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THE TIMES

Klopp: stop living in the past

Liverpool 3 Sturridge 50, Firmino 58, Wijnaldum 75
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Referee K Friend Attendance 53,268

Jürgen Klopp does not look when Liverpool take a penalty. He turns his back on the game, stares up into the stands and waits for the crowd's prompt before erupting in celebration or slinking sheepishly back to his seat in the dugout.

The groans that greeted Mo Salah's aberration against Huddersfield Town, however, barely scratched the surface of the story. Salah had only been entrusted with the responsibility having converted a stoppage-time spot kick this month to send Egypt to the World Cup finals for the first time since 1990.

"I thought it made sense after the Egypt penalty," Klopp said. "The pressure is bigger in Liverpool than in [the whole of] Egypt!" The German roared with laughter, but he is coming to terms with the reality that, most of the time, it feels just like that at Liverpool. It is boom or bust, and nothing in between.

In that opening half, the fear of failure had been overwhelming. Liverpool played safe, refused to take risks. They were ponderous, predictable, unappealing.

Then, when Tommy Smith, who had already given away the penalty by tugging on the shirt of Roberto Firmino at a corner, inadvertently headed Alberto Moreno's pass into the path of Daniel Sturridge five minutes after the break it was as if a switch had been flicked.

Sturridge dispatched the chance at roughly the same time that Rhian Brewster was scoring for England Under-17 in the World Cup final to show the present still has a place amid the excitement over the future. Firmino and Georginio Wijnaldum added a layer of gloss soon after.

The overriding emotion for the Liverpool manager was relief, which is not the sort of reaction Klopp usually deals in, but he knew victory would bring breathing space after the debacle against Tottenham Hotspur the previous week.

Another clean sheet -- his side have conceded only one league goal at Anfield this term and lost Dejan Lovren after he damaged his thigh in the warm-up -- also ensured that he could cede the spotlight and scrutiny elsewhere. Perhaps back to last weekend's conquerors after Tottenham suffered successive defeats.

"Games like this [Tottenham] always have influence," Klopp said. "It was very important that we reacted. We had Dejan [Lovren] out one second before the game, Phil [Coutinho] was not there and we missed a penalty in the first half. Oooof!

"The atmosphere was obviously not too optimistic at half-time, so to come out and do what we did, it was really nice. At this moment it feels good: clean sheet, scored three, reacting to a missed penalty. I'm officially happy today.

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"Two weeks ago, it wasn't a Harry Kane team and now it is a Harry Kane team. We all have problems. That's how it is, apart from [Manchester] City obviously. At the moment they are the best team in the league."

It will be a year next week since Liverpool could claim the same having moved to the top of the Premier League with a 6-1 win over Watford at Anfield. The underlying issues in defence that served to undermine that momentum remain and will only be remedied in the transfer market, something to which Klopp alluded.

"[People say] we need to fix the defence etc. Yeah, but it's the middle of the season. We can only fix it on the training pitch," he said.

David Wagner, the Huddersfield manager, kissed the cheek of Klopp, his best friend, at the end and it was that sort of performance from his side, who were not presented with a route to goal as they had been against Manchester United last weekend and could not find one themselves.

All of which ensured Klopp could set in his biggest problem being the identity of his next penalty taker with Salah set to be taken off spot-kick duties. "I'm not sure that he is [the best] anymore," he added.

RATINGS

Liverpool (4-3-3): S Mignolet 6 -- J Gomez 8, J Matip 6, R Klavan 6, A Moreno 6 -- J Milner 6, J Henderson 6, G Wijnaldum 7 -- M Salah 6 (sub: D Solanke 81min), D Sturridge 7 (sub: E Can 74), R Firmino 7 (sub: A Oxlade-Chamberlain 66, 6). Substitutes not used L Karius, M Grujic, B Woodburn, A Robertson.

Huddersfield Town (4-5-1): J Lossl 7 -- T Smith 4 (sub: F Hadergjonaj 69, 6), Zanka 6, C Schindler 6, C Lowe 6 -- R van La Parra 6 (sub: E Kachunga 34, 6), D Williams 6 (sub: S Mounie 69, 6), J Hogg 6, A Mooy 6, T Ince 6 -- L Depoitre 6. Substitutes not used R Green, S Malone, M Cranie, C Quaner. Booked Smith.

the guardian

Daniel Sturridge sends Liverpool cruising to victory over Huddersfield David Wagner planted a little kiss on Jürgen Klopp's cheek as the best friends embraced on the final whistle. For the Liverpool manager, a routine win at the end of a trying week meant so much more. "Big relief," he sighed. "The pressure was there, no doubt about it. I could hear it."

Discontent was audible around Anfield at the end of a first half that contained the lingering after-effects of that demoralising defeat at Tottenham Hotspur, stubborn opponents and a missed penalty by Mohamed Salah. A few boos accompanied Liverpool's players down the tunnel. They reappeared with renewed energy and purpose and, though indebted to the visiting captain, Tommy Smith, for the crucial breakthrough, there was no denying the merit of Liverpool's victory or its importance to Klopp. Daniel Sturridge, Roberto Firmino and Georginio Wijnaldum scored the second-half goals that lifted Liverpool's anxieties.

"We had not the best week as you can imagine and we take the situation very seriously," the Liverpool manager said. "Tottenham was the worst game we have played this season, you cannot ignore it, and we were a bit stiff, not fluent and Huddersfield's style was rather defensive, I would say. It was not too easy to fix it at half-time but we had more players between the decisive lines in the second half and made it more difficult for Huddersfield to defend. We forced the situation for the first goal. The second goal felt like Christmas." The first half had felt like purgatory.

An initially disjointed Liverpool display was perhaps to be expected. Philippe Coutinho joined Sadio Mané on the sidelines with an adductor problem, denying Klopp much-needed invention against a Huddersfield team content to have 10 men behind the ball. Dejan Lovren survived the axe despite his calamitous performance against Spurs only to injure his groin in the warm-up. Even the minute's silence for Remembrance Sunday did not proceed as planned.

Alberto Moreno's first contribution was to concede a corner attempting an overhead kick deep inside his own half. It threatened to be one of those days. Liverpool threatened little themselves until presented with a needless penalty shortly before the break. Kevin Friend spotted a pull on Firmino's shirt by Smith as the pair jostled for a James Milner free-kick. No one inside Anfield seemed aware of the offence until the referee showed a yellow card to the Huddersfield captain and pointed to the spot.

Salah took the penalty instead of Milner, presumably on the basis of his World Cup qualifying heroics for Egypt, but struck it straight at Jonas Lossl. Jordan Henderson drove the follow-up against a post. It was Liverpool's third consecutive penalty miss at Anfield, all by different takers. "I have no idea why he whistled," Wagner said of Friend. "If it was for holding then we have to have five or six penalties in every game."

