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THETIMES

Foster pulls out the stops before West Brom complete late heist
Liverpool 0 West Bromwich Albion 2 There has been so much fuss over Peter Odemwingie's attempt to drive through his transfer to Queens Park Rangers on deadline day that the players who inspired West Bromwich Albion's superb start to the season have almost been forgotten.
But last night, Ben Foster topped a superb night's goalkeeping by saving Steven Gerrard's penalty before Gareth McAuley and Romelu Lukaku scored to bring Steve Clarke's team a first win since Boxing Day.
Liverpool had dominated increasingly as West Brom, with one point from their previous six outings, hung on grimly. But after Foster's brilliant save 14 minutes from time, McAuley rose to head in Chris Brunt's corner five minutes later before Lukaku broke on to James Morrison's through-ball to seal the win.
Odemwingie was the match-winner here last season but last night he could sit back on the bench and watch as his team-mates clambered above Liverpool into eighth place in the Barclays Premier League.
This was the first time that West Brom had been able to combine Youssouf Mulumbu and Claudio Yacob as their midfield axis since December 1, since when they had won only twice in 12 matches. Although much of the pre-match debate had been about Odemwingie, Clarke was relieved to have his pivotal duo in front of the back four once more. These are characters upon whom he has come to rely.
Liverpool had to do without their own mercurial forward, Daniel Sturridge, not yet fully recovered from the thigh injury that ruled him out of England's friendly with Brazil last week. Jonjo Shelvey came in for Sturridge, with Luis Suarez reverting to centre forward, and put the ball in the net in the ninth minute only to be adjudged offside. It was a correct decision, as the England player had already strayed when Glen Johnson dispatched the spectacular volley that Foster could only parry back into play, but as Gerrard also sent a powerful shot just wide and Suarez had West Brom defenders back-peddalling as he danced into the penalty area, there appeared an inevitability about Liverpool scoring.
The manner in which Suarez, having got to the byline by beating two men, crossed the ball by twisting his right foot behind his left was a reminder that Gareth Bale is not the only magician bidding to be anointed the Premier League's player of the year. Daniel Agger's header was tipped over by Foster from a corner by Stewart Downing who then sent in a drive so powerful that the England goalkeeper was pleased just to be able to parry the ball up and catch it on the way down.
Steven Reid sliced over his own crossbar, after Shelvey found space down the right wing to cross, and the greatest danger presented by West Brom at that stage was the return of Odemwingie to Twitter. "Didn't want to tweet till May as I was advised but couldn't hold it," he wrote. "I am coming for you guys hahaha."
Harmless stuff by his standards.
At least Odemwingie's presence in the West Brom squad last night dispelled the rumour going around the web yesterday that the troubled striker had been spotted driving to the Vatican asking to be allowed in for a medical.
Liverpool attempted to increase the tempo at the start of the second half and with the injection of urgency came more chances. Downing, enjoying his new lease of life, released Johnson and from his low cross Jordan Henderson produced the kind of delicate footwork more usually acquainted with Suarez only for Foster to save at the closest possible range.
Liverpool made the offensive changes to assist this momentum by introducing Fabio Borini, Raheem Sterling and Philippe Coutinho, the [pounds sterling]8.5 million signing from Inter Milan making his debut. The game was played ever nearer West Brom's goal but Suarez, fed down the inside-left channel by Gerrard, could not get a clean shot away. Then Sterling, picked out by Downing, squared the ball for Gerrard to surge on to from the edge of the penalty area only for Foster to produce the most remarkable of his evening's saves at that stage as he dived to his right.
But better was to come for Foster 14 minutes from time. Suarez went down rather easily as he backed into Jonas Olsson awaiting Jose Enrique's high ball but, after all the protestations from the West Brom camp, Foster kept his nerve and dived low to his left to keep out Gerrard's penalty.
And better, far better, was still to come for West Brom.
Liverpool (4-2-3-1): J M Reina - G Johnson, J Carragher, D Agger, J Enrique - Lucas Leiva, S Gerrard - S Downing (sub: P Coutinho, 78min), J Shelvey (sub: F Borini, 60), J Henderson (sub: R Sterling, 60) - L Suarez. Substitutes not used: B Jones, J Allen, M Skrtel, A Wisdom. Booked: Suarez. West Bromwich Albion (4-2-3-1): B Foster - S Reid, G McAuley, J Olsson, L Ridgeway - C Yacob, Y Mulumbu (sub: R Lukaku, 74) - G Dorrans, J Morrison, C Brunt - S Long (sub: M-A Fortune, 86). Substitutes not used: M Rosenberg, B Myhill, J Thomas, W Jones, G Tamas. Booked: Reid, Ridgeway, Morrison, Brunt. Referee: J Moss.

