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THE TIMES

Suarez teams up with Sturridge to floor Sunderland

Sunderland 1
Giaccherini 52
Liverpool
Sturridge 28, Suarez 36, 89
Referee H Webb Attendance 41,415

In their predicament, bottom of the Barclays Premier League and without a manager, what Sunderland needed yesterday afternoon was a shot in the arm. What they did not need was to come up against the fearsome partnership of Daniel Sturridge and Luis Suarez, never mind to fall behind to a controversial goal that flew in off the former's bicep.

Sturridge's 28th-minute goal, which set Liverpool on course for a victory that took them up to second place behind Arsenal, summed up what has been a wretched season for Sunderland. There was incompetence in leaving Sturridge unmarked in the six-yard box and misfortune when it went unnoticed that he had scored -- unintentionally, it seemed-- with an arm. Bad defending plus bad luck? That combination does not bode well for the Wearside club.

There were moments to support Kevin Ball's belief that, as caretaker manager, he has stabilised the club since Paolo Di Canio's turbulent tenure was ended eight days ago, but a renewed sense of calm, contentment and focus was not going to be enough to contain the threat of Sturridge and Suarez. When Brendan Rodgers, the Liverpool manager, suggested afterwards that they could be the best front-line partnership in the Premier League at present, few counter-arguments came to mind.

It was Sunderland's misfortune to be the first team to face Sturridge and Suarez in a Premier League match since the latter was banned for ten matches after biting Branislav Ivanovic last April. In his comeback game against Manchester United in the Capital One Cup last Wednesday, Suarez did not seem to quite get back on the same wavelength as his strike partner, but yesterday they were tuned in perfectly, with Sturridge showing excellent awareness and precision to set up the Uruguay forward's two goals, the second scored in the final minutes after Emanuele Giaccherini had given Sunderland a glimmer of hope.

"I'm not sure there are two better in the league," Rodgers said. "There are some wonderful partnerships -- [Robin] van Persie and [Wayne] Rooney are outstanding -- but they are right up there with the best in the country." The contrast with the opposing forward line was stark. In six Premier League games this season, Sunderland have scored four goals -- only one of them from a centre forward, Steven Fletcher. With the Scotland forward out until November with a shoulder injury, Jozy Altidore was a willing stand-in, but the American is yet to develop the sophistication to trouble Premier League defences.

All in all, things do not look terribly encouraging for Sunderland after the Di Canio experience. Lee Cattermole made his presence felt yesterday, having been out of favour under the Italian, and Adam Johnson looked brighter and more purposeful, but it is becoming apparent that this squad has lacked for quality as well as belief. What will it take to reinvigorate this team? Gus Poyet? Tony Pulis? Ball on a permanent basis? For a club that needs a fresh start, yet whose immediate need is for an electrifying effect, it is a sadly familiar dilemma.

The Sturridge goal yesterday was a sickener for Sunderland, but Ball rightly preferred to concentrate on the fact that his players had somehow left the forward unmarked in the six-yard box from a dead-ball situation. Sturridge jumped, failed to connect with his head and the ball bounced in off his arm. While the laws of the game state that handball has to be deliberate, it was the type of action that, intentional or not, is rarely permitted when the officials see it.

Naturally enough, Rodgers preferred to focus on the quality of his team's second goal. It was a minor classic, starting from the moment that Steven Gerrard sprayed a 50-yard diagonal pass and Sturridge, on the right-hand side, brought it down as if he had Velcro on his boots, as his manager put it. Sturridge scooted around Carlos Cuellar and hit a perceptive cross that allowed Suarez to slide in and score a goal that he dedicated to his newborn son.

Liverpool looked entirely comfortable at that stage, but they eased off a little as half-time approached. Seven minutes into the second half, when Ki Sung Yeung struck a low shot from the edge of the penalty area, Simon Mignolet, the former Sunderland goalkeeper, got down well to make the save, but pushed the ball into the path of Giaccherini, who reduced the deficit to 2-1.

Rarely did Sunderland threaten an equalising goal. A third goal on the counter-attack looked more likely. Sure enough, from Mignolet's long throw in the 89th minute, Suarez released Sturridge, who took the outside route before picking out his team-mate with a low cross. Suarez swept the ball in to make it 3-1 and to send Liverpool up to second place. Whatever the Sunderland board's next step -- and it would be better to take its time than to repeat the rash error of last spring -- there is a long season ahead on Wearside.

theguardian

Suarez provides bite as Liverpool rise to second

Luis Su.rez may have damaged Liverpool's "brand" when he sank his teeth into Chelsea's Branislav Ivanovic but the striker's return from a 10-game biting ban promises to do wonders for their Champions League ambitions as his side rose to second in the table.

Two comeback goals, one a simple tap in, the other an elegant swipe of the left foot, ensured that Su.rez left precisely the right sort of mark on the sunny Wearside afternoon which staged his first Premier League appearance since April. Managerless Sunderland did an awful lot right but even their own, impressive, prodigal son, Lee Cattermole - starting his first Premier League match since February - could not prevent them coming undone on the break and they remain stuck firmly to the bottom. With one point from six games, Paolo Di Canio's replacement could do with the ability to turn water into wine.