Liverpool, to their credit, swiftly made an irrelevance of the first half. Klopp's side were given a significant assist towards victory by another enforced error by Smith. The right-back was under minimal pressure as he attempted to cut out an aimless punt from Moreno but succeeded only in steering a wayward header across his own penalty area. Sturridge had sensed the slip and pounced in style, beating Lossl to the loose ball and lifting a nonchalant finish over the exposed keeper. Sturridge was denied a second by a superb intervention from Mathias Jorgensen, who managed to divert Firmino's low cross out for a corner after Henderson had released the Brazilian with another fine ball from deep. The reprieve was fleeting for Huddersfield. From the resulting Milner corner Firmino escaped his marker, Aaron Mooy, and planted an unstoppable header beyond Lossl from inside the six-yard box.

Salah and Joël Matip both went close to scoring a third as Liverpool ultimately cruised to a much-needed win. It fell to Wijnaldum to deliver the final flourish, collecting Salah's pass inside the penalty area and lashing the ball into the roof of the net as four defenders backed off.

"Until the first goal we had defended very well and neutralised them," the Huddersfield manager said, reflecting on defeat a week after beating Manchester United. "I haven't seen Anfield as quiet as that for a long time. But after we conceded the first goal, when we gave the assist, they showed their offensive power. In the last two games we have learned that we are able to defend against the big guns and you can get points against the big guns if you get everything right. If not, they will punish you."

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REDS ARE STILL TOPS FOR KLOPP

3 LIVERPOOL HUDDERSFIELD 0 THIS time a year ago a red-hot Liverpool were joint leaders of the Premier League and about to thump Watford 6-1 to go top on their own.

After an initially laboured victory over bus-parking Huddersfield they now sit sixth, 12 points off table toppers Manchester City.

Perhaps it was surprising, then, to hear a relieved Jurgen Klopp say he believes they have the talent to reach the summit again.

'Do I still think it's possible [to be top]?' the Liverpool boss said. 'Yes, 100 per cent. But I know too it takes time. The boys are good enough.' For long periods it looked as though they were not good enough to beat a resilient yet limited Terriers.

With Halloween looming, Tommy Smith, the Huddersfield captain, tried to help the home side put the previous Sunday's 4-1 horror show at Tottenham behind them by grabbing Roberto Firmino's shirt in the area. But Jonas Lossl saved Mohamed Salah's penalty. No matter. After the break, Smith headed into the path of Daniel Sturridge, who dinked over Lossl. The pressure valve was released, and goals from Firmino and Georginio Wijnaldum followed. 'At this moment it feels good,' said Klopp. 'Clean sheet, scored three, reacting to a missed penalty. I'm officially happy.' Much happier than after that Wembley thumping. LIVERPOOL (4-3-3): Mignolet 6; Gomez 7, Matip 7, Klavan 6.5, Moreno 7; Milner 6.5, Henderson 6.5, WIJNALDUM 7.5; Salah 6 (Solanke 81min), Sturridge 7 (Can 74, 6), Firmino 7 (Oxlade-Chamberlain 66, 6). Subs not used: Karius, Woodburn, Robertson, Grujic. Scorers: Sturridge 50, Firmino 58, Wijnaldum 75. Booked: None. Manager: Jurgen Klopp 6. HUDDERSFIELD TOWN (4-1-4-1): Lossl 6; Smith 4 (Hadergjonaj 69, 6), Jorgensen 6, Schindler 6, Lowe 6; Hogg 6; Van la Parra 6 (Kachunga 33, 5), Williams 6 (Quaner 70, 6), Mooy 5.5, Ince 6; Depoitre 6. Subs not used: Malone, Green, Cranie, Mounie. Booked: Smith. Manager: David Wagner 5. Referee: Kevin Friend 7. Attendance: 53,268.

THE FANS' VERDICTS DAVE USHER (liverpoolway.co.uk) Such was the lack of ambition shown by Huddersfield that Jurgen Klopp could have named himself at centre half and still kept a clean sheet. Liverpool were lifeless until Daniel Sturridge accepted a gift from the Terriers' defence. STAR MAN: JAMES MILNER HARRY GREENWOOD (betterthanklopp.com) Back down to earth after last week's historic win. Wagner's men helped ease the pressure on his lifelong friend Klopp. A lack of quality on the break and Liverpool's increased intensity saw them run out clear winners.

STAR MAN: JONAS LOSSL

The Daily Telegraph

I'm officially happy again, says Klopp

There is a touch of the inebriated whisky-drinker about Liverpool Football Club.

One minute they are full of swagger, life tastes good and wherever you look someone is acting like they are your best friend or even one of the 'family'. Then you get the severe mood swing, bonhomie becomes melancholy, they appear dishevelled and the wrong look leads to calls for an eviction.

No one masters extreme emotion like Liverpool; from staring into the abyss to stargazing, often on the same afternoon.

Immediately after securing his first Premier League home win since August - what became a routine win over Huddersfield - Jurgen Klopp was reminded how a year ago the same Liverpool team went top of the Premier League playing the most entertaining football in the country. There was talk of winning the title then.

At half-time here the same team (albeit with some notable, injured absentees) were being heckled to the tunnel, the doubters who became believers had turned doubters again. Mohamed Salah's missed penalty fed the defeatism.

What followed in the second half demonstrated that, just as this side was not as good as it seemed a year ago, they are not as bad as some believe now. "We were ahead of schedule - that is clear," said Klopp, noting the upcoming anniversary.

"Now we have to find consistency. It was clear after the really harsh criticism after the last game [a 4-1 loss to Tottenham] that you can't go like this [clicks fingers] and say it was not that bad. It was bad. It was very important that we reacted.

"The atmosphere was not too optimistic at half-time so to come out and do what we did was really nice."

It did not take much for attacking dynamism to be restored, the 15 minutes at the start of the second half proving that even without Philippe Coutinho, Sadio Mane and Adam Lallana, Liverpool possess the talent to dismantle most visitors.

The ball certainly bounced in Liverpool's favour when Huddersfield's Tommy Smith diverted it in the direction of Daniel Sturridge for the 50th-minute opener. Roberto Firmino's header ensured the game was over eight minutes later before Georginio Wijnaldum completed the victory.

As Klopp admitted: "At this moment it feels good: clean sheet, scored three, reacting to a missed penalty. I'm officially happy today."

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THE INDEPENDENT

Is Klopp taking Liverpool backwards now?