the**guardian**

Lukaku provides the finishing touch to a familiar tale of woe for Liverpool
Liverpool required no reminder of what life was like before they spent pounds 12m on Daniel Sturridge. West Bromwich Albion inflicted a quick recap nevertheless. A dominant display with no cutting edge, the opposition goalkeeper in commanding form and doubts creeping into Brendan Rodgers' team before succumbing to a late blow from a set piece: it was the return of the tale Anfield had tried to forget.
With Sturridge nursing a thigh strain on the sidelines, the momentum and threat Liverpool thought were improving after draws at Arsenal and Manchester City disappeared with him. Not that the England international would have guaranteed a way past Ben Foster. The Albion keeper was outstanding as he twice repelled Steven Gerrard, once from the penalty spot, to give Steve Clarke a second Premier League win over Liverpool since leaving the club last summer. Albion's first league double over Liverpool since 1967 tasted all the sweeter for Clarke, having arrived at Anfield without a win in 2013.
"Kenny [Dalglish] sent me a text earlier on to wish me good luck," revealed Clarke, who was Liverpool's assistant manager under Dalglish. "I'm not sure he meant it, mind. He was probably wearing a red and white scarf as he sent it."
He certainly could have predicted the outcome once Foster saved Gerrard's 77th-minute spot-kick. Four minutes later Gareth McAuley escaped Daniel Agger's attentions to head home a Chris Brunt corner via the underside of the bar. In stoppage time, and from James Morrison's pass, the substitute Romelu Lukaku muscled his way past the Danish defender and converted low under Jose Reina.
For all the flickering signs and plentiful talk of progress, Liverpool are without a win in four matches and below Albion in the Premier League.
Rodgers gave a familiar lament afterwards. The Liverpool manager said: "We just couldn't make the breakthrough. I can't blame the players, they gave everything. We were on the front foot and looking to create but it was a good away performance by West Brom and their keeper made some fantastic saves which kept them in the game. The result is a big disappointment. We will go again tomorrow - we've got the Europa League [Zenit St Petersburg away on Thursday]. We'll recover and go again."
Albion triumphed 3-0 on Rodgers' Premier League debut as Liverpool manager in August but, whereas the home side were seeking a fourth consecutive win at Anfield, the visitors had not tasted victory since Boxing Day. Their recovery was, in part, aided by the return of Youssouf Mulumbu in central midfield for the first time since 1 January - injury and international duty keeping him out - and the renewal of his partnership with Claudio Yacob for the first time in 10 weeks. Despite being allowed back into the fold since going for a drive around west London on transfer deadline day, Peter Odemwingie was not in the match-day squad. "It was not a difficult decision," said Clarke.
Rodgers replaced Sturridge with Jonjo Shelvey, who had the ball in the net inside 10 minutes after Foster had parried a Glen Johnson shot but was correctly adjudged offside and struggled badly thereafter.
On the hour Rodgers replaced Shelvey, rightly, and Jordan Henderson, surprisingly, in an attempt to stretch the Albion defence through the energy of Raheem Sterling and Fabio Borini. The Italian forced Foster into another good save with a dipping shot from 20 yards but, as the Liverpool threat grew, so did the performance level of the former England goalkeeper. Foster produced a stunning one-handed save to deny Gerrard after Sterling set up his captain inside the area. The rebound fell kindly for Borini but he prodded wide under pressure from Steven Reid.
Then came the turning point. Anfield has waited all season to see Luis Suarez given a penalty (he did get one at Stoke) and must now wish it had not bothered. The Liverpool striker went to ground under a slight touch from Jonas Olsson as they challenged for Jose Enrique's centre. The referee, Jonathan Moss, awarded a soft penalty but Foster read Gerrard's intentions and produced a strong save to his left. "It was worse than harsh and I think it spurred us on," said Clarke. "When Ben saved the penalty . . . it gave us the positive momentum to go on and win the game."
Liverpool 4-3-3
Reina; Johnson, Carragher, Agger, Jose Enrique; Gerrard, Lucas, Henderson (Sterling, 60); Downing (Coutinho, 78), Shelvey (Borini, 60), Suarez*.
Subs not used
Jones, Wisdom, Skrtel, Allen.
West Bromwich 4-4-1-1
Foster; Reid*, McAuley, Olsson, Ridgeway*; Dorrans (Lukaku, 74), Mulumbu, Yacob, Brunt*; Morrison*; Long (Fortune, 86).
Subs not used
Myhill, Tamas, Jones, Thomas, Rosenberg.
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SMASH AND GRAB

BRENDAN Rodgers suffered again last night as his stuttering Liverpool side missed a penalty, then saw West Brom steal victory at Anfield. Gareth McAuley's 81st-minute header from Chris Brunt's corner set Albion manager Steve Clarke on course for the perfect return to Anfield. And Liverpool's misery was compounded in the 90th- minute when West Brom substitute Romelu Lukaku finished a counter-attack after easily going past Daniel Agger. But even the two goalscorers would recognise the decisive performance of the night. The main reason Liverpool were beaten was the display of Albion keeper Ben Foster. He pulled off a series of superb saves, none better than when keeping out a Steven Gerrard penalty in the 76th minute. It was a nice slice of footballing justice for Albion after Luis Suarez had dived for the penalty award -- the Uruguayan hit the deck under a high ball into the box, but it was certainly as a result of illegal contact with a visiting defender. Five minutes later, Albion had stolen their first goal and the lead was to increase following Agger's weak defending. Albion keeper Foster was outstanding throughout, showing why he was once thought of as an England certainty. Having emerged from encounters with Arsenal and Manchester City with points when none were expected,Liverpool were odds-on favourites to dispatch a horribly out-of form West Brom side and move a step closer to challenging for a top four spot. The reality, however, was something completely different. Missing the injured Daniel Sturridge, who was forced to sit out with a thigh problem, Liverpool wasted a glut of opportunities thanks to last-gasp defending and some dreadful finishing. They paid a full and damaging price as Albion resisted the pressure before coming up with those decisive goals of their own. While this was not a game that was going to influence the title race or prove decisive in the squabble at the foot of the table, for one man -- who has been omnipresent for the past 16 years -- it was always going to be an emotional, poignant night. 'I have only been privileged to work with Jamie since the summer of 2012 but during that time I have learned that as a man and a professional he is of the highest character,' wrote Liverpool manager Rodgers in his programme notes. 'He is a leader in every sense of the word.' This was Anfield's first opportunity to acknowledge Jamie Carragher, following the announcement last week that he will be retiring in May, and the fans seized it, cheering his name loudly when it was announced before kick-off then singing of how they dreamed about having 'a team of Carraghers'. The man himself would have found the special attention unnecessary and uncomfortable. His focus has always been on the collective and his priority -- as it always has been -- was on ensuring Liverpool tried to secure three points to keep the momentum behind their recent good form. As it turned out, Liverpool's long-serving defender was not to provide the story of the night. West Brom, by contrast, travelled north carrying the air of a team that has completely lost the wind from its sails. The dynamic start they enjoyed to the campaign was in danger of being forgotten and there was little doubt the farce surrounding Peter Odemwingie had an impact. A wretched sequence of no wins since St Stephen's Day -- eight games in all competitions -- has coincided with Odemwingie's outrageous petulance. Even though he was available for selection, having been fined last week, manager Clarke chose not to reinstate the errant Nigerian in his squad. But while the return of Youssouf Mulumbu bolstered West Brom's core -- he has been absent since New Year's Day at the African Cup of Nations -- the visitors were forced to spend much of this contest holding their line, as Liverpool completely dominated possession. Inevitably, they were the ones carving out the chances. Jonjo Shelvey thought he had given Liverpool a ninthminute lead but his effort was correctly chalked off by a linesman's flag, the midfielder having strayed offside as Foster beat away a thumping volley from Glen Johnson. In some ways, it was a sign of things to come. Liverpool may have had their visitors stuck in their own half but that little bit of fortune and a killer instinct were missing whenever they got within sight of Foster's goal. Luis Suarez produced some wonderful trickery outside the area but was surprisingly out of sorts inside it, snatching at the two opportunities that came his way. Agger missed two good, headed openings, most notably when he failed to connect with a Stewart Downing cross. Gerrard, meanwhile, fizzed a drive wide of Foster's upright but, other than a moment when Steven Reid spectacularly mis-kicked under his own bar, there were no real causes for alarm for West Brom. Reid was booked for scything down Suarez but Albion were superbly organised, never letting the two banks of four players in front of Foster lose their shape. Returning to Anfield where he was very popular figure in Kenny Dalglish's coaching team, Clarke was determined to not leave empty-handed.