Kevin Ball, in caretaker charge, covets the post but writing in the match programme, Margaret Byrne, Sunderland's chief executive, suggested the board are keeping their options open as to Di Canio's successor.

"We have already had contact with some interested parties and have others to speak to in the coming days," she wrote. "There is no definitive timescale on an appointment as we are carefully examining all available options. As soon as we have identified the right person we will make an announcement."

Ball began his audition brightly. His 4-2-3-1 formation seemed well configured to camouflage Sunderland's flaws and a starting XI featuring only three of the club's 14 summer signings offered Liverpool a few early frights. The most notable came when Sebastian Larsson's free-kick hit the bar with the returning Simon Mignolet beaten.

Even so Liverpool very nearly took the lead after Cattermole felled Daniel Sturridge just outside the box. When Keiren Westwood parried Steven Gerrard's free-kick, Martin Skrtel redirected the rebound beyond the goalkeeper but that effort was rightly disallowed for offside. Despite undeniably galvanising Ball's team, Cattermole was conceding a few too many free-kicks. Nothing seems to be going quite right for Sunderland these days, an impression confirmed when Sturridge gaveLiverpool the lead in somewhat fortuitous circumstances. Having narrowly failed to get his head to Gerrard's corner, the ball struck the top of the striker's arm and flew beyond Westwood. It was not deliberate and Howard Webb presumably assumed Sturridge had nudged what looked like a stooping header over the line but it seemed to serve as a microcosm of Sunderland's wretched luck of late.

Not that there was anything remotely flukey about Su.rez's first goal. Sturridge's wonderful change of pace saw him accelerating on to Gerrard's raking long pass down the right and, with the defence left standing, the on-rushing Uruguayan met Sturridge's ball across the six-yard box.

Although severely wounded by poor defending in the face of Gerrard's vision and Sturridge's pace, Sunderland were not being entirely outclassed.

Pressing Liverpool high up the pitch, they hardly deserved to be two goals down on a day when Adam Johnson saw an ambitious curling shot curve fractionally off target and the otherwise unusually shaky Mignolet saved brilliantly from Craig Gardner with his legs. At half-time Durham's County Championship winning team were warmly applauded on to the pitch. How Ellis Short, Sunderland's owner must have hoped some of their victorious aura might somehow rub off on his players.

Instead Su.rez emerged looking even more inspired. Some high calibre movement and slick one-touch stuff from a forward clearly being fast forgiven for that summertime dalliance with Arsenal prompted Liverpool fans to sing: "Luis Su.rez; he can bite who he wants."

It took Emanuele Giaccherini to silence them. The Italy winger, redeployed by Ball in a more central attacking role in the trio behind Jozy Altidore, shot Sunderland back into the game from close range after Mignolet could only parry Ki Sung - yueng's 25-yard shot. In the technical area, Ball pumped his fists.

Mignolet made an important save from Gardner but, continuing to press hard and high, Sunderland remained vulnerable to counterattacks. Carlos CuEllar's last-ditch clearance denied Su.rez and Westwood saved superbly from Kolo TourE.

The stage was set for Sturridge to break, cueing up Su.rez to sweep home Liverpool's third with a sidefoot. Ball looked as if he had been kicked in the teeth.

Man of the match: Luis Su.rez (Liverpool)

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CHILD'S PLAY for suarez; Sunderland crumble under assault from Liverpool strikers

WELCOME to the world Benja. And welcome back Luis Suarez. The new, squeakyclean version of the controversialLiverpool striker returned to Barclays Premier League action and scored two goals. They saw off a Sunderland side who concluded a week of turmoil with another defeat, leaving them rooted to the foot of the division. It was the perfect place for Suarez to return. He has now scored seven in six games against Sunderland who, although they looked a much improved unit under caretaker manager Kevin Ball, still managed to leak some awful goals. Daniel Sturridge took his season's tally to seven when he was left unmarked at a Steve Gerrard corner to score from close range. He knocked it in with his arm, but referee Howard Webb and his officials failed to notice.

And then Suarez came back to the party, slipping his first into Keiren Westwood's empty net from close range after Sturridge's pass. He quickly unveiled a T-shirt with a picture of his new-born son Benjamin and the rest of his family on it. 'Welcome,' it read. 'I love them.' For a man who wanted to be as far away from Merseyside as possible in the summer, Suarez looked rather pleased to be back. He was so confident of further goals there was a second T-shirt unveiled after he scored Liverpool's third goal in the dying moments. There were glimpses of trouble, such as the genuine slip and crash into Craig Gardner's boot which was perceived by home fans as a dive. He also missed two simple chances before that late clincher. But he scored two that mattered and delighted Liverpool fans sang his name throughout, until the players disappeared down the tunnel after the final whistle. Watching every player was Ball, Sunderland's interim manager who has restored some sanity this week. Unfortunately for him and the home side, despite a muchimproved performance and a rally inspired by Emanuele Giaccherini's fine strike, they could not add to their solitary point from six games. Sunderland, who face Manchester United at home on Saturday evening, are still in deep trouble. They were nearly doomed as early as the eighth minute when Martin Skrtel hammered the ball into the roof of the net when a Gerrard freekick was spilled by Westwood. Assistant referee Darren Cann spotted the central defender had advanced inches in front of Carlos Cuellar before Gerrard clipped his shot over the Sunderland wall from the edge of the area.