Jürgen Klopp's endearing capacity for limitless exaggeration meant it was difficult to tell whether he was joking again or whether he was offering an insight into the deepest anxieties of Anfield when he answered a question about Mohamed Salah: would he continue as the team's penalty taker having missed Liverpool's third in succession at home, this time against Huddersfield Town?

Klopp had thought it made sense to give Salah the responsibility after he scored from the spot in the 95th minute earlier this month against Congo to secure his country's passage to their first World Cup in 28 years. "The pressure is bigger in Liverpool than in Egypt!" Klopp suggested, releasing an enormous laugh.

That World Cup, of course, was in 1990 -- which also happens to be the year Liverpool supporters reel back towards, especially when they analyse the very source of their frustrations, which contributes greatly towards the entire mood of a club; a club that has not been English champions, indeed, since the month before Egypt last performed on a global stage.

There might be a wider perception that the Liverpool manager's job, because of the long wait for glory, makes it less relevant in European football than it has ever been. Yet it is fair to propose that the reality is the opposite: no club is captivated by its history as much as Liverpool and equally no club in the country gets as carried away by the joy of victory or as sunken in the despair of defeat. We have now reached the situation where if a manager makes progression one season and does not start the next as promisingly, Liverpool are again reeling backwards, as thoughts meander to 1990, and suddenly he is not the messiah everybody but himself claimed him as at the point of his arrival.

It is an appropriate week to analyse Liverpool's current state because a year ago next weekend, they reached the summit of the Premier League, an achievement that is relative and as Klopp warned at the time, was not anticipated by him. Set that against the mood versus Huddersfield at half time: when it was 0-0, the players were booed off, and Liverpool were set to remain in mid-table; all of this six days after a 4-1 battering at Tottenham.

Klopp sees it as part of his job to bring balance to the discussion. Just as Liverpool being top at the start of November didn't mean Liverpool would be champions again last season doesn't mean that because they are currently sixth this time around, Klopp will follow the route of his predecessors and cave in. He is trying to remind that football does not always follow a linear path: that also, just because Liverpool did not win the league last season does not mean they were destined not to in the first place.

"Yes, we were ahead of schedule -- that is clear," he reflected. "But everything could have happened from this point: no injuries..."

"We are able to perform on the highest level," he continued. "But now we have to find consistency. The problem is here. The moment things don't work out, we get compared with the past. Immediately, what you said before the season is immediately the truth: we need to fix the defence, etcetera. Yeah, but it's the middle of the season! We can only fix it on the training pitch. How could I talk about it? The only thing the people around do it weaken the players by saying, 'You are not good enough.' It's a little bit of a problem.

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"Do I still think it's possible (to be top)? Yes, 100 per cent. But I know too it takes time. That's it."

Klopp will get time from Liverpool's owners, Fenway Sports Group. He is under contract until 2022 and he receives their total support. That relates to the prickly topic of transfers and funding too. It is appropriate to mention the issue on this week of anniversaries because Michael Edwards, the sporting director, is approaching a year in the job. Any discussion about injuries relates to transfers and the deals Liverpool have not done because Klopp has been five players down for most of the current campaign and more efficient recruitment in the summer would surely have alleviated this problem.

Through injury, Adam Lallana has not played a game and has been missed terribly. Sadio Mané missed three games through a controversial suspension and then got injured while on international duty. Philippe Coutinho was absent for weeks while Barcelona chased his signature and now he is injured too. Klopp has also been without Virgil van Dijk and Naby Keita, two players earmarked as priority signings. While the pursuit of van Dijk ended in embarrassment, increasing volume of the debate about the fragility of Liverpool's defence, Keita -- whose presence would surely have directly negated the loss of Lallana -- would eventually sign, but ultimately not arrive 2018. Though the deal was advertised and in many cases received as a coup, in recruiting the Guinean midfielder, Liverpool must be one of the first clubs to sign a player for a premium but only get him after they really want.

There was a sense a year ago that Edwards' appointment was a strategic announcement. He had essentially been filling the role without having a title for the previous 18 months. Because Liverpool were doing so well, they could push forward on all fronts from a position of strength. There is a difference, though between the art of negotiation and the interpretation of statistics in relation to

scouting, where Edwards's background is -- especially when everyone suddenly now knows what you are up to.

Klopp certainly has questions to answer over results, team selections, tactics and substitutions but where is Edwards? He does not have a profile on the club's website, a platform where his words have not appeared since 4 November 2016, and he seems to be able to go about his work, which is crucial to Klopp's future, without any of the recriminations when it goes wrong.

For Bob Paisley -- Liverpool's most successful manager -- the trophies went to the football clubs that simply "bought and sold the best," but this might be another reminder that no club is imprisoned by its past like Liverpool.



TENSION TO DETAIL; Klopp admits that the frustration of the fans is killing his players: Start supporting us again and you'll see results improve

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FROM the reaction of the fans at the final whistle it was hard to judge which side had won easily.

No wonder, then, that Liverpool boss Jürgen Klopp privately questions what happened to the cathedral of football that made Anfield such a draw for him. He is too canny to ever publicly voice such a sentiment but after this important victory for his side he did offer some pointed advice to those fans who are so quick to vent their frustration.

"The problem is here, the moment things don't work out, we get compared with the past," he said. "They wreck the confidence of the players when they say things like, 'You are not good enough'. It's a problem."

Klopp dismissed the halftime booing by saying he would not make a big deal out of it, but one by one as the players came out of the dressing room after the game they spoke of the tension picked up from the Anfield crowd.

It was a point their manager made, amusingly, when he spoke about the decision to allow Mohamed Salah to take a penalty before half-time, even with regular penalty-taker James Milner on the pitch.

Salah had scored a penalty under huge pressure in the last minute of a World Cup qualifier for Egypt to get his nation to the finals, and Klopp said: "I thought it made sense after the Egypt penalty. The pressure is bigger in Liverpool than in Egypt! I'm not sure that he is on penalties any more"

It is that pressure from the fans -- and of course pundits who become world-class players once they retire -- that creates an almost endless feeling of crisis, even though Liverpool, given their spending, are more or less in the position they should be, both domestically and in Europe.

Even Huddersfield boss David Wagner noticed the dismay among the crowd. "I've been here often in the last three years," said Wagner (left), "but I have never heard Anfield so quiet."

To be fair to the fans, the first half was pretty lame.

Huddersfield, fresh from a 2-1 win over Manchester United a week earlier, barely attempted to get into the Liverpool half -- no wonder they had failed to score at West Ham, Crystal Palace, Burnley, and Swansea before this trip.

Liverpool struggled to carve out an opening, save for the penalty miss, in that opening half but were ahead within five minutes of the second half thanks to an error from Town skipper Tommy Smith, who diverted an Alberto Moreno pass into the path of Daniel Sturridge.