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Clarke enjoys last laugh

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McAuley 81, Lukaku 90

The Kop sang they would have a party when Luis Suarez wins a penalty. When it happened last night, their fiesta lasted barely thirty seconds as Ben Foster inspired a second consecutive league win at Anfield for West Bromwich Albion, Gareth McAuley's 81st-minute header and Romelu Lukaku's clinical finish swiftly following Steven Gerrard's saved spot-kick. After an encouraging Premier League spell during which the possibility of catching the top four was back on the agenda for Liverpool, this defeat surely ended any further conversations on that subject. TypicalLiverpool, many will say. As soon as they look like they've turned the corner, it appears they drive into another cul-de sac. West Brom, however, will still have the top six in their sights after a hugely satisfying evening for their manager. Steve Clarke suggested Liverpool were playing a more creative brand of football than anyone in the league prior to kick-off. He also rather cheekily said that was down to the players Brendan Rodgers had been left by the previous regime, of which he was a key member. If the visiting manager's flattery brought a sting in the tail, Clarke may have considered his tentative move into the realm of mind games was having a desired impact at first. The fluency Liverpool enjoyed away at Arsenal and Manchester City was lacking, West Brom's packed midfield denying space, while the reshuffle forced by Daniel Sturridge's absence was instantly disruptive as Luis Suarez was often isolated. The most noticeable improvement at Anfield in recent weeks has been the ability of Liverpool to add bodies in the six-yard box, aiding and abetting Suarez's terror campaign, but the first half had rather more in common with the reconstructive early weeks of the season when Rodgers' passing game seemed methodical rather than natural. There was too much pedestrian distribution and not enough width. Clarke's decision to use Shane Long as a solo runner while defence and midfield stood firm suggested some form of Liverpool wizardry would be required to end the serenity. Suarez always looked like he could provide it at a moment's notice, but you sensed this was one of those evenings when Liverpool would once more be too reliant on his imagination. Liverpool began with a couple of ambitious volleys, the first from the Uruguayan striker on five minutes hopelessly wide, but four minutes later Glen Johnson showed his flair, forcing Foster into an unconvincing save. Jonjo Shelvey tapped in from close range but the offside flag was raised before the celebrations could start. Suarez then came to life with an extraordinary back-heeled cross on 20 minutes - if only a poacher had been there to take advantage - heralding a period of home pressure during which Stewart Downing tested Foster with a ferocious drive, and Daniel Agger twice wasted headed opportunities. No setbacks, particularly against the most beatable teams, can be tolerated as Rodgers seeks to recover those points lost amid the early season rebuilding. Liverpool have eased their way up the table with a couple of trip-ups rather than sustain a gallop, but they've started to reel in a few of those above. They knew if they could find a second-half winner they would reduce the deficit to neighbours Everton to a mere three points - not so bad given how each of the Merseyside clubs' seasons were being interpreted a few months ago. Albion have European hopes of their own, however, and Clarke knew at half-time his side's counter-attacking approach was capable of securing a win. Henderson was then close with the kind of audacious back-heel of which Suarez would be proud, Foster reacting smartly to save with his feet. Liverpool now had the momentum they craved, with Carragher also going close with a looping header. West Brom's defence remained resolute, Clarke no doubt recognising the increasing frustration levels from his own spell in the Anfield dugout last season. Foster was getting busier, however. Borini thought he'd struck his first league goal for Liverpool with a dipping volley, the West Brom keeper possibly making the save look more acrobatic than it needed to be. When Suarez did find space, as he did on 70 minutes after Gerrard's pass, another defender - on this occasion McAuley - threw himself into a challenge. Foster displayed more of his best in the 72nd minute, somehow finding the strength to palm out a closerange Gerrard drive. You sensed then the goal would never come for Liverpool but referee Jon Moss tried his best. He inexplicably gave Liverpool a penalty for a 'shove' on Suarez by Olsson, but Gerrard failed from the spot and the closing stages ended in chaos for Rodgers' side. Liverpool (4-3-3) Reina; Johnson, Agger, Carragher, Enrique; Lucas, Gerrard, Henderson (Sterling 60); Downing (Coutinho 78), Shelvey (Borini 60), Suarez. Subs Jones (g), Allen, Skrtel, Wisdom. Booked Suarez. WBA (4-5-1) Foster; Reid, McAuley, Olsson, Ridgeway; Brunt, Mulumbu, Yacob, Dorrans (Lukaku 74), Morrison; Long (Fortune 86). Subs Myhill (g), Rosenberg, Jones, Tamas, Thomas. Booked Reid, Ridgeway, Brunt, Morrison. Referee J Moss (W Yorkshire).

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THE INDEPENDENT

Rodgers caught out as Foster lifts Albion for late raid

One point in six League matches, a third-round FA Cup exit, and then the whole sorry Peter Odemwingie saga. Since winning at Queen's Park Rangers on Boxing Day, life has been pretty grim for West Bromwich Albion but last night that all changed. With Ben Foster showing the ability that made him an England goalkeeper and making a pivotal penalty save from Steven Gerrard after 77 minutes, Steve Clarke's side went on to stage a smash-and grab raid as late goals from Gareth McAuley and Romelu Lukaku brought the visitors a first victory of the year.

This win had echoes of last season when Albion ended their 45-year wait to win at Anfield by riding their luck and then striking late. Their scorer that afternoon was the hero-turned-villain himself, Odemwingie, who travelled to Merseyside with the Albion squad but did not make the bench.

Without him, his team-mates showed an impressive togetherness and resolve as they ended Liverpool's recent resurgence and got their own campaign back on track. For Clarke, returning to the club he left last summer after 18 months as assistant manager, it was a deeply satisfying conclusion. "For a change something went right," he said. "It's not been the best year so far."

In truth, an Albion win looked unlikely for much of this fixture and had Gerrard converted his spot-kick, Liverpool would have probably been celebrating a fourth straight home success. Brendan Rodgers' team may not have reached the performance levels shown in their recent encouraging draws at Arsenal and Manchester City but they still did enough to bring the very best out of Foster. The visitors' keeper had already made one outstanding one-handed save from Gerrard in the second half when, on the pre-match advice of his coach Dean Kiely, he dived low to his left to turn away Liverpool's captain's penalty, after the midfielder had gone for precision rather than power.

Even Rodgers suggested it had been "a bit harsh" of referee Jon Moss to penalise Jonas Olsson when he jumped for a high ball and Luis Suarez crumpled beneath him in the box. Justice was done with the save and West Bromwich now had the momentum. "When he made that save from the penalty that should never have been given it gave us a bit of positive momentum and belief to go and win the game," Clarke said. They duly did just that.

