the home side carved through a suspect Spurs' defence and offside trap. Origi and Wijnaldum combined to send Sturridge sprinting clear of Wimmer's desperate attempt to play offside and the striker made no mistake with a cool finish through Vorm's legs.

Spurs were handed a lifeline when the referee Jon Moss penalised Lucas for a nudge into the back of substitute Erik Lamela inside the area. Janssen drilled the spot-kick down the centre of Mignolet's goal but their first domestic defeat of the season was unavoidable.

Pochettino was full of praise for his players but accused the Liverpool bench of double standards for complaining about a series of late fouls when, in his opinion, Alexander-Arnold should have seen red, not yellow, for an early foul on Ben Davies. "I think it was a bit strange that their whole bench started to complain about our actions when their full back, Arnold, should be sent off with the big tackle on Ben Davies," he said. "It was strange when their bench started to complain with another bench. It is the referee's authority to say if it was a penalty or not or a foul of not. Maybe they were lucky to finish with 10 men."

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DAN LEADS KLOPP'S CAVALIERS; Sturridge and Origi show true class but reckless Reds have to hang on yet again

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UNTIL they learn to defend with greater authority, Liverpool's unmistakable attacking flair will continue to be undermined. Nevertheless, there is a vibrancy and bounce about much of their football that currently makes them compelling to watch. Last night it was the turn of the supporting cast but there was little change. Liverpool won again and once again it was despite themselves. There was no clean sheet and no gentle stroll towards the finishing line.

But Liverpool's play with the ball was typical of what they have given us this season. It would appear that even at the level beneath Jurgen Klopp's established first XI, players have been imbued with the same buccaneer imagination and spirit, the same spirit of freedom and adventure. At one stage early in the second half last night, Anfield buzzed with appreciation as young Belgium forward Divock Origi terrorised Tottenham. The noise at that time exceeded anything we heard last week as Liverpool and Manchester United met in a bloodless Premier League encounter. That is what good football can do, no matter how far this competition has slipped down the pecking order. It seems Klopp's teams will play only one way and last night it proved just too good for Spurs. Liverpool really should have won more comfortably. They moved the ball quicker, played with more and cohesion and created the better chances. That they didn't record a more comfortable victory can be attributed to a problem that was evident when they beat West Bromwich by the same score at Anfield on Saturday. Liverpool are not clinical enough and can be reckless at the back. It almost undid Klopp's team when West Brom came back at them and it happened again here. Indeed, had 19-year-old Tottenham substitute Shayon Harrison not frozen before the lights of the away end with only a minute left, Spurs would have taken this game into extra-time and that, on the balance of play, would have been faintly ridiculous. So, yes, Liverpool's very obvious achilles heel may yet hurt them at some stage but, ultimately, it didn't happen here, which allowed us to reflect on what was good about another attacking display of rich flavour. The two important goals went to Daniel Sturridge, one in each half, and the consequences in terms of form and confidence for the England centre forward may be significant. At times, it was possible to see the poise and the instinct returning and Klopp will hope this does not prove to be a false dawn. When Sturridge finds his rhythm, he is some player. Overall, however, he was slightly outshone by the dazzling Origi. The powerfully built striker was unplayable for a period in the second half, his runs down the right side proving too much for Tottenham left-back Ben Davies. Origi was withdrawn not long after Sturridge's second strike and it was difficult to see why. At that stage Liverpool were in complete control and had been put there by Sturridge and his two goals. With both teams packed with reserve players or senior figures returning from injury, the fact Sturridge was playing at all reflected his recent problems with form and fitness. But he scored after only nine minutes as Liverpool pushed their opponents back from the start.

The root of the goal was a mistake by Tottenham's Georges-Kevin N'koudou but when the Frenchman slipped, Liverpool were quick to capitalise as Marko Grujic progressed down the right to see his shot deflected into Sturridge's path. From six yards he couldn't miss and didn't. For a while, Liverpool threatened to come fully to life but didn't quite get there. Origi set up Sturridge for a first-time shot that lacked power while the goalscorer played Grujic clear down the right only for the Serb to drag a low shot across goal and wide.

At the other end, Tottenham had struggled to penetrate but Vincent Janssen was left free to head over at the far post while a low shot from the Dutch forward was pawed away by Simon Mignolet. Into the second half and Liverpool found some fresh gears. Driven forward by Origi and assisted from deeper by Georginio Wijnaldum, they were irresistible for a period. Sturridge contributed an air shot to a lovely Origi cross, Wijnaldum then crashed a drive against a defender after the Belgian set him up and then Origi himself was denied by Vorm's agility. All that happened within the space of three or four minutes and before long Liverpool did score again as Origi and Wijnaldum combined to free Sturridge down the centre. His shot, between the keeper's legs at the Kop end, rolled into the net and seemed to signal the end of the contest. It should have done but Lucas hacked at Spurs sub Erik Lamela three times in the penalty area with 14 minutes left and Janssen drove in the penalty. It was a stupid spot-kick to concede and after that the outcome was anyone's guess. Sturridge hit the bar, substitute Danny Ings (left) was denied by Vorm and Spurs' Harrison failed his team when they needed him most. One day soon Liverpool will learn their lesson. Until they do, it will be hard to take our eyes off them.