The England man, largely anonymous in the first half, calmly dinked a shot into the net for his 100th club career goal. His lengthy celebration (right) demonstrated just how much it meant.

The excellent Roberto Firmino added a second with a fine header, and Georginio Wijnaldum rounded it off with another great finish, showing Liverpool have class when the pressure relents.

"I am officially happy," said Klopp afterwards.

"Immediately today you could see the relief, how big it was. They could enjoy it after that"

The message is simple: the Anfield crowd need to stop being knee-jerk reactionaries and start being supporters again.

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Jekyll and Hyde Reds wake up in time to avoid sleepwalking into Halloween nightmare

Talk about Jekyll and Hyde. For 50 minutes Liverpool appeared to be sleepwalking into a Halloween nightmare. Anfield was eerily quiet – players and supporters still haunted by events at Wembley a week earlier. Jurgen Klopp's side were devoid of confidence with a troubled season in danger of hitting a new low after Mohamed Salah's penalty miss. Huddersfield Town reduced an emotional Klopp to tears when they won the play-off final back in May and it looked like his old pal David Wagner might repeat the trick. But one misplaced header from Terriers captain Tommy Smith and one clinical finish from Daniel Sturridge, the 100th goal of his club career, transformed the mood. Relief engulfed Anfield and belief surged through the veins of those wearing red. The weight of pressure had been lifted from their shoulders. The swagger instantly returned and for Kopites the final 40 minutes could be enjoyed rather than endured.

Roberto Firmino nodded home the second and Gini Wijnaldum wrapped up the points with his first goal of the season. Ultimately, it was emphatic as victory lifted Liverpool back into the top six. The clean sheet was certainly a welcome boost after the defensive horror show against Tottenham. Simon Mignolet didn't have a single save to make all afternoon. But the final scoreline shouldn't mask just how poor Liverpool were until they got a slice of luck and Sturridge cashed in.

This certainly wasn't a stirring response to the humiliation at Wembley. Rather than the expected bang, they came out the traps with a whimper.

Fears about how brittle this side are remain, but in the end they got the job done and Klopp has something to build on. Having departed to murmurs of discontent at half-time, there was warm applause at the end as the manager walked away patting the Liver bird on his jacket. This was Huddersfield's first visit to Anfield since 1971 and they arrived on a high. Klopp had predicted that Wagner would "park the bus" and he was right. The Terriers were set up simply to frustrate the hosts and they rarely ventured out of their own half.

Liverpool enjoyed 78% possession during the opening 45 minutes but did little with it. The atmosphere was horribly flat. It was one of those days when supporters were waiting for the players to lift the mood but it didn't happen before the break. Nobody grabbed the contest by the scruff of the neck. Liverpool's build-up play was far too slow and predictable. Their movement was lethargic.

Already without Sadio Mane and Adam Lallana, the loss of Philippe Coutinho to a groin injury this week was a bitter pill to swallow. The Brazil international is also expected to sit out Wednesday's Champions League clash with Maribor and next weekend's trip to West Ham United. How Liverpool missed Coutinho's ability to unlock a defence. The hosts failed to really stretch Huddersfield as they repeatedly tossed possession away cheaply. When Ragnar Klavan stumbled, took a heavy touch and knocked it straight out of play, it summed up the Reds' plight.

You had to feel for the Estonian defender, who was thrown into action at the last minute after Dejan Lovren pulled up lame in the warm-up.

Klavan was understandably rusty having not played a single minute for over two months, but this was a day when Liverpool's problems were further forward.

There wasn't enough spark or guile from midfield, while the front three of Firmino, Sturridge and Salah were starved of both space and service.

While Wijnaldum was preferred to Emre Can, it was Coutinho's absence which led to Sturridge earning a recall. His talent is undeniable but concerns that he no longer has the acceleration to really get away from defenders remain. The England striker latched on to Milner's delivery but his scuffed effort bounced on to the roof of the net. Salah was miles off his usual level but belatedly came to life, cutting in off the right, exchanging passes with Firmino and curling straight at Jonas Lossl.

That was all Liverpool mustered in half-an-hour and the groans from the stands grew more audible. Huddersfield defended well but Klopp's men kept playing into their hands. When Henderson finally injected some urgency with a pinpoint pass for the tireless Milner, the vice-captain fired too close to the keeper.

Four minutes before the break Liverpool were presented with a gift but in keeping with their first-half display they made a mess of accepting it.

Smith was punished for blatantly tugging Firmino's shirt in the box and Salah was handed penalty duties following his nerveless spot-kick that booked Egypt's passage to the World Cup earlier this month. However, the Reds winger fired too close to Lossl and Henderson hit the post off the rebound. Shoulders hunched.

Klopp insisted it was a case of "tactical tweaks" rather than throwing tea cups at the interval. The manager felt that Liverpool had been too cautious, wary about being caught on the counter-attack and not committing enough bodies forward.

They certainly needed to be braver and within five minutes of the restart fortune favoured them. In cutting out Alberto Moreno's lofted pass, Smith inexplicably put it on a plate for Sturridge, who tucked away his second goal of the season in front of the Kop. The gloom was lifted. Liverpool started knocking it around with greater authority and Huddersfield couldn't live with them.

Just before the hour mark it was 2-0 as Firmino got away from Aaron Mooy to head home Milner's corner. Salah's curler was tipped on to the post by Lossl before Joel Matip wastefully nodded wide. The fact that the former Schalke centre-back has only netted once in 47 games for Liverpool is ridiculous considering the array of inviting situations he finds himself in. Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain, Can and

Dominic Solanke all got a run-out as Klopp sought fresh legs in order to maintain momentum. With 15 minutes to go Liverpool added a third. It was a slick move with Oxlade-Chamberlain, Sturridge, Can and Salah all involved before it was laid off to Wijnaldum. The Dutchman hadn't scored since his crucial strike against Middlesbrough on the final day back in May, but he ended that drought in style. Wijnaldum worked it on to his right boot and hammered home off the underside of the bar. After the final whistle Klopp planted a kiss on Wagner.

Doubts remain about his Liverpool side but this triumph over his best man provided some much needed respite.

MAN OF THE MATCH. James Milner. Solid shift from the vice-captain.

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HUDDERSFIELD DAILY EXAMINER

Jurgen Klopp triumphs over best friend David Wagner

Jurgen Klopp got the better of best friend David Wagner as three second-half goals saw Liverpool FC defeat Huddersfield Town at Anfield.