Pepe Reina had not made a save up to then but now Youssef Mulumbu broke forward and unleashed a drive that the Liverpool goalkeeper tipped over. The reprieve was brief as from Chris Brunt's corner, McAuley leapt high and powered a header in off the underside of the crossbar. Liverpool's fate was sealed in the 90th minute when James Morrison broke forward and fed substitute Lukaku who held off Daniel Agger before driving past Reina.

The consequence of it all was Albion climbed a place above Liverpool into eighth. Had Liverpool won, they would have moved within three points of sixth-placed Everton but they have still to beat a top-10 team this season - a staggering statistic - and their hopes of a late push for the Champions League now look in tatters.

They certainly missed Daniel Sturridge, who was unable to continue his eye-catching start to life in a red shirt owing to a thigh injury. In his place stepped Jonjo Shelvey, who had an early effort flagged offside in an otherwise subdued start. Anfield felt flat and although Agger went close with a free header from a corner and then failed to connect with Stewart Downing's driven cross when unmarked in front of goal, the closest we got to a first-half goal was actually when Steven Reid took a careless swipe at a Shelvey cross inside the six-yard box. He was a relieved man when, having kicked the ball against his standing leg, it looped just over the crossbar.

Albion were well-organised in defence and competed manfully in midfield where Clarke was delighted to welcome back Mulumbu for his first appearance since returning from Africa Cup of Nations duty with DR Congo. Mulumbu's partnership with Claudio Yacob was pivotal to their impressive autumn efforts and Clarke noted: "It is the first time in a number of weeks I have had the luxury to be able to pick Youssef, Claudio and James [Morrison] in the same midfield."

All the same, Foster emerged as their hero as Liverpool stepped up a gear in the second half. In the 49th minute he foiled Gerrard at close range after McAuley had blocked a Downing shot, and moments later was equal to a Jordan Henderson backheel. A full-length block then stopped substitute Fabio Borini's shot before he produced the save of the night, raising his right hand to beat away Gerrard's powerful drive before Borini turned the rebound wide.

"It was just one of those games where we needed the first goal," said Rodgers.

"We weren't at our best but we were on the front foot and looking to create.

"Ben Foster has made some brilliant saves that have kept them in the game," the Liverpool manager added.

On this form it must be a matter of regret for England that Foster retired from international football in 2011. He rejected Roy Hodgson's attempts to entice him back into the England set-up last May and Clarke said: "There is absolutely no reason he cannot play international football apart from the most important one - he doesn't want to."

LIVERPOOL

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Subs: Liverpool Sterling (Henderson, 60), Borini (Shelvey, 60), Coutinho (Downing,

78). WBA Lukaku (Dorrans, 75), Fortune (Long, 87). Bookings: Liv Suarez, WBA Reid, Ridgewell, Brunt, Morrison.

Man of the match Foster. Match rating 6/10. Possession: Liv 58%. WBA 42%.

Attempts on target: Liverpool 7. WBA 3.

Referee J Moss (W Yorkshire). Att 44,752.



BAGGY.. PANTS!

AFTER a weekend in which the title was almost certainly decided, Liverpool's rather more modest aspirations were also exposed on a miserable night at Anfield.

The Reds have surely blown their faint hope of a Champions League place following an insipid display summed up by Steven Gerrard's penalty miss, and a defeat to a West Brom side content to defend.

Albion boss Steve Clarke spoke beforehand of opposite number Brendan Rodgers inheriting his best players from predecessor Kenny Dalglish. That was not the only similarity to last season.

This was painfully reminiscent of Liverpool in the second half of the campaign under Dalglish, where they routinely camped in opposition areas, only to be undone by a sucker punch on the break.

In fact, it was even worse, as they had a chance to win 13 minutes from time from a soft penalty given for Jonas Olsson's push on Luis Suarez.

But Gerrard placed his kick too close to the immaculate Ben Foster, who saved brilliantly to cap a fine individual display.

Painfully predictably, West Brom - without a shot on goal to that point - immediately marched up the other end of the pitch and scored from Gareth McAuley's thumping header.

To highlight just how woeful were the home side, Albion sub Romelu Lukaku scored a brilliant individual goal on the break.

The Reds had 16 attempts on goal, and only Foster's heroics denied them.

But they missed the injured Daniel Sturridge, and did not have enough desire to break down what was resolute but limited defence from a side with just one clean sheet in their last 17 matches.

West Brom now go above Liverpool, who have kissed goodbye to faint hopes of a Champions League place next season - and shown that ambition was always wildly optimistic given the lack of depth in their squad.

Albion were cautious from the off, with some pretty rigid lines strung across defence and midfield - an invitation for the home side to try to break down the renowned organisation and energy of the Baggies.

Initially, it was a puzzle that perplexed Liverpool, who struggled to find coherence in their passing which had been so crisp and incisive at Arsenal and Manchester City in the two previous games.

Granted, there was not the space in midfield of those encounters, but neither was there the quality of the opposition, and the Reds seemed lulled into lethargy by the negative approach of their rivals.

It took them the best part of 10 minutes to construct an attacking move of note, and a quarter of the game had passed before they created a chance worthy of the name.

Yet even shackled by such restraints, with Suarez in their line-up, Liverpool always possess a hint of menace, illustrated by the striker's outrageous backheel cross midway through the first half that took everyone - including team-mate Jonjo Shelvey - by surprise.

The young England midfielder began the game only because of injury to Sturridge, which meant a change of system and no foil for Suarez to play off, leaving Liverpool to rely on shots from deep as their main early threat.

Shelvey had the ball in the net, but it was ruled out for offside, Stewart Downing forced a good save from Foster and Daniel Agger was agonisingly close to converting a Downing cross.

Yet despite their increasing urgency, without Sturridge Liverpool lacked a focal point and it was telling that they came closest in the first half when Steven Reid sliced a cross just over his own bar.

LIVERPOOL: Reina 6, Johnson 7, Carragher 6, Agger 6, Enrique 7, Gerrard 6, Lucas 6, Downing 7, Shelvey 5 (Borini 60, 6), Henderson 5 (Sterling 60, 6), Suarez 6.

WEST BROM: Foster 9, Reid 6, McAuley 7, Olsson 8, Ridgewell 6, Yacob 6, Dorrans 6 (Lukaku 74, 6), Mulumbu 7, Brunt 6, Morrison 6, Long 6. REFEREE: Jon Moss.