Lee Cattermole was back in Ball's Sunderland line-up, after months wasted on the sidelines under Paolo Di Canio, to sit in midfield, win the ball and use it wisely. It is a role he plays well and the former captain relished his return. But with the two sides employing experimental formations, they both made a tentative and error-ridden start. Suarez hit a speculative shot over on his first run after five minutes while Gardner and Ki Sung-yeung hit the side-netting with shots from promising areas. Sunderland's closest effort was a free-kick from the edge of the area.

Seb Larsson, one of the Premier League's most accurate set-piece takers before a recent barren spell, stepped up. The Swede's right-foot curler beat former team-mate Simon Mignolet in goal, but hit the crossbar. Six minutes before half-time, Gardner tried from similar range, but his effort hit the Liverpool wall and looped harmlessly over. To add to Sunderland frustration, as well as conceding the first goal from a corner, they had little luck from their own flag-kicks. Webb twice failed to spot Kolo Toure's clear shirt-pull on John O'Shea, and then deemed a back pass from Toure to Mignolet was not deliberate.

Inevitably, after a warm welcome back, Mignolet pulled off one of the type of saves which kept Sunderland up last season, denying Gardner with his feet.

After the break, until Giaccherini drilled in his third Sunderland goal since his move from Juventus, the former Black Cats No 1 was largely untroubled, apart from one more teasing effort from Johnson.

But his error in gifting the lively little Italian his chance gave his former club, and the supporters who had greeted him so warmly, the encouragement they needed for a final half-hour push. Almost immediately, he was forced to scramble to keep out another wellstruck shot from Gardner. Mignolet also made a good save to deny Jozy Altidore his first Premier League goal for Sunderland.

At the other end his former deputy, Westwood, spent most of the second half unperturbed. He had to be alert to save from Victor Moses and another from Toure, but had no chance when Suarez swooped for his second goal -- and second T-shirt -- of the afternoon.

The Daily Telegraph

Suarez back with a clear message

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Returning to Premier League action for the first time since biting Chelsea's Branislav Ivanovic on April 21, Luis Suarez made light of a dead leg and some boos from the Sunderland fans to mark the occasion with two goals and two T-shirts. Never short of confidence, Suarez clearly expected to score, and score more than once. After pouncing for his first, Suarez lifted his top, that ugly Liverpool third-choice number, to reveal a T-shirt with a picture of his wife Sofia, daughter Delfina and newborn son Benjamin. "Welcome Benja," read the message. "Los amo!!!" ("I love them"). Suarez had a wardrobe change at half-time, donning a T-shirt with just the caption to celebrate his second. This second goal, Liverpool's third, was particularly significant as it took Brendan Rodgers's side above Tottenham Hotspur into second place in this open-looking Premier League.

At the final whistle, the DJ played the usual favourite of Can't Help Falling in Love With You, a feeling that reflected the strengthened bond between Sunderland fans and their players who worked so hard for no reward. The sentiments of the song were also shared by the Liverpool contingent of the 41,415 crowd as they sang in praise of Suarez. The rekindling of the love affair between Suarez and Liverpool needs placing in context. The striker has chainsawed his way through the moral maze this year. He embarrassed his employers with his biting antics in the spring and then sought to manoeuvre his way out of the club in the summer, claiming he had been let down by Rodgers. Even by football's standards it was fairly outrageous behaviour. What also needs noting is that during his spell out Suarez worked incredibly hard on his conditioning and finishing at Melwood. He completed 90 minutes in the Capital One Cup against Manchester United and delivered another full shift here. Rodgers has spent time developing the axis between Suarez and Daniel Sturridge. Signs of their understanding were clear last season and their reading of each other's movement was even more pronounced here. Sturridge has also refined his own game, becoming a more rounded, less selfish player. Sturridge's hand was shaken warmly by Kevin Ball at the final whistle. Sunderland were very much in their interim head coach's wholehearted image, giving everything for the shirt. Ball took the players for a stroll along the Seaburn seafront in the morning, wanting them to mix with the people who would then flock to the ground to support them.

Ball wanted to remind them of their responsibilities to the club and the city and the players responded fully. Keiren Westwood was outstanding in goal. Lee Cattermole worked overtime in central midfield. Craig Gardner spoke for the dressing-room when he tweeted: "Absolutely gutted we never got nothing out of that game. The fans were class again 'keepthefaith we're all together xx'."

Paolo Di Canio's departure, and the temporary installation of the ultrapositive Ball, has lifted the mood in the dressing room, in the stands and behind the scenes. Sunderland's soul is embodied in the likes of the club servant who has worked in the tunnel on match-day for 53 years, dealing with officials, or the tea-lady who refuels the dressing rooms. Ball and his team were playing for them. Problems still persist. Sunderland's marking was poor at times, Ball's defenders caught out by the quicksilver movement of Suarez and Sturridge. They also need a finisher. Only once did Sunderland get through Liverpool's defence.