Town's game plan of stifling their opponents worked to perfection in the first-half with the home side's frustration further exacerbated by Jonas Lossl's penalty save from Mohamed Salah. However, a fortuitous break off the head of Tommy Smith saw Daniel Sturridge open the scoring just after the interval with Roberto Firmino and Georginio Wijnaldum sealing the win.

After last week's 'extraordinary' performance at home to Manchester United there was just one change to Town's starting line-up for the trip to Merseyside.

Rajiv van La Parra replaced Elias Kachunga on the right flank with the DR Congo international overcoming his back injury but having to settle for a place on the bench.

And while it was a case of maintaining consistency for the Terriers, it was anything but for Klopp and his Liverpool side in the build-up to the clash.

Throughout the week there was talk of the Reds defensive woes with much-maligned Dejan Lovren initially named in the starting XI before mysteriously dropping to the bench prior to kick-off. The Croatian had more than a hint of 'a thousand yard stare' about him during the warm-up and, on Halloween weekend, it was perhaps perfectly acceptable to fear the prospect of facing the in-form beast that is Laurent Depoitre. Yet after the traditional rousing rendition of 'You'll Never Walk Alone' and a bungled minute's silence for Armistice Day (courtesy of referee Kevin Friend) both sides seemed to settle into a game of few chances.

Town's similar shape from last weekend, the compact five-man midfield without the ball, restricted and frustrated the host's chances in the final third.

And with the Anfield crowd appearing restless, Klopp quickly changed his formation to 4-3-3 to no avail as Town continued to show good discipline at the back. It could hardly be called 'parking the bus' though with Town's forwards still willing to gnaw away at Liverpool's defence at every possibility – particularly van La Parra on Reds stopper Simon Mignolet. Sadly it was short-lived for the Dutchman, forced off with a knock after a challenge on James Milner with Kachunga being the like-for-like replacement. The game needed a spark and the hosts were gifted the opportunity to light the blue touch paper from the penalty spot as the clock dwindled down towards the end of the first-half.

Smith was judged to be holding Firmino in the box from a corner but, after a quick world from Chris Lowe, Lossl guessed correctly to deny Salah's well-taken penalty. If the game plan was executed to perfection in the opening 45 minutes it went to pot early in the second period as the Reds were gifted another opportunity to open the scoring – one they took this time. Once again Smith was at the centre of it – the captain's awkward header falling straight to the feet of forward Sturridge who proceeded to expertly lift the ball over the advancing Lossl.

The lethargic home support were finally roared into the life as Liverpool tried to press home their advantage by extending their advantage quickly.

Mathias Zanka was forced to demonstrate incredible defending to slide clear Firmino's cross for a corner with Sturridge lurking behind in as the Reds began to turn the screw on the Terriers. It was a short-lived reprieve though as the resulting set-piece saw Firmino's bullet header beat Lossl at the near post.

In an attempt to get back into the game, Wagner made a double substitution with 20 minutes remaining – Smith and Danny Williams replaced by Florent Hadergjonaj and Steve Mounie.

But it was too little to late as Wijnaldum added a third shortly afterwards, picking up a pass in the area and finding space before firing into the top corner.

So Liverpool's quality eventually told and Town were brought back to down to earth after their Manchester United heroics last weekend.

Yet results against the league's top six will not ultimately determine Town's top-flight fate in May – that will more than likely be determined on displays at the John Smith's with the visit of West Bromwich Albion next week a more important encounter.

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THE INDEPENDENT

ON SUNDAY

Liverpool bounce back to flatten Huddersfield

You might have heard this week that Jürgen Klopp and David Wagner are pretty close; Wagner had been Klopp's best man at his wedding, Klopp is godfather to one of Wagner's children; Klopp gave Wagner a job at Borussia Dortmund, Wagner is often seen at Anfield when Huddersfield are not playing.

In many ways, then, Wagner was just about the least ideal manager Klopp could have chosen to meet with Liverpool in such poor league form: someone in football - in life, indeed - he admits to knowing him better than anyone else outside his immediate family.

There remains, though, a cold and loveless reality: that for all of Huddersfield's plans, for all of their organisation and for all their inside knowledge, if they make the sort of elementary individual mistakes as they did here, Liverpool eventually will take them to the cleaners and, with that, the complex of an entire afternoon will shift dramatically.

Having beaten Manchester United quite comfortably, Huddersfield were doing just fine at Anfield until Tommy Smith gave away a penalty moments before the break for tugging on Roberto Firmino's shirt even though the set-piece he was defending did not really involve the Brazilian. Liverpool missed that opportunity to take the lead but it would not happen a second time when Smith's poor header released Daniel Sturridge dead centre of goal just after half-time. From there, Liverpool were where they finally needed to be and they were away. Smith's mistakes, of course, were the sort you'd expect to see being made by Liverpool's defence. It is fair to describe them as Dejan Lovren-esque, the under-fire Croatian who was selected by Klopp following his early substitution against Tottenham last week, but ultimately did not make it onto the pitch this time after sustaining an injury in the warm-up.

His absence did not help Liverpool's preparation. It is fair to say Ragnar Klavan has not convinced many Anfield regulars that he is up to the standard of being a Liverpool player, even as back-up. The sight of him slicing a simple sideways pass into the advertising hoardings of the main stand, then slipping before giving away another throw-in inside the opening 20 minutes did not help an anxious mood, the type where Anfield is silent to the point of whaling children being audible somewhere in the middle-distance.

Klavan was not the only one guilty of sloppiness. The defence aside, one of Liverpool's problems is Jordan Henderson's form. His position is a key one for Liverpool because so often, the responsibility of playing the first progressive pass is with him. He is also the spare man in midfield and this means he is also the relief option when others are under pressure in possession. As Liverpool's captain, he is expected to take care of his teammates and drive Liverpool forward as well. When your confidence is as low as his appears to be, though, and basic passes are failing to meet their destination, is it any wonder that structurally this Liverpool team seems flawed?

Liverpool could nevertheless have led earlier than they did. The decision to award Liverpool a penalty initially caused confusion because referee Kevin Friend was one of very few people to see Smith pulling the shirt of Firmino. Television replays revealed Friend as absolutely correct -- not that Liverpool could capitalise, because Mohamed Salah drove the subsequent kick into the shins of Jonas Lossl. That Henderson sent the rebound bobbling agonisingly past Lossl's right post using his shin summed up the type of afternoon he and Liverpool were having. That Liverpool have now missed their last three penalties at Anfield by using three different players tells you even more about their season so far as a whole. Liverpool would meet fortune again, however. Smith could have chosen to let Alberto Moreno's thumping pass run out for a goal-kick but instead, by flicking in-field, it allowed Sturridge to score, albeit with a superb lifted finish over Lossl. It became 2-0 when Firmino connected firmly with James Milner's corner soon after and suddenly, Huddersfield were reeling and Liverpool were in control. A third for Liverpool felt like an inevitability and that came via Georginio Wijnaldum's run through a crowded box and stinging shot.