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LIVERPOOL v WEST BROM MAN OF THE MATCH BEN FOSTER Incredible saves to keep side in game BALL POSSESSION 41% 59% SHOTS ON TARGET 3 7 SHOTS OFF TARGET 1 9 CORNERS 5 13 OFFSIDE 1 4 FOULS 11 10 CARDS 4 1 0 0



Liverpool FC pay the penalty in home defeat to West Bromwich Albion THE 'Seeing is Believing' slogan on the front of Liverpool's shirts seemed strangely appropriate. As disconsolate and angry Kopites walked away from Anfield they struggled to comprehend what they had just witnessed. This was a night which defied belief as Brendan Rodgers' side effectively surrendered any interest in the

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race for Champions League qualification. The smattering of boos at the final whistle told the sorry story as the wasteful hosts somehow allowed West Brom, who have been in freefall for the past two months, to depart with the spoils. After recent performances against Arsenal and Manchester City had fuelled hopes of a grandstand finish to the campaign, this wretched defeat was a desperate step backwards.

How Liverpool missed Daniel Sturridge who was ruled out with a thigh injury. In his absence, it was a throwback to the dark days earlier in the campaign when Liverpool dominated matches but were toothless in the final third. A host of chances went begging and Steven Gerrard saw his penalty saved by Ben Foster before even a share of the spoils was taken away from the hosts. Liverpool's Achilles heel of defending set-pieces struck once again as Gareth McAuley was allowed to head home unchallenged in the 81st minute and then substitute Romelu Lukaku rubbed salt into the wounds. There was just one change to the side which drew 2-2 at Manchester City as Sturridge was ruled out with a thigh injury. Rodgers opted to put his faith in Jonjo Shelvey who was handed his first league start since the defeat at Stoke on Boxing Day. Liverpool stamped their authority on the contest early on with Luis Suarez firing wide from the edge of the box after pouncing on Liam Ridgeway's error. Dropping off into the space between the Baggies' back four and midfield, Shelvey was a central figure as he linked up play intelligently. The young England international was clearly desperate to impress and in the ninth minute he reacted smartly to convert the rebound after Ben Foster had failed to hold Glen Johnson's sweetly-struck volley. However, Shelvey's celebrations were swiftly and rightly curtailed by the offside flag and it set the tone for a frustrating opening 45 minutes. Steven Gerrard dragged a 25-yarder wide as the Reds slowly cranked up the pressure. The passing was slick and when the hosts weren't in possession, they worked tirelessly to press the Baggies high up the pitch and win it back. Pepe Reina was largely a spectator but at the other end moments of real promise yielded nothing as the final ball was lacking. Midway through the first half Suarez brought the Anfield Road End to their feet as he raced past Jonas Olsson and then swung his right boot around the back of his left leg to deliver an audacious cross into the area. Youssouf Mulumbu shovelled the ball to safety and the Baggies remained pinned back in their own half. This was Stewart Downing's 11th successive Premier League start and the winger maintained the form which has allowed him to save his Liverpool career. Downing tormented Ridgeway at times down the right – demonstrating the kind of confidence which was missing from his insipid displays earlier in the campaign. Daniel Agger went close to breaking the deadlock when he rose to meet Downing's in-swinging corner but Foster tipped his header over the bar. Downing then drifted inside off the flank with menace and unleashed a 30-yard piledriver which the keeper unconvincingly gathered at the second attempt. The Baggies were clinging on but they continued to repel the Reds' advances. Suarez was tireless, darting into the channels at every opportunity and stretching the visitors' backline. Glen Johnson picked him out with one neat pass but before the Uruguayan could pull the trigger Olsson slid in to force the ball behind. Liverpool played the corner shot with Downing whipping in another enticing delivery but the unmarked Agger couldn't provide the decisive touch. Four minutes before the interval West Brom enjoyed a major let-off. Shelvey did brilliantly to get the better of Gareth McAuley and advance to the byline. His drilled low cross was met by Steven Reid whose hurried clearance looped just over his own bar. From the ensuing corner, Suarez went down after a shove from McAuley but referee Jon Moss waved away appeals for a penalty. Liverpool's stranglehold on proceedings continued in the second half. A sweeping counter-attack saw Downing and Johnson link up expertly down the right and the full-back's cross was swept goalwards by Jordan Henderson. To the resurgent midfielder's dismay, Foster stuck out a boot and diverted it away. Jamie Carragher, who was afforded a warm ovation before kick-off following the announcement of his retirement in May, could have ended his four-and-a-half year wait for a goal but couldn't divert his header from Downing's corner on target. Having started brightly, Shelvey's contribution waned dramatically and it was no surprise when he was taken off on the hour mark. Henderson also departed as Rodgers introduced Fabio Borini and Raheem Sterling in a bid to find a cutting edge. Borini almost provided it as he latched on to Downing's neat lay-off but his fierce drive was held by Foster. The substitutions improved Liverpool and the chances kept on coming with only the heroics of Foster keeping Liverpool at bay. The keeper produced a stunning one-handed stop to thwart Gerrard who had burst on to Sterling's pass. Borini slid in for the rebound but could only poke it into the side-netting. With 13 minutes to go Anfield erupted. Moss pointed to the spot following Olsson's nudge in Suarez's back but the Reds' joy was shortlived. Gerrard took responsibility but Foster threw himself to his left to push his penalty to safety. Rodgers handed Brazilian new boy Philippe Coutinho his debut in place of Downing but in the 81st minute Liverpool were left shellshocked. In a rare foray forward, Mulumbu's drive was tipped over by Reina. Chris Brunt whipped the resulting corner into the box and McAuley punished some dismal marking as he rose to head home from four yards out. The Reds' misery was complete late on when Agger allowed Lukaku to get away from him and the Belgian finished in style. LIVERPOOL (4-2-3-1): Reina, Johnson, Carragher, Agger, Enrique, Lucas, Gerrard, Downing (Coutinho 78), Shelvey (Borini 60), Henderson (Sterling 60), Suarez. Not used: Jones, Allen, Skrtel, Wisdom. WEST BROM (4-1-4-1): Foster, Reid, McAuley, Olsson, Ridgeway, Yacob, Dorran (Lukaku 74), Mulumbu, Morrison, Brunt, Long (Fortune 87). Not used: Myhill, Rosenberg, Jones, Tamas, Thomas.

DAILY POST

LFC show they are still a work in progress

LIVERPOOL'S shirts declared Seeing Is Believing. And if their opening-day defeat at West Bromwich Albion underlined the size of the task facing Brendan Rodgers, then last night's rematch was evidence of how much work remains to be done. Gareth McAuley's 81st-minute header and a late Romelu Lukaku strike helped the Midlanders completed a smash-and-grab raid to provide Liverpool manager Rodgers with plentiful food for thought.