Rodgers continued with three centre-halves, Kolo Toure, Martin Skrtel and Mamadou Sakho. There was occasional uncertainty out wide as Sunderland targeted the space behind the wingbacks Jose Enrique and Jordan Henderson. Overall, though, the system worked well and will be strengthened further when Philippe Coutinho and Glen Johnson regain full fitness.

Suarez can prosper in most systems. He seemed almost deliberately on his best behaviour, staying on his feet when bumped into by John O'Shea in the area. Suarez then sustained his dead leg, slipping and being caught by Gardner. The Uruguayan hobbled around for a bit, rubbing his thigh, before regaining full movement. Sunderland looked bright for a period. Ki Sung-Yueng shot wide. Gardner spirited the ball past Steven Gerrard. Seb Larsson curled a free-kick on to Simon Mignolet's crossbar. However Liverpool stayed calm and began counter-attacking at pace, forcing a corner after 28 minutes. The unmarked Sturridge tried to meet Gerrard's corner with his head but the ball went in off his bicep. It was accidental but it would have triggered a spiky front-page reaction had it been Suarez. Darren Cann, one of Howard Webb's assistants from the 2010 World Cup final, had the sun in his eyes and did not indicate any offence. "First goal maybe handball but even still it would only even out the beach ball incident," tweeted Johnson, referring to Darren Bent's bizarrely deflected goal here in 2009. Liverpool added a second eight minutes later. Gerrard created the goal with one of his trademark raking passes, the ball angled right to Sturridge. Carlos Cuellar should have shepherded Sturridge inside where Cattermole was arriving but instead allowed him to run towards the byeline.

Five touches with his left boot created the space and then Sturridge stabbed the ball across to where Suarez was pointing. He could not miss. Nor could the photographers miss T-shirt No 1. Rallied by Ball, Sunderland were a far more cohesive force after the break, scoring within seven minutes. Ki shot from 25 yards, the ball suddenly appearing past Skrtel and forcing Mignolet into a hurried save. Emanuele Giaccherini reacted quickest, slamming the loose ball in. Belief spread across the home terraces. Gardner had a shot saved. Jack Colback and Cattermole snapped into tackles. This was the sort of committed performance demanded by Ball and the Sunderland fans. Yet Liverpool still carried a threat on the counter. Westwood tipped over a Moses drive and with a minute remaining, Liverpool added that important third.

Mignolet had not been at his most convincing on his return to Wearside. Yet he threw the ball out perfectly for Suarez, inviting him to accelerate upfield before finding Sturridge, who cut the ball back in. It arrived slightly behind Suarez but he still managed to finish well. Cue T-shirt No 2. Lucas's suspension-bringing fifth booking of the season was the only negative of a day full of positives for Suarez, Rodgers and Liverpool.

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THE INDEPENDENT

Suarez's return adds bite to snappy Reds

There was a handshake with his manager, Brendan Rodgers, as both men smiled, then Luis Suarez headed down the tunnel. The contrast to 21 April could not have been greater. Then, the live pitch-side camera was chasing the Uruguayan as he walked off the field at Anfield. He had bitten an opponent. A storm brewed.

There is a long road to any sort of redemption, but scoring two goals yesterday in this win against a Sunderland team still trying to re-group after their recent managerial upheaval, was as much as he, or Rodgers, could possibly have hoped for on his first game back in the Premier League, after five months in which he flirted pretty strongly with an Anfield exit. Those goals were a reminder of why the patience at Liverpool for the errant Suarez is so great. In the build-up to his return in the Capital One Cup tie at Manchester United, Rodgers deliberated over how to exactly describe the character of the forward. "It's robust," he said. That feels about right as well. In his time off during that 10-game ban, when his return varied between unlikely and implausible, Suarez seems to have been busy making vests. That much became apparent when he scored his two goals, raising his team shirt on each occasion to reveal a different vest each time.

The first unveiling came on 36th minutes after the Uruguayan went down on one knee to convert a low cross from Daniel Sturridge. In celebration he lifted his shirt up to reveal a vest with a picture of his new-born son Benjamin along with the words "Welcome Benja, Los Amo" (I love them).

As for the goal, further mention here must go to the 60-yard crossfield ball from Steven Gerrard. Rodgers was struggling for words afterwards to describe it. He went with "exceptional", and the touch from Sturridge was not bad either.

But everything yesterday was about Suarez and for once he did not disappoint. It was such a contrast to the day he bit Branislav Ivanovic. The love has never really stopped from those Liverpool supporters who have backed him through two huge controversies, the striker having also been found guilty of racially abusing Manchester United's Patrice Evra back in 2011, for which he was given an eight-game suspension. At some point there has to come a form of payback.

Sturridge has flourished without the South American during his absence, few would argue with Rodgers' assertion afterwards that he has as good a strike pairing as any in the country. Sturridge does not need Suarez, but together they were excellent. Sturridge had already scored, albeit with his arm, by the time Suarez finally started writing headlines his baby son might one day want to read.