LIVERPOOL (4-3-3): Mignolet 6; Alexander-Arnold 7 (Clyne 68min, 6), Lucas 6, Klavan 6.5, Moreno 7; Grujic 7 (Can 89), Stewart 6.5, Wijnaldum 8; Origi 8.5 (Ings 68, 6), Sturridge 8, Ejaria 6.5.

Subs not used: Karius, Lovren, Mane, Lallana.

Scorer: Sturridge 9, 64. Booked: Alexander-Arnold, Ings.

TOTTENHAM (4-3-3): Vorm 6; Trippier 7, Carter-Vickers 6, Wimmer 6, Davies 6.5; Carroll 6.5 (Lamela 61, 6), Dier 7 (Wanyama 68, 6), N'koudou 7 (Harrison 83); Onomah 7, Janssen 7, Winks 6.5. Subs not used: Lopez, Vertonghen, Walkes, Amos.

Scorer: Janssen 76 (pen). Booked: Winks. Man of the match: Divock Origi.

Referee: Jonathan Moss 6.5.

The Daily Telegraph

Sturridge boosts his cause as brace delivers knockout blow to Tottenham

The enigma that is Daniel Sturridge scored the goals that propelled Liverpool into the quarter-finals of the EFL Cup as they overcame Tottenham Hotspur. It may have been two second-string line-ups but there were some first-rate performances from both sides. Sturridge scored twice - and struck the crossbar - but could have had five or six goals; such is the conundrum that is the striker who should be an automatic starter for club and country but has been struggling to convince for either.

The goals will help his cause even if Liverpool's outstanding performer was another striker, Divock Origi, in an encounter where they had too much pace and too much firepower for Spurs, whose changes left them too weak until a late rally. Priorities lie elsewhere for both, but Liverpool will revel in the momentum this cup win maintains. There were no fewer than 21 changes in the starting line-ups from last weekend - a full set for Liverpool while Eric Dier, captaining the side, was the only Spurs survivor - and full debuts for three players: 18-year-old academy product Trent Alexander-Arnold and Ovie Ejaria for the home team and summer signing Georges-Kevin Nkoudou for the visitors.

It was a sign of the formidable strength of the squads that, even so, Liverpool included Georginio Wijnaldum, working his way back to fitness, and Origi in a side captained by Lucas Leiva. There was also Daniel Sturridge in another sign that he has plenty to do to make it into Jurgen Klopp's first-choice.

But it was Sturridge who quickly made his mark. He scored. It came as Nkoudou slipped, allowing Marko Grujic to collect possession with his cross-shot ricocheting up off Kevin Wimmer to run across the goal for Sturridge to poke it beyond Michel Vorm from close range.

Sturridge then broke down the right before arcing a left-foot shot towards the far corner only for Vorm to push the ball over the crossbar. Spurs had the ball; but Liverpool's strikers were running riot and Sturridge should have added a second. It came as Origi tricked Wimmer down the right and left the defender trailing as he sprinted into the penalty area. It seemed the opportunity had gone but the ball broke back to him and he pushed it on to Sturridge who had time and space but snatched at his shot.

Finally Spurs created a chance - and should have levelled after Kieran Trippier earned a free-kick, from Alberto Moreno's rash challenge. The full-back curled the ball into the far post and, with goalkeeper Simon Mignolet failing to react, Vincent Janssen rose unchallenged but headed wastefully over.

It summed up the opening quarter for Spurs. Lots of possession, lots of neat approach play, sharp touches from Josh Onomah, Harry Winks and Tom Carroll but little threat posed by Janssen who has struggled for goals since his PS18.6 million move from AZ Alkmaar in the summer although he then went close after pulling to the far post to meet a deflected freekick with Mignolet turning way his powerful, angled shot before Nkoudou's volley was blocked by Lucas.

Back came Liverpool with Kevin Stewart outmuscling Dier in the centre circle and Sturridge eventually ferrying the ball out to Grujic whose low shot beat Vorm but also beat the far post.

The Spurs manager, Mauricio Pochettino, would have been frustrated. Not least because of Vorm's slow reaction, and turning away from the ball, that contributed to the goal, and his team's lack of a cutting edge. They pushed on but it made them vulnerable to the counter-attack with Origi's pace again creating a chance as he tore down the right and crossed low. It seemed a formality that Sturridge would tuck the ball home but, under pressure, he swung his right foot with the ball then striking his standing leg and rebounding away.

If that touch from Sturridge was poor there was a superbly deft one to cushion the ball past Cameron Carter-Vickers only for Vorm to, just, hook it away before he could finally add another goal. It was then Wijnaldum's turn to miscue, when he also should have scored, before Origi forced a fine one-handed tip over the bar from Vorm.