With Daniel Sturridge absent, the Anfield outfit huffed and puffed at the Baggies backline only to find visiting goalkeeper Ben Foster in inspired form.

And that Foster should have saved a penalty from Steven Gerrard with the scores goalless was perhaps apt. Certainly, Liverpool have only themselves to blame for their fourth home Premier League defeat of the campaign.

For the second successive season, a former Anfield employee returned to guide the Baggies to victory. For Roy Hodgson last year, read Steve Clarke this.

West Brom had done their homework, unsurprising given Clarke had coached Liverpool's entire starting XI while assistant to Rodgers' predecessor Kenny Dalglish. And their high-pressure approach ensured the home side were given no time to settle into any sort of meaningful rhythm.

Rodgers' side had attracted plaudits for the manner in which they responded to the dismal FA Cup defeat at Oldham Athletic with successive 2-2 draws at top-four contenders Arsenal and Manchester City.

Liverpool, though, had surrendered the lead on both occasions, leaving them 12 points adrift of Tottenham Hotspur in the final Champions League qualification berth. Talk of a top-four finish was always fanciful. They can forget about that now. How Liverpool missed Sturridge. The striker's failure to overcome a hip injury meant Jonjo Shelvey was handed a first Premier League start since the Boxing Day defeat at Stoke City.

With Shelvey having complained of being made a scapegoat for that Britannia beating, this was an opportunity for the England under-21 international to post a reminder of his wares.

But Sturridge's absence underlined the difference he has made to Liverpool's attacking options, Shelvey struggling to make an impact with the home side too often lacking numbers inside the box.

Shelvey was the only change for Liverpool with Rodgers having shown little inclination to overly tinker with his team, although this week's resumption of the Europa League will again put a strain on his resources after the winter break from the competition. Indeed, it may become the priority with even hopes of even a top-six finish fading from view. It was a landmark evening for two Liverpool players, with Lucas Leiva making his 200th appearance for the club and Glen Johnson his 100th Premier League outing since arriving more than five years ago. This was Liverpool's first game since Jamie Carragher announced his intention to retire at the end of the season, and the veteran centre-back was afforded a warm reception by the Anfield crowd before kick-off. It is likely to be a regular feature between now and May.

Shelvey had the ball in the net after just nine minutes only to be rightly flagged offside after Glen Johnson's speculative dipping effort was parried by Foster.

But Shelvey was slow to react to the highlight of a dreary opening quarter, an outrageous piece of skill from Luis Suarez to cross the ball from the touchline by wrapping his right leg behind his left. A Rabona, to those in the know.

The flash of genius seemed to spark Liverpool into life. Foster stretched to palm over Daniel Agger's header from a Stewart Downing corner, and then claimed Downing's fierce 30-yard drive at the second attempt.

The duo combined again on 33 minutes but the unmarked Agger couldn't gain enough purchase on his header from another right-wing Downing cross.

And West Brom almost gifted Liverpool the opener four minutes before the interval when Steven Reid sliced a seemingly harmless Shelvey cross over his own crossbar from six yards out.

Shortly after the break, Foster's bravery prevented Gerrard from pouncing on Downing's deflected shot and then produced an even better stop to prevent Johnson's cross being flicked in by Jordan Henderson.

Foster clutched a well-stuck drive from substitute Fabio Borini and then produced a world-class stop with a strong right hand to keep out Gerrard's fierce shot, Borini toe-poking the rebound into the side-netting.

Liverpool's probings should have earned them the lead on 76 minutes when referee Jon Moss adjudged Jonas Olsson to have bundled Suarez to the ground when tussling for Jose Enrique's long ball. Foster, though, guessed the right way and saved Gerrard's spot kick.

The damage was done. Pepe Reina made a flying save to deny Youssouf Mulumbu and, from the resultant corner, McAuley lost Agger and met Chris Brunt's delivery with a powerful header beyond Reina.

And substitute Lukaku sealed Liverpool's fate by bustling his way through and firing past Reina in the final minute.

There was the positive of new signing Philippe Coutinho, a £8.5million arrival from Inter Milan, making his debut with a late cameo from the bench. That, though, was no consolation following another dismal 90 minutes for Liverpool.

MAN OF THE MATCH. Luis Suarez. Kept working away at the West Brom defence but to no avail