The goal was hugely accidental and there were no complaints from Sunderland's defenders when Gerrard's left-wing corner was missed by Kolo Tour[c] and as Sturridge attempted to head the ball past Keiren Westwood, he missed and the momentum of his body meant his bicep carried the ball into the goal.

Two-goals down, Sunderland, bottom of the table, under the guidance of caretaker manager Kevin Ball, and still reeling from the 175 days of Paolo Di Canio's reign of fear, could have exited the game at that point. To their credit they did not. Ball revealed he had taken the players for a walk along the seafront on the morning of the game so they could "see the people they represent".

Something revived a group of players who were so sick of life a week beforehand that they called for the manager they resented to be sacked. At least they fought, and seven minutes into the second half fashioned a foothold into the game when Ki Sung-yueng's shot from 30 yards was spilled by Simon Mignolet into the path of Emanuele Giaccherini. The Italian forward, who had also fallen out with Di Canio, crashed his shot into the Liverpool net. Mignolet, it is fair to say, has had better afternoons on his old ground as he parried a shot from Craig Gardner and stood up to a drive from Jozy Altidore. Not until the 89th minute would Rodgers be able to feel comfortable that a fourth victory to carry his team into second place in the Premier League table had been secured.

Suarez this time was creator and finisher. First he picked out Sturridge to his left with a raking pass. The England forward went past Gardner and unselfishly pulled the ball back to his returning team-mate, who fired a shot into the bottom corner of Westwood's goal. This time it was a black vest, minus the picture, that was revealed to profess more love for his son. His two-goal return was, however, a far more emphatic statement that he was back in the Premier League.

Sunderland were brave, as their stand-in manager concurred afterwards. "We gave it a real good go," Ball said. "I asked the lads to have a go and each one of them did. We scored and created chances and took it to the death.

"If the board want me to take it forward then great. If not, then that is their prerogative. "At half-time we were two down but we saw a good reaction. The lads had a real good go. Three-one flatters Liverpool." It was a day for Liverpool to stand their ground, as much as it was for Suarez to remind everyone of his talent. They did just that. "To perform in parts like we did was very pleasing," said Rodgers. "Kevin had a reaction from his team. You could see the intensity and focus they had. "We had to be alert and we defended very well. Then we were very good on the counter-attack."

Which is exactly where the returning Suarez excelled.

MATCH IN NUMBERS

8 Goals for Luis Suarez in his last nine league games

23 Sunderland had 23 shots on goal - their most in the league since a 2-1 win over Blackburn in 2011

9 Liverpool got a second-half goal for the first time in nine games

3 Goals let in by Sunderland in each of their last four league games

DAILY Mirror

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It is 162 days since Suarez's last goal - the equaliser against Chelsea in that fateful game where he notoriously took a chunk out of Branislav Ivanovic's arm - and just three since his wife gave birth to their second child, a son called Benjamin.

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crafted Liverpool move, there was no surprise as he proudly lifted his shirt to show the touching message to his son and family, which read: "Welcome Benja, I Love Them All".

Really, there was no Really, there was y, surprise about his performance either. Whatever you think about him, whatever his mood about missing out on a move in the summer, he is always going to give everything when he steps out onto the pitch.

Here, in what could have been a difficult game, it was his movement and his simple desire that was the difference between the two sides. His first goal, to add to a controversial opener from Daniel Sturridge, was testimony not just to his razor-sharp running, but also his passion, and commitment to getting onto the end go of things.

sw Steven Gerrard started the move with what must be the pass of the season so far, a raking 40-yard ball that sat perfectly at the feet of Sturridge who ran around the right flank and then delivered it to where Suarez had cleverly feinted for a simple tap in.

It was a thing of beauty, and at that point, suggested the visitors - with their pace and verve on the break - could run riot. Sturridge had opened the scoring on 28 minutes when he stooped to head a Gerrard corner and missed it, but saw the ball ricochet off his arm into the net.

Perhaps a week ago Sunderland would have collapsed, but under Kevin Ball they have found some more resolve, and fought their way back into the game after the break, to expose the nervousness that seems inherent in the Reds' defence.

Their goal came on 52 minutes when keeper Simon Mignolet did well to react to save a shot from Ki Sung-Yueng that skidded through a defender's legs, but could only palm it into the path of Emanuele Giaccherini who turned the ball home.

That set up a frenetic period of attack and counter, but ultimately Sunderland simply couldn't cope with the visitors' rapier-like ability on the counter typified by Suarez's second goal which settled the game.

It was the impressive Mignolet - who had twice saved brilliantly from Craig Gardner - who started it with an assertive claim from a corner, and a swift throw to Suarez.

The South American is already developing an instinctive partnership with Sturridge that has the deadly instincts of the SaS tag they are beginning to make their own, and they combined brilliantly p eadly are , to cut the home defence to pieces.

Most impressive was the way Sturridge returned a pass from his strike partner to allow Suarez to fire home, when in the past he would have tried to shoot himself. It was a fine goal and one that puts Liverpool into second place on goals scored. w he hoot Whether they can stay there is another matter, because for all the obvious talent of a strike force boss Brendan Rodgers calls the best in the business, they still look all too frail in defence.