Pochettino had seen enough. He needed more firepower and so on came Erik Lamela. But it was Liverpool who scored with Sturridge striking as Spurs were cut open. Origi turned the ball inside to Wijnaldum who slid it through for Sturridge, played inside by Wimmer, who ran through calmly to side-foot beyond Vorm. The goalkeeper denied Wijnaldum, turning away his free-kick. But just as the tie seemed over, Lucas clumsily caught Lamela inside the area and Janssen drove the penalty straight as Mignolet dived to his right. Soon after Spurs believed they should have had another penalty as Moreno put his arm across Lamela, but it was not given before Sturridge's wonderful shot with the outside of his boot was tipped onto the goal frame by Vorm, who also denied substitute Danny Ings. There was one last chance for Spurs with Lamela finding 18-year-old substitute Shayon Harrison completely unmarked. Only his heavy first touch prevented the tie going into extra-time.

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Sturridge's brace guides Klopp's men past Spurs

Daniel Sturridge ended his two-month Liverpool goal drought to send Jurgen Klopp's team into the EFL Cup quarter-finals at the expense of a Tottenham team which left their fightback far too late at Anfield.

Sturridge, without a club goal since scoring twice against Burton Albion in the second round in August, could and should have walked off the pitch with a hat-trick after an impressive performance for last season's beaten finalists.

But while his double was enough to carry Klopp's team into the next round, Tottenham's late surge almost made Liverpool pay for their catalogue of missed chances.

Balancing priorities is always a challenge for those clubs pursuing silverware at the top end of the Premier League and the EFL Cup is often the competition at the back of the queue when managers assess the physical demands of a congested fixture list.

But despite not having to worry about European football this season, Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp chose to make eleven changes from the team which defeated West Bromwich Albion at the weekend.

Mauricio Pochettino, with Champions League commitments to consider, retained Eric Dier from his weekend team, but made ten other changes, so one of the outstanding ties of the fourth round was reduced to little more than a reserve game before a ball had even been kicked.

Anfield was full, regardless, and the game at least gave opportunities for a raft of youngsters to make their mark.

Trent Alexander-Arnold, the Liverpool teenager highlighted by Steven Gerrard as a star of the future, began at right-back, with Pochettino handing starts to Harry Winks, Josh Onomah and Cameron Carter-Vickers, all of whom impressed.

But beyond Daniel Sturridge's ninth minute opener, when the England forward scored from close range after Marko Grujic had pounced on a slip by Spurs defender Georges-Kevin Nkoudou, the first-half was a frustrating one.

Sturridge should have added to his goal within nine minutes of his opener, but instead scuffed a right-foot shot into the arms of goalkeeper Michel Vorm from ten yards.

And at the other end, the hapless Vincent Janssen continued his miserable form since arriving for [pounds sterling]17m from AZ Alkmaar in the summer.

Janssen has scored just once in a Spurs shirt, against Colchester in the last round, and he appeared bereft of confidence on this occasion " failing to take opportunities and giving a decent impression of Roberto Soldado whenever he was in sight of goal.

Alexander-Arnold, meanwhile, was fortunate to stay on the pitch after earning just a yellow card for a wild challenge on Ben Davies in front of referee Jon Moss.

Liverpool began the second-half strongly, with Klopp's team creating a flurry of chances through Sturridge, Divock Origi and Georginio Wijnaldum.

Inside the opening 15 minutes of the second period, Liverpool carved out five clear goalscoring opportunities, but could not convert any of them.

Sturridge was the first to fall short when he allowed Origi's cross to get caught beneath his feet as he stood six yards from goal. Wijnaldum then had a close range effort blocked before Vorm raced off his line to deny Sturridge.

Wijnaldum was teed up by Sturridge following a penetrating run by the forward, only for the Dutch midfielder to scuff his shot goalwards.

A goal appeared inevitable, but Vorm then produced the save of the game on 59 minutes when he tipped Origi's 25 yard shot over the bar and into the Kop.

Pochettino had now seen enough of his team being overrun and he threw on Erik Lamela on the hour mark in a bid to test Liverpool's defensive resolve.

But the move backfired as, within three minutes, Sturridge raced onto Wijnaldum's throughball before calmly scoring past Vorm.

At 2-0, the game was now in the bag for Liverpool.

Or so it seemed. Lucas Leiva's clumsy foul on Lamela on 76 minutes gifting Spurs the penalty from which they halved the deficit with Janssen scoring from 12 yards.

And from that point on, the two teams traded blows, desperate to score the goal which would either win the game or send it into extra-time.

Sturridge struck the crossbar and both Wijnaldum and Danny Ings forced stunning saves from Vorm.

At the other end, Lamela was denied another penalty when he appeared to be pulled down by Alberto Moreno before Onomah's mis-control cost him the opportunity to convert Lamela's crossfield pass from six yards.

Liverpool, having had the game won, ended the game by hanging on, but hang on they did and Klopp's team did enough to secure their place in the next round.

