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<b>BRITISH SOCCER WEEK</b>						
<p>Just like the Reds of old</p> <p>Liverpool boss Graeme Souness missed a party at Anfield today as his side thrashed Spurs 6-2 in their most comprehensive victory of the season.</p> <p>A bumper 43,000 crowd were treated to a footballing carnival that included Ian Rush's 300th League goal for the club, two goals from the Welshman and John Barnes, and a penalty save from goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar.</p> <p>Souness was literally and sent to Coventry as his club played what is expected to be the last match of his controversial two-year tenure in the Anfield hot-seat.</p> <p>As Souness ran the rule over Coventry vs Leeds United, the Kop faithful at Anfield demonstrated their mixed feelings, some of them booing and others chanting his name.</p> <p>Rush struck his milestone goal after 21 minutes, latching on to John Barnes' pass from the left to beat 'keeper Ian Walker with a right footed drive.</p> <p>A minute from the break Mark Walters crossed from the right, Rush failed to connect, but Barnes stole in to head down past Walker for Liverpool's second.</p> <p>Spurs pulled a goal back after 46 minutes, Teddy Sheringham capitalising on hesitancy in the Liverpool defence to steer a low, close-range shot past Grobbelaar, back in the first-team after his widely publicised bust-up with Souness.</p> <p>But a minute later Liverpool restored their two goal cushion following a David Burrows corner when Steve Harkness appeared to miscue an attempted cross, catching Walker by surprise as the ball flew past him at the far post.</p> <p>After 77 minutes Tottenham's Darren Anderton crossed for Steve Sedgley who held off Mark Wright's challenge to score.</p> <p>Liverpool was leading 2-0 at half-time but and later 3-1. Spurs narrowed the margin to 3:2</p> <p>But five minutes later Spurs substitute Stuart Nethercott pushed Rush over as he shaped to meet a cross and Walters scored from the penalty spot.</p> <p>Then Jamie Redknapp made a fine interception just outside the Spurs box, forced his way to the line and crossed for Rush to score his 301st Liverpool goal five minutes from time.</p> <p>In the 88th minute Walters crossed for Barnes to side-foot home on the volley and complete the scoring.</p> <p>But more drama was to follow in injury time when Liverpool's Rob Jones was adjudged to have fouled Danny Hill to concede a penalty.</p> <p>Sheringham took the kick but Grobbelaar, who had made two magnificent saves in the first-half to thwart Anderton and Gary Mabbutt, dived to block Sheringham's shot and his follow-up.</p> <p>Liverpool's regular stand-in boss Ronnie Moran said: "We've had a lot of inexperience this year and a lot of injuries. I've got to admit it's been a bad season for Liverpool but we finished on the right note and there are good signs with some of the lads who came in during the season."</p>			<p>Grobbelaar defiant to the end</p> <p>LIVERPOOL saw out the football year with their biggest league victory of the season which, after all the traumas, left them fifth in the table, a respectable finish by any standards other than their own.</p> <p>Graeme Souness, however, was not there to see it; he was at Coventry scouting. To watch whom and for whom was not clear. It did not matter. It kept the pantomime away from Anfield.</p> <p>Souness's absence met with stunning unconcern by the Kop. In an end-of-season party mood which rivalled Manchester United's championship celebrations they chanted 'Johnny Barnes' and 'there's only one Ian Rush'. The pair did them proud with four goals out of the six.</p> <p>The crack before the game was that not only was the manager absent but it was obvious he had not picked the team: Grobbelaar was in goal and made the difference. Without him 'it could have been six apiece,' said Tottenham's coach Doug Livermore. As Ray Clemence added, 'Liverpool had eight chances, we had seven and took two.'</p> <p>The return of their favourite goalkeeper, after a season banished into the wilderness of Stoke and Zimbabwe, was heralded by huge applause from a flag and banner-waving Kop. Grobbelaar, who had not played in the first team since October, responded characteristically with some brilliant saves, including an injury time penalty and a bout of eccentricity in which he dribbled the ball across his own area instead of clearing it.</p> <p>Ronnie Moran was temporarily in charge. He is usually successful when he caretakes the team but has made it clear before that he would not want the job full-time. 'I had a phone call at lunchtime saying the boss would be away at Coventry. The team was picked the day before.'</p> <p>The Rush-Barnes combination worked to devastating effect in splitting Tottenham's defence but the omens were not good when, put through by Barnes and presented with a glorious chance in the opening minutes, Rush missed his kick.</p> <p>The Spurs' supporters fell about. Rush wiped off the smile quarter of an hour later, scoring his 300th goal for Liverpool and his 20th of the season with a superb volley, from a Barnes pass, only seconds after Allen headed against the bar at the other end.</p> <p>Just before the interval Walters provided a cross for Barnes to head the second, only for Spurs to pull one back through Sheringham's low shot.</p> <p>Harkness restored the margin before Sedgley's beautifully struck goal again got Spurs back into the match.</p> <p>But any hopes of equalising were quickly dashed when the substitute Nethercott conceded a penalty with eight minutes left and Walters converted. Rush scrambled the fifth with five minutes to go, and Barnes struck the sixth in the 88th minute.</p> <p>Tottenham won an injury-time penalty but to the delight of an ecstatic Kop, Grobbelaar parried not only Sheringham's strike but also his follow-up.</p> <p>SCORERS: Liverpool: Rush (21 min and 85), Barnes (44 and 88), Harkness (47), Walters, pen (82). Tottenham: Sheringham (46), Sedgley (77).</p> <p>Liverpool: Grobbelaar; Jones, Burrows, Nicol, Wright, Redknapp, Harkness, Hutchison, Rush, Barnes, Walters.</p> <p>Tottenham Hotspur: Walker; McDonald, Van Den Hauwe (Nethercott h-t), Hill, Mabbutt, Ruddock, Sedgley, Watson (Dearden 66), Anderton, Sheringham, Allen.</p> <p>Referee: S Lodge (Barnsley).</p>			