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LIVERPOOL ECHO

The message was loud and clear. Luis Suarez is back and hope springs eternal for Liverpool.
The Uruguay striker marked his first Premier League start for five months with a clinical double to lift the gloom generated by back-to-back defeats.
Suarez provided the injection of class the Reds required to overcome the challenge of struggling Sunderland. In doing so he celebrated the birth of his son in style and demonstrated exactly why Brendan Rodgers and the club's owners fought so hard to keep him at Anfield. As Suarez strolled down the tunnel at the end of a satisfying afternoon's work, Elvis Presley's 'I Can't Help Falling in Love with You' was blaring out across the Stadium of Light. The soundtrack was fitting.
Suarez hurt and angered Kopites with the disrespect he showed the club with his behaviour this summer. Having dragged the club's proud name through the gutter with his on-field controversies, the fact he then tried to force through a move to Arsenal was a slap in the face to those who had backed him to the hilt.
There was a debt that needed to be repaid and strong leadership at Anfield ensured he wouldn't be allowed to move on until he had coughed up.
In the North East he provided a timely instalment.
It could have been a case of once bitten, twice shy where Reds fans are concerned. But the reality is that Suarez is a player of such exceptional talent that you can't help but delight in the fact that he's wearing your club's colours.
The travelling Kop showed their appreciation for his efforts as his name echoed around the Stadium of Light. The affection remains strong because the bottom line is Suarez continues to give everything for the cause and is capable of making the difference in Liverpool's challenge for Champions League qualification this term. Of course this was far from being a one-man mission. Daniel Sturridge was hugely impressive as he emphatically answered those who questioned whether he would continue to flourish following Suarez's return.
There was a school of thought that Sturridge had hit a purple patch in the Uruguayan's absence because he was the focal point of the Reds' attack. That being the leading man was some kind of ego boost he required in order to perform. But Sturridge showed he's just as happy being the support act as he unselfishly created both of Suarez's goals.
The £12million man got lucky with his 18th goal for the club in just 24 appearances when referee Howard Webb failed to spot the fact that he had unintentionally converted Steven Gerrard's corner with his arm.
Yet there was plenty to admire about the relentless shift Sturridge put in as he held the ball up, brought team-mates into play and was always a willing runner down the channels. It was no surprise that in the closing seconds he lay stricken with cramp.
The Suarez and Sturridge partnership is an exciting one and their heroics ensured Liverpool capitalised on the fact that Manchester United, Manchester City, Tottenham and Chelsea had all dropped points 24 hours earlier.
Victory lifted Rodgers' side up to second place as the sight of the Black Cats brought them some welcome good fortune after the double dose of disappointment against Southampton and Manchester United.
It was hardly a vintage display as once again standards slipped after the interval and the Reds came close to squandering a 2-0 advantage.
But they dug deep and weathered the storm before Suarez wrapped up the points late on – Liverpool's first second-half goal in some 404 minutes of action.
Rodgers had kept faith with the XI who had started at Old Trafford and Suarez wasted little time making his mark. Latching on to Jordan Henderson's pass, he shrugged off Sebastian Larsson but his right-footer flashed wide.
When Gerrard's 20-yard free-kick was parried by Keiren Westwood, Martin Skrtel followed up to slam in the rebound but the Slovakian's joy was shortlived as the flag was up for offside. Sunderland's wretched start had cost Paolo Di Canio his job with caretaker boss Kevin Ball looking to stake a claim for the job on a permanent basis. His players responded to his call to show some pride and fired up by a partisan crowd they caused the Reds plenty of problems.
Sebastian Larsson rattled the bar with a curling free-kick before Rodgers' side broke off the shackles and took the lead in the 28th minute. There was controversy as it went in off Sturridge's arm but considering that four years ago the Reds were beaten by a beach ball in this fixture, no-one was in the mood to apologise. Eight minutes later Liverpool doubled their account.
Sturridge turned provider as he controlled Gerrard's raking cross-field pass and sped past Carlos Cuellar down the right. The cross with the outside of his left foot was inch perfect for Suarez to slid it home.
Suarez lifted his shirt to parade a T-shirt with the words 'Welcome Benja' above a picture of his wife and two children with 'Los Amo' (I love them) below it – a tribute to his son who was born on Thursday.
Simon Mignolet clearly suffered from a bout of nerves on his return to the North East as his handling was less than convincing.
However, the Belgian keeper did make a fine save just before the break as he stuck out a boot to deny Craig Gardner.
Rodgers may need to have a re-think about the half-time refreshments in the dressing room because the Reds have made a habit of starting second halves sluggishly and so it proved again.
Within seven minutes the deficit had been halved.
Ki Sung Yueng was given far too much time and space 25 yards out, Mignolet couldn't hold his sweet strike and Emanuele Giaccherini made him pay.
The atmosphere was transformed and it took a sprawling save from Mignolet to prevent Gardner from restoring parity.
Liverpool's sloppiness in possession gave Sunderland hope. The game was far too open and it took some desperate defending to protect their slender lead with Martin Skrtel once again outstanding.
Rodgers' side were reduced to hitting the hosts on the break with Victor Moses and Kolo Toure going close before a slick counter-attack secured victory in the 89th minute.
Mignolet's quick throw found Suarez who burst forward before clipping a lofted pass into the path of Sturridge.
The England striker skipped past Giaccherini and squared for Suarez who swept it left-footed into the net.
It was Suarez's seventh goal in six meetings with Sunderland – how the Black Cats must be sick of the sight of him.
In stark contrast, Kopites just can't get enough.