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THAT WAS NEVER IN DROUGHT

GUNSLINGER Daniel Sturridge showed the good, the bad and the ugly of his game as he fired Liverpool into the last eight of the EFL Cup.

The good was the finishing for his two goals to take his tally to four in two appearances in this competition.

The bad was his miss from just a few yards out and the ugly was an embarrassing air shot.

Sturridge's curate's egg of a performance showed why Jurgen Klopp should start him in the Premier League, but at the same time, why he does not.

Divock Origi tormented Tottenham with his pace and skill to push his claims for a starting place on what was a pleasing night for boss Klopp, who gave debuts to youngsters Trent Alexander-Arnold and Ovie Ejaria.

The only negative was Liverpool's continued inability to keep a clean sheet and they had to a nervy finale when Vincent Janssen reduced the arrears from the penalty spot.

Before kick-off Klopp declared himself "happy" with his team selection, making 11 changes from the side beat West Brom on Saturday to maintain an impressive start to the 1 which Premier League campaign.

And the Reds boss felt even happier when Sturridge struck after just nine minutes. Georges-Kevin Nkoudou, making his first start for Tottenham as one of 10 changes made by Mauricio Pochettino, lost the ball outside his box to gift Liverpool possession.

Marko Grujic seized on the and his shot deflected Kevin Wimmer into the path of Sturridge (left) to score.

mistake off K pas Sturridge may be struggling for goals in the league, but it was his third in the EFL Cup in just 35 minutes of action.

st th jus He was buzzing and tried to find the top corner with a leftfoot curler from just inside the box, which Michel Vorm touched over the bar.

But Sturridge should have done better following good work by Origi down the right.

The Belgium international teed him up in front of goal, only for the England striker to shoot weakly straight at Vorm.

Spurs played their way back into the tie and almost exploited the home side's vulnerability at setpieces when Kieran Trippier swung a free-kick to the back post, where Janssen rose but put his header over the bar.

The visitors were getting closer and deposed Liverpool No.1 Simon Mignolet - recalled for this tie - saved Janssen's shot at the back post.

The Reds did not manage to clear the danger and Lucas, operating at centre-half, made a terrific block to prevent Nkoudou from making amends for his earlier mistake.

Grujic impressed on his second start and went close to doubling the lead when he shot across the mouth of the goal.

Sturridge spurned another great chance, again created by that man Origi.

He was burning the north Londoners down the right with his pace and he opened them up again to send over a delicious cross which Sturridge should have gobbled up.

Instead he swung at the ball, missed it completely and it bounced harmlessly and embarrassingly off his standing leg.

It was one of those ground-up-and-swallow-me moments. Origi was looking better and better and he switched to the left flank before cutting inside on to his right foot and unleashing a 20-yard shot, which Vorm did well to touch over.

The former Lille hitman had a hand in Liverpool's second on 64 minutes, feeding Georginio Wijnaldum, who sprung Tottenham's offside trap with a perfect through ball for Sturridge.

This time Sturridge kept his cool to slot home past Vorm.

The Spurs keeper beat out a free-kick from Wijnaldum before Spurs were thrown a lifeline on 76 minutes when referee Jon Moss ruled Lucas fouled Eric Lamela.

Janssen made no mistake from the penalty spot.

The finale was frantic and Sturridge was denied a hat-trick when his dinked shot came off the underside of the bar with Vorm beaten.

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Sturridge double puts Reds into EFL Cup quarter-finals
 Two goals from Daniel Sturridge fired Liverpool into the quarter-finals of the EFL Cup in front of Anfield's biggest-ever League Cup crowd. Sturridge struck in either half and could have had a couple more as he combined well with strike partner Divock Origi to ensure a torrid night for the Spurs backline.

A Vincent Janssen penalty after Lucas upended Erik Lamela reduced the visitors' deficit with 14 minutes left but it was not enough to prevent progress for Jurgen Klopp's men.

The Reds boss made 11 changes and Mauricio Pochettino 10 as both managers took full advantage of squads full of young talent in need of games.

Liverpool line-up included full debuts for 18-year-olds Ovie Ejaria and Trent Alexander-Arnold on a proud night for the Kirkby Academy.

It was a familiar face however who made the first significant contribution with the recalled Sturridge the man to break the deadlock on nine minutes.

Marko Grujic took advantage of a slip in the Spurs defence to put in a dangerous cross which was deflected into the path of the England man whose clipped finish past Michel Vorm was all class and no fuss.

It took a superb tackle by Lucas Leiva to stop Spurs drawing level within three minutes, an out-stretched leg denying Janssen before Ejaria and Alexander-Arnold combined to threaten for the Reds.

Spurs keeper Vorm should have been picking it out of his own net again when a great touchline turn from Origi saw him break into the box and smuggle the ball across to Sturridge.

With all the time in the world he shot first time with his right foot and hit it badly into the ground.