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Express & Star Clarke, who served as Kenny Dalglish’s assistant until last summer, followed up a 3-0 win over Liverpool at The Hawthorns on the opening day of the season with a memorable two-goal victory which saw them leapfrog their opponents into eighth in the Premier League table. Albion were indebted to goalkeeper Ben Foster, though, after he produced a man-of-the-match performance, to deny Liverpool numerous times including a penalty save from Steven Gerrard. Peter Odemwingie travelled to Merseyside but was not included in the 18-man squad as Clarke made two changes from the side which lost to Tottenham. Liam Ridgewell replaced the suspended Goran Popov at left-back, while Youssef Mulumbu came in for Lukaku who dropped to the bench. Liverpool had the ball in the net in the ninth minute when Jonjo Shelvey tapped in from close range after Glen Johnson’s angled shot had been parried by Foster, but the assistant referee had already flagged for offside. Clarke’s side continued to look troubled by the intelligent movement of Luis Suarez and he caused panic inside the visitors penalty area in the 20th minute when he delivered a ‘Rabona’ cross but Albion cleared the danger. Foster was forced to tip the ball over the bar four minutes later when Stewart Downing’s corner was met by the head of Daniel Agger. Downing stung the palms of Foster shortly afterwards with an effort from distance, while Albion briefly threatened on the half-hour mark when Mulumbu fired a dangerous low cross into the box but neither Shane Long nor Chris Brunt could get a touch. Steven Reid almost scored a spectacular own goal just before half-time when he miscued an attempted clearance from Shelvey’s cross over the bar. Foster was the busier of the two keepers early in the second half and he made a point-blank save to deny Gerrard and made a diving save to block an audacious backheel from Jordan Henderson from Johnson’s pinpoint cross. Liverpool introduced Raheem Sterling and Fabio Borini as they got increasingly frustrated by an organised Albion backline and the latter almost broke the deadlock with a well-struck shot in the 67th minute saved by Foster. The imperious Albion keeper continued to thwart Liverpool and produced a stunning one-handed save four minutes later, while off balance, to block a Gerrard piledriver from the edge of the area. Liverpool were awarded a contentious penalty in the 77th minute when Jonas Olsson nudged Suarez as he won a header from a high ball into the box. Gerrard took the spot-kick and drilled low effort to Foster’s left but the Albion No.1 guessed correctly and saved from the Liverpool captain. Mulumbu whistled a deflected shot past the post in the 80th minute and the Baggies stunned Anfield from the resulting corner. Brunt delivered a high ball into the box and McAuley escaped Agger to powerfully head past Pepe Reina into top-left corner of the net to send the travelling fans wild. Substitute Lukaku almost added a second with a solo effort when he escaped on the break only to drag his shot wide of the post. The Belgium striker made amends in injury time though when he was sent clear by James Morrison and outpaced Agger before he smashed a low shot past Reina.	BBC Gareth McAuley and Romelu Lukaku scored late goals as West Brom pinched a remarkable victory at Liverpool to end a sequence of six games without a win. The away side, managed by former Reds assistant boss Steve Clarke, weathered sustained pressure, including a superb penalty save from Ben Foster to deny Steven Gerrard after 77 minutes. That seemed to inspire Clarke's team, who went close from fit-again midfielder Youssef Mulumbu before McAuley headed in Chris Brunt's corner nine minutes from the end. Worse was to come for the hosts on a frustrating and freezing night at Anfield as substitute Lukaku broke forward, glided past Daniel Agger and shot beyond Pepe Reina. The result not only ended the Baggies poor run but also lifted them a point above Liverpool into eighth in the Premier League table. Defeat for Brendan Rodgers's team was their first in four games at Anfield and came when it looked like his side were beginning to build momentum after encouraging draws against Arsenal and Manchester City. The result perhaps underlined the importance of injured striker Daniel Sturridge, who has scored four goals in six appearances since joining Liverpool in January. His absence meant Luis Suarez played in a lone striker role, and the Uruguayan at times was unable to burst into the box to finish moves that he had helped to create. Jonjo Shelvey, in the side instead of Sturridge, had the ball in the net but his effort was correctly ruled out for offside, while Gerrard and Stewart Downing tested the excellent Foster with long-range shots. But Liverpool came closest to scoring before the break via West Brom's Steven Reid, who almost put the ball into his own net under no pressure at all following Shelvey's cross. Rodgers's side upped the tempo after the interval as the home support grew increasingly frustrated and Liverpool were almost rewarded but Foster stopped Jordan Henderson's backheeled effort after a flowing move. At the hour mark, it appeared as if West Brom were happy to stick with what they had. They continued to get men behind the ball and were in no rush to get the game going again after various re-starts. They still had Foster to thank for a fine save to deny Fabio Borini, after the substitute collected Downing's cute lay-off, and then the Baggies goalkeeper produced a firm hand to stop Gerrard's powerful effort from inside the box. The former England keeper left his best until last, though, when he dived to his left to claw away Gerrard's penalty after Jonas Olsson conceded the spot-kick when he crashed into Luis Suarez. The captain's effort was Liverpool's 19th attempt on goal. West Brom responded immediately with Reina tipping Mulumbu's long-range shot round the post - with what was the visiting team's first effort at goal. But McAuley leapt unmarked to nod in Chris Brunt's delivery from the subsequent corner. Lukaku, who in a bold move had been brought on in place of midfielder Graham Dorrans after 74 minutes, sealed the stunning victory with his stoppage time strike, dealing a further blow to Liverpool's slim hopes of qualifying for next season's Champions League.					