LIVERPOOL DAILY POST

Back with a bang

So clear is the message, it need not be emblazoned on any commemorative t-shirt. Luis Suarez is back. There were times during the Uruguayan's self-inflicted 10-match ban that it appeared he would never again pull on the Liverpool shirt as his flirtations with Real Madrid and Arsenal left supporters fearing the worst.
But the sight of Suarez frantically yanking the Anfield jersey over his head yesterday caused only celebration among the delighted travelling Kop as he netted twice as Brendan Rodgers' side responded to successive defeats with deserved victory at Sunderland yesterday. On each occasion, the striker lifted his top to reveal a different t-shirt declaring "Welcome Benja – Los Amo!!!" in loving tribute to his newly-born son Benjamin. Quite a week, then, for Suarez, who had made his long-awaited return five days earlier in the Capital One Cup defeat at Manchester United. Of course, it will take more than a brace against the Premier League's bottom club to fully rehabilitate a reputation damaged by his indiscretions. This, though, was a start, Suarez's first goals since netting shortly after sinking his teeth into Chelsea defender Branislav Ivanovic back in April.
Having missed an opportunity in midweek, Liverpool were more ruthless in capitalising on a weekend in which many of their rivals dropped points to move back up to second.
Yes, there was controversy as Daniel Sturridge's first-half opener – his seventh of the campaign – was inadvertently touched home by the striker's arm, an effort added to shortly afterwards by Suarez. But Liverpool will feel they were owed one after the infamous 'beach ball' incident of four years previous.
While far from the perfect performance, it went some distance from banishing the memory of last weekend's dismal home reverse to Southampton that threatened to check the early-season Premier League momentum of Rodgers's side. Certainly, Sunderland could have few quibbles with the result, despite Emanuele Giaccherini pouncing on Liverpool's persistent sluggishness out of the blocks after half-time. Instead, Suarez's second in the dying moments – Liverpool's first goal in 404 minutes of second-half football – ensured Kevin Ball's reign as caretaker manager following the sacking of Paolo di Canio began with defeat. The Suarez-Sturridge partnership underlined their promise – the latter assisting the former's double – in a 3-4-1-2 formation in which Rodgers retained faith despite the United reverse. And there was encouragement elsewhere, new signing Mamadou Sakho further settling into defence alongside the impressive Martin Skrtel while Steven Gerrard's influence was far more prominent than in recent outings. Former Black Cats favourites Jordan Henderson, on his 100th Liverpool appearance, and Simon Mignolet, making his first return to the Stadium of Light since departing in the summer, were both afforded a warm reception by the home crowd before kick-off. But the early signs suggested there would be precious little else for Sunderland supporters to cheer.
After Sturridge was fouled on the edge of area, Sunderland goalkeeper Kieren Westwood parried Gerrard's free-kick into the path of Skrtel and was then relieved to see the referee's assistant correctly raise his flag for offside as the Slovakian smashed the ball home. However, it was the failure of the officials to react on 28 minutes that saw Liverpool take a controversial lead.
After Jose Enrique won a corner on the left, Gerrard's delivery missed a leaping Kolo Toure and arrowed towards Sturridge at the far post, the striker stooping to head home only for the ball to inadvertently strike his arm and cross the line. Neither Howard Webb nor his assistant spotted the infringement.
But there was no questioning Liverpool's second goal nine minutes before the interval. A tremendous raking diagonal pass from Gerrard found Sturridge on the right flank, the striker controlling the ball, running at a backpedalling Carlos Cuellar and then sliding in a low cross for the incoming Suarez to prod home from a matter of yards. With Liverpool content to play on the counter-attack, Sunderland were afforded chunks of possession and twice managed to seriously threaten Mignolet before the break. Midway through the first half, a debatable foul on Giaccherini allowed Sebastian Larsson to curl a free-kick on to the crossbar