With so many changes to both teams, play was somewhat disjointed. Simon Mignolet got down low to deny Janssen's drive and Lucas blocked the follow-up from Georges-Kevin Nkoudou after Kieran Trippier crossed to the back post.

Good work from Kevin Stewart and Ejaria led to Grujic dragging a shot wide five minutes from the break while a Tom Carroll corner caused panic in the Liverpool box but the ball was eventually cleared.

The second half saw Sturridge the man in focus again. He should have scored from Origi's perfect cross but missed his finish - but he didn't have to wait long for his second.

Good work from Origi allowed Gini Wijnaldum to release the striker in on goal and he netted low under Vorm.

Origi then had a superb shot clawed away by Vorm on the hour mark.

Wijnaldum's clever free-kick was pushed away by Vorm as Liverpool sought the goal which would kill the game off completely.

It didn't come and Spurs were given a lifeline when Lucas fouled substitute Lamela in the box and Jon Moss rightly pointed to the spot. Janssen gave Mignolet no chance.

Sturridge almost grabbed his hat-trick as his outside of the foot flick was deflected on to the bar via a Vorm touch but the third wouldn't come.

Shayon Harrison appeared to have been given the freedom of the Reds box to equalise but a loose touch allowed Mignolet to pounce while Danny Ings almost enjoyed a fairytale return to Anfield for the first time in over a year as Grujic's throughball was cleared into his path but Vorm denied him his moment.

It got nervy but Liverpool had done enough.

LIVERPOOL (4-2-3-1): Mignolet; Alexander-Arnold (Clyne 68), Klavan, Lucas, Moreno; Stewart, Ejaria; Origi (Ings 68), Grujic (Can 89), Wijnaldum; Sturridge. Subs: Karius, Lovren, Lallana, Mane. **BOOKINGS:** Alexander-Arnold, Ings, Grujic. **GOALS:** Sturridge 9, 64.

TOTTENHAM (4-2-3-1): Vorm; Trippier, Carter-Vickers, Wimmer, Davies; Dier (Wanyama 67), Winks; Onomah, Carroll (Lamela 61), Nkoudou (Harrison 83); Janssen. Subs: Amos, Vertonghen, Lopez Sabata, Walkes. **BOOKINGS:** Wimmer, Winks. **GOAL:** Janssen 76 pen.

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Daniel Sturridge double sinks Spurs' EFL Cup hopes despite Vincent Janssen penalty

Daniel Sturridge struck twice at Anfield to see off Tottenham and send Liverpool into the fifth round of the EFL Cup.

The England striker has now scored eight times in six Reds appearances in the competition, netting in each half to remind a seemingly sceptical Jurgen Klopp of his prowess.

Sturridge was one of the most senior players on show amid much rotation and his goals were enough to settle matters on Merseyside, despite Vincent Janssen's 76th-minute penalty bringing late tension and a flattering 2-1 scoreline.

Both sides have finished runner-up in the competition in the past two seasons but a glance at the teamsheet told a story about its current place in their priorities.

Of the 22 players that started for the clubs on Saturday only Eric Dier, captaining Spurs, was on duty again.

Liverpool handed a debut to 18-year-old local boy Trent Alexander-Arnold, with Ovie Ejaria and Kevin Stewart also involved, while the visitors gave a first start to Georges-Kevin Nkoudou in a young starting XI.

Nkoudou's evening began poorly, his slip handing Liverpool the opener as they swarmed on the error.

The waiting Marko Grujic sent a deflected shot into the box and Sturridge was quicker to react than Michel Vorm, stabbing home from close range.

Little more than a minute had passed when Sturridge went close again, collecting Alexander-Arnold's ball and curling a shot towards the top corner where Vorm palmed clear.

Tottenham were struggling to assert themselves and should have conceded again when Divock Origi's persistence resulted in a gilt-edge chance for Sturridge, who scuffed his shot from 12 yards.

The best hope for an equaliser was an Alberto Moreno mistake, of which there were a couple, or a set-piece, which are becoming a recurring issue for Klopp's squad.

The recalled Simon Mignolet was called on to make one save, blocking from Janssen at his near post but Liverpool seemed likelier scorers and came close when Grujic flashed wide to end a smooth attacking move.

For Spurs there had been flashes from Tom Carroll and moments of muscularity at the back from Cameron Carter-Vickers but little else of substance.

The search for Liverpool's second continued at pace after the restart.

First Origi, freed by Lucas' smart pass, centred for Sturridge who had the goal at his mercy but botched his connection.

Origi himself then had a rasping drive carried over and in the 64th minute Spurs buckled.

Georginio Wijnaldum took advantage of Spurs' high defensive line with a one-touch pass that sent Sturridge clear on goal. A finish did not desert him on this occasion and he slotted carefully past Vorm.

Both managers raided their bench after the goal, Victor Wanyama and Erik Lamela bolstering Tottenham while Klopp sent for Nathaniel Clyne and the seldom seen Danny Ings.

The Reds continued to dominate though, Ejaria growing in stature and Wijnaldum drawing a fine save with a free-kick.