Liverpool (4-3-3): Mignolet; Gomez, Matip, Klavan, Moreno; Milner, Henderson, Wijnaldum; Salah (Solanke 80), Sturridge (Can 74), Firmino (Oxlade-Chamberlain 66). Subs not used: Karius, Grujic, Robertson, Woodburn.
Huddersfield Town (4-5-1): Lossl; Smith (Hadergonaj 69), Jorgensen, Schindler, Lowe; van la Parra (Kachunga 33), Williams (Mounie, 69), Hogg, Mooy, Ince; Depoitre. Subs not used: Green, Malone, Craine, Quaner.

The Sunday Telegraph

Sturridge makes his ton to give Kop and Klopp welcome boost
Liverpool 3 Sturridge 50, Firmino 58, Wijnaldum 75
Huddersfield Town 0 Att: 53,268

Such is the tempestuous life of a football manager it often only needs a favourable bounce to go from under siege to revitalised. So it must seem for Jürgen Klopp.

Five minutes into the second half at Anfield, Huddersfield's Tommy Smith diverted an Alberto Moreno pass aimed for Roberto Firmino into the stride of Daniel Sturridge.

Sturridge delicately nudged in his 100th club career goal and in an instant Liverpool were reacquainted with their attacking swagger. They would score two more times, Klopp asserting authority over his close friend David Wagner to banish the ordeal of a dire opening period.

The doubts, the lingering frustrations and the search for consistency endures, but just as this served as a reminder things are not as perfect as they seem when Liverpool hit peak form, the future is not as bleak as last weekend's Wembley debacle suggested.

Liverpool, the team that cannot defend, has still conceded only once at Anfield this season. Their most accomplished performer in both halves here was also in their back four, Joe Gomez improving every week.

Such positivity would no doubt have been shrugged off as delusion or pure apologetics before the opening goal.

Despondency is a virus. Until halftime it was spreading. Even Wagner noticed it. "I've been here often in the last three years," said the Huddersfield coach, whose family took the seats often reserved for him near the media area. "I have never heard Anfield so quiet until they scored the first goal."

Klopp could not ignore the palpable anxiety. "There is big relief," said the Liverpool manager. "The pressure was there. I could hear it. People didn't like the first half too much. We were a little bit stiff, we were not fluent."

The home side had looked like a team dragging its chin and cursing misfortune. Mohamed Salah's 41st minute penalty miss summed up the mood, struck tamely and too close to goalkeeper Jonas Lossl. A fortnight ago Salah carried the weight of 96 million Egyptians, converting in the last minute from the spot to take his country to the World Cup.

As Liverpool struggled in the first half, there was an inevitability he would fail to convert in less pressured but nevertheless significant circumstances for his club. Klopp certainly has a catalogue of woe he can point to if inclined. If he was hoping to earn applause for astute man-management by retaining Dejan Lovren after his Wembley despair, he was scuppered.

Lovren was removed after 31 minutes last week. Despite being named in the starting line-up, he did not make kickoff. He picked up a thigh injury in the warm-up.

There was no Philippe Coutinho, no Sadio Mane and no Adam Lallana, but still no room for Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain in Liverpool's starting line-up. It begs the question, just how serious Klopp's injury crisis has to be before the P35million midfielder starts a Premier League game? It is yet to happen since his deadlineday move. Oxlade-Chamberlain had started the last time Liverpool won at Anfield, prior to this victory. The only problem is he was playing for Arsenal at the time. Huddersfield set up in such a way to prolong frustration. Klopp may have been facing an apprentice of his, but this was not the gegenpress derby many anticipated. For 45 long minutes Huddersfield were allowing a Liverpool midfield chronically short of confidence to keep the ball.

The Anfield silence was punctured only by groans and howls of derision with each wayward pass, and the failure to accept the gift of the penalty.

But The Kop began the second half as belligerently as the players. Klopp continues to preach the gospel of crowd and team working in tandem - too often there is a danger there is an unintended veiled criticism when he makes his point - but a vibrant Anfield undoubtedly helps rather than hinders.

Firmino headed the second from James Milner's corner on 58 minutes and the points were secure when Gini Wijnaldum smashed in the third. Salah hit the post and Dominic Solanke's season of lively cameos continued.

"The first goal, we forced the situation. The second one after a set-piece felt like Christmas," said Klopp. "Three goals, three points, clean sheet. We have had much more good games this season than everyone can see if you look at our points [tally] but we have one really bad one and the whole world watched it against Tottenham."

"Huddersfield played like they played against [Manchester] United. So it could have been possible that they would have been successful. We avoided that so I am happy."

There was an embrace between Wagner and Klopp at full-time. This was a good day for the Liverpool coach to be surrounded by friends.

Liverpool (4-3-3) Mignolet 7; Gomez 8, Klavan 6, Matip 6, Moreno 7; Wijnaldum 7, Henderson 7, Milner 7; Salah 7 (Solanke 81), Sturridge 6 (Can 74), Firmino 6 (Oxlade-Chamberlain 66). Subs Karius (gk), Grujic, Robertson, Woodburn.
Huddersfield (4-3-3) Lossl 5; Smith 5 (Hadergonaj 69), Jorgensen 6, Schindler 5, Lowe 5; Williams 5 (Mounie 69), Hogg 5 Mooy 6; La Parra 6 (Kachunga 34), Depoitre 6, Ince 6. Subs Green (gk), Quaner, Cranie, Malone. Booked Smith.
Referee Kevin Friend (Leicester).

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THE SUNDAY TIMES

Liverpool sweep Huddersfield aside

LIVERPOOL 3

Sturridge 50, Firmino 58, Wijnaldum 75

HUDDERSFIELD TOWN 0

At the end, David Wagner embraced Jurgen Klopp and planted a kiss on his cheek; one still the apprentice, the other still the master. A Huddersfield victory would have been seismic for both men and both clubs; instead Wagner's side were swept aside by three second-half goals in the space of 25 minutes and Liverpool could even afford to miss a penalty.

Mohamed Salah was the culprit from the spot at the end of the first half, when Liverpool struggled as Huddersfield sat deep and hoped to strike on the counter.

However, goals from Daniel Sturridge, Roberto Firmino and Gini Wijnaldum meant that blemish had long faded away before the end. Unsettled of late, particularly after their 4-1 thrashing by Tottenham at Wembley last Sunday, it was just about as easy as Klopp could have hoped for.