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BBC 90:00+5:25Full time The game is over, as the referee blows his whistle. 90:00+4:46 The ball is crossed by Raheem Sterling, clearance by Claudio Yacob. 90:00+3:44 Ben Foster takes the free kick. 90:00+3:44Booking The referee cautions Luis Suarez for unsporting behaviour. 90:00+3:37 Luis Suarez concedes a free kick for a foul on Gareth McAuley. 90:00+2:55 Philippe Coutinho takes a shot. Gareth McAuley gets a block in. Corner from the right by-line taken by Fabio Borini, clearance made by Gareth McAuley. 90:00+2:38 Unfair challenge on Luis Suarez by Claudio Yacob results in a free kick. Luis Suarez takes the indirect free kick. 90:00+1:23 The referee gives a free kick against Raheem Sterling for handball. Ben Foster takes the free kick. 90:00 Assist on the goal came from James Morrison. 90:00Goal scored Goal - Romelu Lukaku - Liverpool 0 - 2 West BromRomelu Lukaku finds the net with a goal from close in to the bottom left corner of the goal. Liverpool 0-2 West Brom. 87:23 Shot from just outside the penalty box by Romelu Lukaku misses to the left of the target. 85:32Substitution SubstitutionMarc-Antoine Fortune joins the action as a substitute, replacing Shane Long. 84:50 Corner taken left-footed by Chris Brunt, Jose Reina makes a save. 82:53 Corner taken right-footed by Philippe Coutinho from the right by-line to the near post, clearance by Claudio Yacob. 82:31 Short corner taken by Raheem Sterling from the right by-line. 80:16 Assist on the goal came from Chris Brunt. 80:16Goal scored Goal - Gareth McAuley - Liverpool 0 - 1 West BromGareth McAuley grabs a headed goal from inside the six-yard box. Liverpool 0-1 West Brom. 79:41 Youssef Mulumbu takes a shot. Save by Jose Reina. Inswinging corner taken from the right by-line by Chris Brunt, 79:00 Free kick awarded for an unfair challenge on Youssef Mulumbu by Luis Suarez. Steven Reid restarts play with the free kick. 77:37 Jamie Carragher takes the free kick. 77:37Substitution SubstitutionStewart Downing leaves the field to be replaced by Philippe Coutinho. 77:37 The referee blows for offside against Romelu Lukaku. 76:44 Corner from the right by-line taken by Stewart Downing, save made by Ben Foster. 76:44Penalty A save by Ben Foster from penalty by Steven Gerrard. Liverpool 0-0 West Brom. 75:37 Penalty awarded for an unfair challenge on Luis Suarez by Jonas Olsson. 71:31Booking James Morrison receives a yellow card for unsporting behaviour. 74:31 Effort from long distance by Steven Gerrard goes wide right of the goal. 72:35Substitution SubstitutionRomelu Lukaku is brought on as a substitute for Graham Dorrans. 72:35 Direct effort from the free kick comes in from Stewart Downing. 72:35Booking The referee books Chris Brunt for unsporting behaviour. 72:28 Foul by Chris Brunt on Luis Suarez, free kick awarded. 71:30 James Morrison is penalised for handball and concedes a free kick. Jose Reina restarts play with the free kick. 71:27Booking James Morrison shown a yellow card. 70:46 Steven Gerrard takes a shot. Ben Foster gets a block in. Fabio Borini has an effort at goal from close in which goes wide of the left-hand upright. 69:32 Luis Suarez takes a shot. Gareth McAuley gets a block in. 68:53 Leiva Lucas restarts play with the free kick. 68:53Booking for Liam Ridgwell for unsporting behaviour. 68:46 Foul by Liam Ridgwell on Raheem Sterling, free kick awarded. 68:04 Corner from the left by-line taken by Graham Dorrans, clearance by Glen Johnson. 67:41 Fabio Borini takes a shot. Save by Ben Foster. 66:33 Sanchez Jose Enrique crosses the ball, clearance made by Gareth McAuley. Outswinging corner taken from the left by-line by Stewart Downing, Gareth McAuley makes a clearance. 61:58 Sanchez Jose Enrique produces a cross, save made by Ben Foster. 61:14 The ball is delivered by Raheem Sterling, Gareth McAuley manages to make a clearance. 58:53 Shot comes in from Luis Suarez from the free kick. Luis Suarez takes a shot. Inswinging corner taken by Steven Gerrard from the right by-line, save by Ben Foster. 58:53Substitution Liverpool makes a substitution, with Raheem Sterling coming on for Jordan Henderson. 58:53Substitution SubstitutionFabio Borini comes on in place of Jonjo Shelvey. 58:53 Foul by Claudio Yacob on Luis Suarez, free kick awarded. 58:11 Effort from the edge of the penalty area by Luis Suarez goes wide of the left-hand post. 55:59 Foul by Leiva Lucas on James Morrison, free kick awarded. Ben Foster takes the indirect free kick. 55:38 Chris Brunt sends in a cross, Sanchez Jose Enrique makes a clearance. 54:22 Jonjo Shelvey concedes a free kick for a foul on Claudio Yacob. Free kick taken by Jonas Olsson. 52:59 Corner taken by Stewart Downing played to the near post, Jamie Carragher takes a shot. The referee blows for offside. Ben Foster takes the free kick. 52:03 The referee blows for offside. Free kick taken by Ben Foster. 51:53 A cross is delivered by Steven Gerrard, clearance made by Gareth McAuley. 51:41 Jordan Henderson takes a shot. Blocked by Ben Foster. 48:54 Stewart Downing takes a shot. Gareth McAuley gets a block in. Steven Gerrard takes a shot. Ben Foster gets a block in. 46:57 The ball is sent over by James Morrison, save by Jose Reina. 45:01 The referee blows his whistle to start the second half. 45:00+1:21Half time The ref blows to signal half-time. 45:00+1:05 Long distance shot from Glen Johnson misses to the left of the net. 45:00+0:20 Glen Johnson crosses the ball, Jonas Olsson makes a clearance. 43:08 Free kick awarded for an unfair challenge on Shane Long by Steven Gerrard. Steven Reid takes the free kick. 42:00 Free kick crossed right-footed by Steven Gerrard, clearance by Gareth McAuley. 42:00Booking The referee books Steven Reid for unsporting behaviour. 41:45 Foul by Steven Reid on Luis Suarez, free kick awarded. 41:22 Centre by Stewart Downing. 41:14 Jordan Henderson delivers the ball. 40:38 Jonjo Shelvey delivers the ball, clearance by Steven Reid. Inswinging corner taken by Stewart Downing, Ben Foster makes a save. 37:54 Free kick awarded for a foul by Luis Suarez on Gareth McAuley. Claudio Yacob takes the indirect free kick. 37:17 Shot from just outside the box by Luis Suarez misses to the left of the target. 36:14 Foul by Gareth McAuley on Daniel Agger, free kick awarded. Jose Reina takes the indirect free kick. 35:38 Free kick awarded for an unfair challenge on Youssef Mulumbu by Luis Suarez. Steven Reid restarts play with the free kick. 34:49 The ball is crossed by Graham Dorrans. 33:40 Centre by Graham Dorrans, clearance made by Glen Johnson. Inswinging corner taken right-footed by Graham Dorrans from the left by-line to the near post, Steven Gerrard manages to make a clearance. 31:38 Short corner worked by Steven Gerrard. The ball is sent over by Stewart Downing. 29:44 Centre by Stewart Downing, Liam Ridgwell gets a block in. Corner taken left-footed by Stewart Downing from the right by-line, clearance by Jonas Olsson. 28:59 Youssef Mulumbu delivers the ball, Glen Johnson manages to make a clearance. 28:25 Daniel Agger produces a drilled left-footed shot from 35 yards. Blocked by Graham Dorrans. 27:50 James Morrison gives away a free kick for an unfair challenge on Steven Gerrard. Free kick taken by Steven Gerrard. 25:10 Stewart Downing takes a shot. Save by Ben Foster. 24:39 Glen Johnson crosses the ball, clearance by Steven Reid. 23:00 Stewart Downing takes a inswinging corner from the right by-line to the near post, Daniel Agger takes a shot. Ben Foster makes a save. Corner taken left-footed by Stewart Downing from the right by-line to the near post, clearance by Shane Long. 22:49 A cross is delivered by Stewart Downing, clearance by Gareth McAuley. 21:06 Corner taken right-footed by Graham Dorrans from the left by-line, Jordan Henderson fouled by Jonas Olsson, the ref awards a free kick. Indirect free kick taken by Jose Reina. 20:05 Luis Suarez produces a cross, clearance by Liam Ridgwell. 19:35 The ball is crossed by Luis Suarez, Gareth McAuley makes a clearance. 19:00 Corner taken by Steven Gerrard. 18:49 Leiva Lucas takes a shot. Blocked by Youssef Mulumbu. 18:08 Chris Brunt is penalised for handball and concedes a free kick. Glen Johnson restarts play with the free kick. 16:43 The ball is crossed by Stewart Downing, Steven Reid makes a clearance. 14:55 Free kick awarded for a foul by Jordan Henderson on Steven Reid. Claudio Yacob restarts play with the free kick. 13:12 The assistant referee flags for offside against Stewart Downing. Ben Foster takes the indirect free kick. 11:05 Shot from long range by Steven Gerrard goes wide of the left-hand post. 8:49 Glen Johnson takes a shot. Blocked by Ben Foster. The assistant referee signals for offside against Jonjo Shelvey. Ben Foster takes the free kick. 7:31 Luis Suarez is flagged offside by the assistant referee. Free kick taken by Ben Foster. 5:17 Leiva Lucas concedes a free kick for a foul on Youssef Mulumbu. Chris Brunt takes the indirect free kick. 4:22 Effort from the edge of the box by Luis Suarez goes wide of the left-hand upright. 3:58 The ball is crossed by Stewart Downing, clearance made by Claudio Yacob. 3:33 A cross is delivered by Liam Ridgwell, save by Jose Reina. 0:00 The referee starts the match.						