But it was Tottenham who scored next, Lamela winning a soft penalty from Lucas. Janssen pumped it down the middle and suddenly the tone shifted.

Lamela had another reasonable penalty appeal when he tangled with Moreno but this time Jon Moss waved play on.

Sturridge struck the crossbar via a deflection and Ings worked Vorm with a powerful hit but Tottenham might just as easily equalised, with some nervy moments in the home defence.

Wanyama made Mignolet work late but four minutes of added time came to nothing.

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Daniel Sturridge struck twice as Liverpool overcame Tottenham to reach the EFL Cup quarter-finals and extend their unbeaten run to 10 matches.

The Reds' striker was an unused substitute in Saturday's win over West Brom but needed less than 10 minutes to turn in instinctively from six yards.

Jurgen Klopp made 11 changes from the weekend, one more than Mauricio Pochettino, and it was Liverpool who created more in a scrappy affair.

The impressive Divock Origi laid on two clear chances that Sturridge wasted, but the pair combined again for the England striker to be sent clear and slide his second under Michel Vorm's body.

Spurs - who started with eight players aged 23 or under - were by no means overawed but struggled in attack until Vincent Janssen slammed home a penalty when substitute Erik Lamela was fouled.

Sturridge curled against the bar with the outside of his left foot late on and substitute Danny Ings saw a one-on-one chance saved as Liverpool moved into Wednesday's draw.

All eyes on the front men

The latter stages at Anfield saw Pochettino on his knees in frustration as Spurs exerted pressure but wasted opportunities.

In truth, had Sturridge taken his chances the game would have been out of their reach much earlier.

Even so, with 21-year-old Origi and 18-year-old Ovie Ejaria playing either side of him, Sturridge stepped up to perhaps make a case for starting against Crystal Palace on Saturday.

His lack of a league strike this season has prompted questions over his contribution but he showed a clear nose for goal to pounce when 20-year-old Serb Marko Grujic scuffed his effort.

Janssen is also without a league goal since his £17m summer move from AZ Alkmaar, prompting some observers to draw parallels with Roberto Soldado's struggles at White Hart Lane.

He lacks the pace and movement of Sturridge but his speed in grabbing the ball to take the penalty when Lucas upended Lamela showed a hunger to prove a point.

Pochettino has publicly said he will be patient with a 22-year-old finding his way in England. On this showing, Janssen showed enough to give Spurs' fans hope.

How did the young faces fare?

Both managers put faith in youth, with 13 players who started the match aged 23 or under. Klopp gave a debut to right-back Trent Alexander-Arnold, a player Steven Gerrard has described as "versatile" with "all the attributes you need".

Trent Alexander-Arnold (Liverpool): Klopp said he started brightly, bursting forward to take a ball in his stride early on. A rash tackle on Ben Davies earned a yellow card but showed commitment nonetheless.

Marko Grujic (Liverpool): His 6ft 3in frame looked powerful in midfield when carrying the ball and he got forward smartly to create the opener and later pull a shot wide.

Ovie Ejaria (Liverpool): Looked confident on his full debut, was prepared to pass the ball in tricky areas and was at ease when called upon to dribble.

Cameron Carter-Vickers (Spurs): On his second start for Spurs, the USA Under-23 international faced the movement of Liverpool's tricky front three. He stood up to it as well as anyone in a white shirt.

Harry Winks (Spurs): The 20-year-old was neat and tidy in Tottenham's midfield alongside Eric Dier and looked more at home than Tom Carroll, who is four years his senior.

Georges-Kevin Nkoudou (Spurs): Since his £9m move from Marseille the winger had had just 70 minutes of first-team football before the trip to Anfield. Up against a full-back who tends to attack better than he defends in Alberto Moreno, he rarely pinned the Spaniard back.

Man of the match - Daniel Sturridge

What the bosses said...

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp: "The game was what I expected, in a positive way for us. Then, for part of it, we lost concentration and caused our problems by ourselves. Overall, the summary is very positive - a deserved win."

Tottenham manager Mauricio Pochettino: "I'm pleased with the performance but not the result. We fought until the end and created chances. It was a great experience and we can take a lot of positives. This will improve our confidence for the future."

"The young players are very important for our future, to be a better squad. "I think it was a fantastic opportunity to show their quality and a great experience to capitalise on, to take positive things for the future."

The stats you need to know...

Sturridge has now scored 10 times in his past eight League Cup appearances. All four of his goals for Liverpool this season have been in the League Cup.

Both of Vincent Janssen's goals for Spurs have been penalties in the League Cup.

Liverpool are 10 matches unbeaten in all competitions and have won eight games in that run.

In 14 matches this season, Spurs have only scored twice in a game on four occasions.

What's next?

Liverpool will come up against their former striker Christian Benteke when they travel to Crystal Palace on Saturday for the day's late kick-off. Tottenham host champions Leicester City earlier in the day.