"Tottenham was the worst we had played in the season so far and we could not ignore it," Klopp said afterwards. "We were a little bit stiff in the first half. We had too many people behind the ball and it was clear we wanted to give them no opportunities to counterattack."

Huddersfield were hoping that they could repeat last weekend's heroics against Manchester United, when they won 2-1, by abandoning their high press and hitting Liverpool on the break. However, their concentration let them down this time and they were duly punished.

Though Liverpool dominated the first half, they managed only a few half chances; the first came when Salah exchanged a quick one-two with Firmino but shot straight at Jonas Lossl. Then one of Jordan Henderson's trademark diagonal long passes found James Milner making a run into the box. The midfielder took the ball down on his chest and shot low, but again Lossl was up to the challenge.

Five minutes before halftime, Liverpool were awarded a penalty, much to the surprise of virtually everybody in the stadium. The bundle of energy that is Milner had sent over a free kick, which Joel Matip headed wide.

When the referee blew his whistle, the Liverpool player protested that his headed challenge had been a fair one and nobody was complaining about anything that Huddersfield had done. However Kevin Friend pointed at the Huddersfield captain Tommy Smith, who he had spotted pulling the shirt of Firmino. The Huddersfield captain was booked and Salah stepped up for the spot-kick, but his hard, low effort was brilliantly beaten out by Lossl, diving to his left. The ball came out invitingly to Henderson, but his contact was less than perfect and the ball hit the upright before going out for a goal kick.

Just when it appeared that Liverpool might be in danger of losing their heads, it was Huddersfield who panicked instead, Smith again guilty of a lack of composure. Alberto Moreno's ball forward in the 50th minute looked harmless enough, but Smith misdirected his clearing header across his own penalty area and into the path of Sturridge.

The forward, recalled to the starting line-up for the first time since the start of the month, finished coolly by dinking the ball over the head of Lossl.

Eight minutes later Smith again lost his bearings when Milner floated over a corner, allowing Firmino to stoop and head the ball in to double Liverpool's lead. It was game over and Huddersfield knew it better than anybody, for they seemed to stop defending as Salah was unchallenged in the box and Wijnaldum was allowed to waltz through and smash the ball into the roof of the net to seal the victory.

"It was a fair result," Wagner said. "We neutralised them well at first and I haven't seen Anfield so quiet, but they eventually created a lot of opportunities and they were very fluid.

"We learnt something out of the last two games. We learned that we are able to defend and not give away too many opportunities to the top guns."

Star man: James Milner (Liverpool) Yellow card: Huddersfield: Smith Referee: K Friend Attendance: 53,268 Liverpool: Mignolet 6, Gomez 6, Matip 6, Klavan 6, Moreno 6, Milner 8, Henderson 6, Wijnaldum 7, Firmino 7 (Oxlade-Chamberlain 66min, 5), Sturridge 7 (Can 74min, 5), Salah 7 (Solanke 81min, 5) Substitutes: Karius, Grujic, Robertson, Woodburn. Huddersfield: Lossl 7, Smith 4 (Hadergjonaj 70min, 5), Jorgensen 6, Schindler 6, Lowe 6, Hogg 5, Van La Parra 5 (Kachunga 34min, 5), Williams 5 (Mounie 70min, 5), Mooy 6, Ince 5, Depoitre 5 Substitutes: Green, Malone, Cranie, Quaner

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Jurgen Klopp said it "felt like Christmas" after Liverpool scored three second-half goals to dismantle Huddersfield Town at Anfield.

The Reds missed a penalty and offered little going forward during a turgid first half before Daniel Sturridge's 100th club goal, Roberto Firmino's header and Georginio Wijnaldum's finish secured the points.

It was a much-needed win after the 4-1 loss against Tottenham at Wembley last week, Liverpool climbing three places up the table to sixth.

"Three goals, three points, clean sheet," said Klopp after coming out on top in the tactical battle with his best friend and Huddersfield boss David Wagner.

"Tottenham was the worst game we played in the season and you can't ignore it. It can happen.

"The first goal against Huddersfield we forced the situation. The second one after a set-piece felt like Christmas. We had a lot of good set-pieces today.

"The third one was nice play. Big relief."

Huddersfield, who arrived at Anfield on the back of a fine 2-1 win over Manchester United, had frustrated the hosts in the first half before crumbling.

"Until the first goal we played defensively very well, we neutralised them. I haven't seen Anfield so quiet until the first goal," said Wagner.

"If you give one small chance away, they will punish you."

Sealed with a kiss

Klopp reacted at the final whistle by planting a kiss on the Huddersfield manager's cheek, yet there was little to love about Liverpool's first-half performance.

The Reds were deprived of the services of Philippe Coutinho because of injury while Dejan Lovren was also unable to start after getting hurt in the warm-up, Ragnar Klavan coming into the team.

Yet what followed was 45 minutes of pedestrian football by the hosts, who looked like they were suffering a hangover from last weekend.

Mohamed Salah's penalty, after Tommy Smith had pulled Firmino to the ground, summed up Liverpool's frustrations as Jonas Lossl beat the ball away and Jordan Henderson's first-time shot clipped the post.

However, it was a different story after the interval.

Smith's headed clearance fell straight to Sturridge, who advanced before lifting the ball over Lossl for his first goal since 27 August.

Suddenly, Liverpool were all flair and attack-minded.

Firmino's header from James Milner's corner gave the Reds some breathing space and it was game over when Wijnaldum smashed home the third.

Days like this have been too rare for Liverpool this season.

Home comforts for Reds

For all the criticism Liverpool have received for their defensive performances, this was their fourth clean sheet in five top-flight games at Anfield.

The Reds have entertained, amongst others, Arsenal and Manchester United yet Burnley remain the only team to score at the venue in the league.

Huddersfield managed just one shot - Tom Ince's free-kick late in the game sailing high and wide as Simon Mignolet enjoyed a quiet shift.

It's an entirely different story on the road for Liverpool and their defence.

They have conceded 15 in five games on opposition soil in the league. Klopp knows he must address that record if Liverpool are to secure another top-four finish.

Away concerns for Terriers

Huddersfield's top-flight fate will not depend on this outcome or results at any of the other 'big six' in the Premier League.

It is their home form that will decide whether they stay up and last week's win over Jose Mourinho's United shows there is plenty of fight and spirit within the squad.

Yet Wagner will be disappointed with the way his side collapsed after winning the first-half tactical battle.

Huddersfield came to defend and they did that well until Smith's error let in Sturridge. There will be concern that there was little sign of a fightback after that.

Although the Terriers have picked up four points away from home, they have not scored in the past four league away games.

Man of the match - Daniel Sturridge (Liverpool)

German boss yet penalty woes for Reds - the stats

No side has missed more Premier League penalties than Liverpool (34, level with Arsenal).