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Match ends, Liverpool 2, Tottenham Hotspur 1.
90'+5' Second Half ends, Liverpool 2, Tottenham Hotspur 1.
90'+5' Foul by Josh Onomah (Tottenham Hotspur).
90'+5' Emre Can (Liverpool wins a free kick on the left wing.
90'+3' Attempt missed. Harry Winks (Tottenham Hotspur left footed shot from outside the box is too high. Assisted by Josh Onomah.
90'+2' Kevin Wimmer (Tottenham Hotspur is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.
90'+2' Foul by Kevin Wimmer (Tottenham Hotspur.
90'+2' Danny Ings (Liverpool wins a free kick on the right wing.
90'+1' Harry Winks (Tottenham Hotspur is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.
90'+1' Foul by Harry Winks (Tottenham Hotspur.
90'+1' Danny Ings (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.
89' Attempt missed. Nathaniel Clyne (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is close, but misses to the left. Assisted by Alberto Moreno following a corner.
89' Substitution, Liverpool. Emre Can replaces Marko Grujic because of an injury.
89' Delay over. They are ready to continue.
88' Delay in match Marko Grujic (Liverpool because of an injury.
88' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Michel Vorm.
88' Attempt saved. Danny Ings (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the bottom left corner.
87' Attempt saved. Daniel Sturridge (Liverpool left footed shot from the right side of the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Danny Ings.
85' Attempt saved. Victor Wanyama (Tottenham Hotspur header from the centre of the box is saved in the top centre of the goal. Assisted by Harry Winks.
84' Marko Grujic (Liverpool is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.
84' Victor Wanyama (Tottenham Hotspur wins a free kick in the attacking half.
84' Foul by Marko Grujic (Liverpool.
84' Foul by Harry Winks (Tottenham Hotspur.
84' Ovie Ejaria (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
83' Substitution, Tottenham Hotspur. Shayon Harrison replaces Georges-Kévin Nkoudou.
82' Danny Ings (Liverpool is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.
82' Kevin Wimmer (Tottenham Hotspur wins a free kick in the defensive half.
82' Foul by Danny Ings (Liverpool.
82' Attempt saved. Victor Wanyama (Tottenham Hotspur right footed shot from the right side of the box is saved in the bottom left corner. Assisted by Harry Winks.
81' Corner, Tottenham Hotspur. Conceded by Nathaniel Clyne.
81' Attempt saved. Daniel Sturridge (Liverpool left footed shot from the left side of the box is saved in the top centre of the goal. Assisted by Danny Ings.
79' Victor Wanyama (Tottenham Hotspur wins a free kick on the right wing.
79' Foul by Ovie Ejaria (Liverpool.
77' Foul by Victor Wanyama (Tottenham Hotspur.
77' Alberto Moreno (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
76' Foul by Georges-Kévin Nkoudou (Tottenham Hotspur.
76' Georginio Wijnaldum (Liverpool wins a free kick on the right wing.
76' Goal! Liverpool 2, Tottenham Hotspur 1. Vincent Janssen (Tottenham Hotspur converts the penalty with a left footed shot to the centre of the goal.
75' Penalty Tottenham Hotspur. Erik Lamela draws a foul in the penalty area.
75' Penalty conceded by Lucas Leiva (Liverpool after a foul in the penalty area.
73' Vincent Janssen (Tottenham Hotspur wins a free kick in the defensive half.
73' Foul by Ovie Ejaria (Liverpool.
73' Attempt saved. Georginio Wijnaldum (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the centre of the goal.
72' Foul by Victor Wanyama (Tottenham Hotspur.
72' Ovie Ejaria (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.
72' Attempt blocked. Danny Ings (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is blocked. Assisted by Daniel Sturridge.
71' Foul by Vincent Janssen (Tottenham Hotspur.
71' Lucas Leiva (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
71' Attempt missed. Daniel Sturridge (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is too high from a direct free kick.
70' Foul by Kevin Wimmer (Tottenham Hotspur.
70' Ovie Ejaria (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.
68' Substitution, Liverpool. Nathaniel Clyne replaces Trent Alexander-Arnold.
68' Substitution, Liverpool. Danny Ings replaces Divock Origi because of an injury.
67' Delay over. They are ready to continue.
67' Substitution, Tottenham Hotspur. Victor Wanyama replaces Eric Dier.
66' Delay in match Divock Origi (Liverpool because of an injury.
64' Goal! Liverpool 2, Tottenham Hotspur 0. Daniel Sturridge (Liverpool left footed shot from the centre of the box to the centre of the goal. Assisted by Georginio Wijnaldum with a through ball.
61' Substitution, Tottenham Hotspur. Erik Lamela replaces Tom Carroll.
60' Tom Carroll (Tottenham Hotspur wins a free kick in the defensive half.
60' Foul by Ovie Ejaria (Liverpool.
60' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Kevin Wimmer.
59' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Michel Vorm.
59' Attempt saved. Divock Origi (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the top centre of the goal. Assisted by Alberto Moreno.
57' Attempt saved. Georges-Kévin Nkoudou (Tottenham Hotspur right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Tom Carroll.
54' Attempt blocked. Georginio Wijnaldum (Liverpool right footed shot from the right side of the box is blocked. Assisted by Divock Origi.
52' Corner, Tottenham Hotspur. Conceded by Alberto Moreno.
51' Attempt missed. Kieran Trippier (Tottenham Hotspur right footed shot from outside the box is too high. Assisted by Vincent Janssen.
46' Foul by Eric Dier (Tottenham Hotspur.

46' Georginio Wijnaldum (Liverpool wins a free kick on the right wing.
Second Half begins Liverpool 1, Tottenham Hotspur 0.
45'+3' First Half ends, Liverpool 1, Tottenham Hotspur 0.
45'+2' Offside, Tottenham Hotspur. Kieran Trippier tries a through ball, but Josh Onomah is caught offside.
44' Foul by Josh Onomah (Tottenham Hotspur.
44' Alberto Moreno (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
42' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Cameron Carter-Vickers.
42' Attempt missed. Alberto Moreno (Liverpool left footed shot from the left side of the box misses to the right. Assisted by Marko Grujic.
41' Foul by Georges-Kévin Nkoudou (Tottenham Hotspur.
41' Daniel Sturridge (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
41' Corner, Tottenham Hotspur. Conceded by Ragnar Klavan.
39' Attempt missed. Marko Grujic (Liverpool right footed shot from the right side of the box misses to the left. Assisted by Daniel Sturridge.
39' Foul by Josh Onomah (Tottenham Hotspur.
39' Alberto Moreno (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
38' Attempt blocked. Georginio Wijnaldum (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Trent Alexander-Arnold.
37' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Kieran Trippier.
36' Foul by Tom Carroll (Tottenham Hotspur.
36' Kevin Stewart (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
35' Vincent Janssen (Tottenham Hotspur wins a free kick in the defensive half.
35' Foul by Kevin Stewart (Liverpool.
34' Foul by Cameron Carter-Vickers (Tottenham Hotspur.
34' Simon Mignolet (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
33' Corner, Tottenham Hotspur. Conceded by Lucas Leiva.
33' Attempt blocked. Georges-Kévin Nkoudou (Tottenham Hotspur left footed shot from a difficult angle on the left is blocked. Assisted by Kieran Trippier with a cross.
33' Attempt saved. Vincent Janssen (Tottenham Hotspur left footed shot from the left side of the box is saved in the centre of the goal.
33' Kieran Trippier (Tottenham Hotspur wins a free kick on the right wing.
33' Foul by Alberto Moreno (Liverpool.
29' Delay over. They are ready to continue.
28' Delay in match Cameron Carter-Vickers (Tottenham Hotspur because of an injury.
28' Delay in match Marko Grujic (Liverpool because of an injury.
27' Foul by Josh Onomah (Tottenham Hotspur.
27' Alberto Moreno (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
26' Trent Alexander-Arnold (Liverpool is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.
26' Ben Davies (Tottenham Hotspur wins a free kick in the defensive half.
26' Foul by Trent Alexander-Arnold (Liverpool.
21' Attempt missed. Vincent Janssen (Tottenham Hotspur header from the left side of the six yard box is too high. Assisted by Kieran Trippier with a cross following a set piece situation.
20' Kieran Trippier (Tottenham Hotspur wins a free kick on the right wing.
20' Foul by Alberto Moreno (Liverpool.
18' Attempt saved. Daniel Sturridge (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Divock Origi.
13' Offside, Tottenham Hotspur. Kieran Trippier tries a through ball, but Vincent Janssen is caught offside.
12' Foul by Daniel Sturridge (Liverpool.
12' Kieran Trippier (Tottenham Hotspur wins a free kick in the defensive half.
11' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Michel Vorm.
11' Attempt saved. Daniel Sturridge (Liverpool left footed shot from the right side of the box is saved in the top left corner. Assisted by Trent Alexander-Arnold.
9' Goal! Liverpool 1, Tottenham Hotspur 0. Daniel Sturridge (Liverpool right footed shot from very close range to the bottom right corner.
9' Attempt blocked. Marko Grujic (Liverpool right footed shot from the right side of the box is blocked.
7' Alberto Moreno (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
7' Foul by Josh Onomah (Tottenham Hotspur.
5' Harry Winks (Tottenham Hotspur wins a free kick in the attacking half.
5' Foul by Marko Grujic (Liverpool.
4' Foul by Harry Winks (Tottenham Hotspur.
4' Alberto Moreno (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
3' Attempt missed. Kevin Stewart (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is high and wide to the left.
2' Corner, Tottenham Hotspur. Conceded by Marko Grujic.
1' Corner, Tottenham Hotspur. Conceded by Lucas Leiva.
1' Foul by Georges-Kévin Nkoudou (Tottenham Hotspur.
1' Trent Alexander-Arnold (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
First Half begins.
Lineups are announced and players are warming up.