Roberto Firmino has scored 24 Premier League goals, more than any other Liverpool player since his debut in August 2015.

Huddersfield have failed to score in four consecutive away league games for the first time since October 2007, when they were in the third tier (5 games in that run).

All 18 of Georginio Wijnaldum's Premier League goals have come in home games (11 at St James' Park for Newcastle, 7 at Anfield for Liverpool).

Indeed, Wijnaldum's haul of 18 is the most goals exclusively scored at home by any player in Premier League history.

What's next?

It's back to Anfield for Liverpool on Wednesday when Slovenian side Maribor visit in the Champions League (19:45 GMT) before a match at London Stadium against West Ham on 4 November (17:30 GMT).

Huddersfield have a week to dust themselves down and prepare for West Brom's visit on November 4 (15:00 GMT).

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Match ends, Liverpool 3, Huddersfield Town 0.

90'+3' Second Half ends, Liverpool 3, Huddersfield Town 0.

90'+2' Attempt missed. Jordan Henderson (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is high and wide to the right from a direct free kick.

90'+1' Dominic Solanke (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.

90'+1' Foul by Zanka (Huddersfield Town.

90' Attempt missed. Joel Matip (Liverpool header from the centre of the box is too high. Assisted by James Milner with a cross following a corner.

90' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Jonathan Hogg.

89' James Milner (Liverpool wins a free kick on the right wing.

89' Foul by Jonathan Hogg (Huddersfield Town.

88' Attempt saved. Dominic Solanke (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the bottom left corner. Assisted by Georginio Wijnaldum.

81' Substitution, Liverpool. Dominic Solanke replaces Mohamed Salah.

80' Emre Can (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.

80' Foul by Zanka (Huddersfield Town.

78' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Christopher Schindler.

75' Goal! Liverpool 3, Huddersfield Town 0. Georginio Wijnaldum (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box to the top right corner. Assisted by Mohamed Salah.

74' Substitution, Liverpool. Emre Can replaces Daniel Sturridge.

73' Attempt missed. Tom Ince (Huddersfield Town left footed shot from outside the box is just a bit too high. Assisted by Aaron Mooy from a direct free kick.

72' Foul by Alberto Moreno (Liverpool.

72' Elias Kachunga (Huddersfield Town wins a free kick in the attacking half.

70' Offside, Huddersfield Town. Aaron Mooy tries a through ball, but Tom Ince is caught offside.

69' Substitution, Huddersfield Town. Steve Mounie replaces Danny Williams.

69' Substitution, Huddersfield Town. Florent Hadergjonaj replaces Tommy Smith.

66' Attempt missed. Joel Matip (Liverpool header from the centre of the box is close, but misses to the left. Assisted by James Milner with a cross following a corner.

66' Substitution, Liverpool. Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain replaces Roberto Firmino.

66' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Aaron Mooy.

63' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Aaron Mooy.

63' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Jonas Lössl.

63' Attempt saved. Mohamed Salah (Liverpool left footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the bottom left corner. Assisted by Roberto Firmino.

61' Foul by Jordan Henderson (Liverpool.

61' Jonathan Hogg (Huddersfield Town wins a free kick in the defensive half.

58' Goal! Liverpool 2, Huddersfield Town 0. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool header from very close range to the bottom left corner. Assisted by James Milner with a cross following a corner.

58' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Zanka.

57' Attempt blocked. Alberto Moreno (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is blocked.

57' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Zanka.

56' Attempt missed. James Milner (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box misses to the left. Assisted by Alberto Moreno.

55' Ragnar Klavan (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.

55' Foul by Danny Williams (Huddersfield Town.

51' Foul by James Milner (Liverpool.

51' Aaron Mooy (Huddersfield Town wins a free kick in the defensive half.

50' Goal! Liverpool 1, Huddersfield Town 0. Daniel Sturridge (Liverpool left footed shot from the centre of the box to the centre of the goal.

46' Hand ball by James Milner (Liverpool.

Second Half begins Liverpool 0, Huddersfield Town 0.

45'+3' First Half ends, Liverpool 0, Huddersfield Town 0.

45'+2' James Milner (Liverpool wins a free kick on the right wing.

45'+2' Foul by Danny Williams (Huddersfield Town.

44' Foul by Joel Matip (Liverpool.

44' Laurent Depoitre (Huddersfield Town wins a free kick in the defensive half.

42' Jordan Henderson (Liverpool hits the left post with a right footed shot from the centre of the box following a set piece situation.

42' Penalty saved! Mohamed Salah (Liverpool fails to capitalise on this great opportunity, left footed shot saved in the centre of the goal.

41' Tommy Smith (Huddersfield Town is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.

41' Penalty Liverpool. Roberto Firmino draws a foul in the penalty area.

41' Penalty conceded by Tommy Smith (Huddersfield Town after a foul in the penalty area.

40' Alberto Moreno (Liverpool wins a free kick on the left wing.

40' Foul by Elias Kachunga (Huddersfield Town.

40' Attempt blocked. Georginio Wijnaldum (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Daniel Sturridge.

34' Substitution, Huddersfield Town. Elias Kachunga replaces Rajiv van La Parra because of an injury.

33' Foul by James Milner (Liverpool.

33' Aaron Mooy (Huddersfield Town wins a free kick in the defensive half.

32' Attempt saved. James Milner (Liverpool right footed shot from the left side of the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Jordan Henderson.

31' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Rajiv van La Parra.

27' Attempt saved. Mohamed Salah (Liverpool left footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Roberto Firmino.

17' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Zanka.

15' Attempt missed. Daniel Sturridge (Liverpool left footed shot from the left side of the six yard box is just a bit too high. Assisted by James Milner with a cross.

14' Hand ball by Daniel Sturridge (Liverpool.

12' Delay over. They are ready to continue.

11' Delay in match Georginio Wijnaldum (Liverpool because of an injury.

10' Corner, Huddersfield Town. Conceded by Jordan Henderson.

9' Foul by Ragnar Klavan (Liverpool.

9' Laurent Depoitre (Huddersfield Town wins a free kick on the right wing.

5' Foul by Tom Ince (Huddersfield Town.

5' Joseph Gomez (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.

4' Foul by Jordan Henderson (Liverpool.

4' Tom Ince (Huddersfield Town wins a free kick in the defensive half.

3' Corner, Huddersfield Town. Conceded by Alberto Moreno.

3' Foul by Ragnar Klavan (Liverpool.

3' Laurent Depoitre (Huddersfield Town wins a free kick in the defensive half.

First Half begins.

Lineups are announced and players are warming up.