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from 25 yards. Then, moments before half-time, a clipped pass from Lee Cattermole put Craig Gardner clear only for Mignolet to save with his outstretched leg. The Belgium international, though, was at fault as for the umpteenth time Liverpool paid the price for starting the second half too slowly while sitting too deep. On 52 minutes, Mignolet could only parry a shot from Sung-Yong Ki and Giaccherini reacted quickly to halve Liverpool's lead.
The visitors wobbled momentarily, but with Sunderland's defence underlining why the Black Cats are bottom of the league, there was never any real cause for panic. After a fluffed free-kick from Suarez found its way to the left wing, Moses played a one-two with Enrique on the edge of the area and then smashed a deflected shot that was brilliantly turned over by Westwood.
Cuellar did enough to prevent Suarez converting Enrique's inviting cross before the Uruguayan was off target with a fierce drive, and Westwood produced another stop to turn over Kolo Toure's speculative effort.
The goal, though, finally arrived a minute from time. With Sunderland committing players forward in search of an equaliser, Mignolet found Suarez who in turn released Sturridge, with the England man then holding up play until his strike partner could arrive at the far post to finish with aplomb.
Welcome back, Luis.
MAN OF THE MATCH. Luis Suarez. His brace and overall performance shaded strike partner Daniel Sturridge to the award
SUNDERLAND (4-2-3-1): Westwood; Gardner, O'Shea, Cuellar, Colback; Ki, Cattermole (Celustka 74); Giaccherini, Larsson (Mavrias 85), Johnson; Altidore. Subs: Mannone, Wickham, Ba, Ji, Roberge. BOOKINGS: Giaccherini and Colback (both fouls).
LIVERPOOL (3-4-1-2): Mignolet; Toure, Skrtel, Sakho; Henderson, Lucas, Gerrard, Enrique; Moses (Sterling 75); Sturridge, Suarez. Subs: Jones, Agger, Aspas, Ilori, Ibe, Wisdom. BOOKING: Lucas (foul).
REFEREE: Howard Webb.
ATT: 41,415.

Sunderland Echo

Sunderland's tough task to turn the tide

KEVIN Ball took his players for a stroll on Seaburn beach before yesterday's game: "to meet the people they would be playing for." It was sound and helpful psychology for a squad newly-assembled this summer and drawn together from all corners of Europe. Certainly, Sunderland played with a purpose against Liverpool which suggested they knew how much it meant to play for the shirt.
But they could have been forgiven if they felt the sands shifting beneath their feet, for the Premier League table makes depressing viewing today – one point taken from 18 and, with Manchester United up next, the odds strong it will be one from 21. This is the sort of statistical cliff face that teams struggle to overcome, even at this early stage of the season.
The worst Premier League team in Sunderland's history – Mick McCarthy's 15-pointers – took four points from their first 21 in the 2005-06 season!
This current team is better than that, we should remind ourselves.
Much, much better. But the worrying statistics were there even before kick-off yesterday – Sunderland having won only three games against Liverpool in 24 Premier League meetings (and one of those wins was beachball-assisted).
There was also the small matter of Luis Suarez's record of better than a goal a game against Sunderland and the fact that his strike partner Daniel Sturridge had scored seven times in his last four away league games for a Reds side undefeated on the road in the league this season. These were hardly the numbers to give encouragement to a side labouring under the most over-riding stat of all – that they are the only side without a win in the Premier League this season.
The game threw up a quirky stat of its own when both clubs named unchanged sides – such a rarity for Premier League clubs. For Sunderland, that meant Emanuele Giaccherini becoming part of an orthodox five-man midfield on the left wing, with Lee Cattermole continuing in central midfield alongside Ki Sung-Yeung and Seb Larsson. For Liverpool, it saw former Sunderland stars Simon Mignolet and Jordan Henderson included in the starting XI, while Suarez made his league return from a 10-game ban for biting Chelsea's Branislav Ivanovic back in April.
The Uruguayan threatened to grab the headlines immediately when he out-muscled Larsson in the fourth minute and rifled off a shot from 25 yards which swerved off to the right of goal.
But Sunderland settled – Giaccherini's cross from the left dipped close to Mignolet's goal, Adam Johnson won a free-kick just outside Liverpool's 18-yard-box, Larsson followed that up with a corner – and it was beginning to look as though the hosts were getting themselves in the game when Lee Cattermole brought down Sturridge in the Black Cats' "D" in the ninth minute.
It was perfect Steven Gerrard territory and the Liverpool skipper did not disappoint, producing a rasping drive beyond the wall, only for Westwood to make an equally high-quality save, one-handed, diving to his left. Martin Skrtel followed up to clip the ball home, but the flag was rightly up for offside and that let-off seemed to inspire Sunderland, who put the visitors under real pressure in the minutes that followed.
Apart from the occasional scare from the ever-dangerous Suarez, Sunderland looked reasonably comfortable and, in the 23rd minute, almost got the breakthrough when Giaccherini was brought down by Lucas.
Larsson stepped up to curl a right-foot shot, 25 yards out from the left of goal, against Mignolet's crossbar with the keeper beaten – a reminder that, in football, failure can be measured in fractions. Liverpool were being forced to play on the counter-attack, with Sunderland on the front foot. But few teams are better suited to play that way than Liverpool these days and, in the 25th minute, they threatened when Gerrard's low cross from the right was blocked out by John O'Shea to Victor Moses, whose rising shot flashed over the bar.
Despite that chance, Sunderland could have been delighted with their efforts up to that point – which only made Liverpool's opening goal all the more crushing, coming as it did off Sturridge's elbow. Gerrard's deep-hit corner from the left in the 28th minute was delivered with trademark power and dip and was not well-defended by Sunderland as it flashed across the six-yard box and found Sturridge, at the far post, who turned the ball goalwards. Westwood and Larsson, on the line, were unable to prevent the goal, but it should never have stood, because it was actually a foul. If you wanted to be fair to the officials, you would say that the incident happened at such speed that Sunderland players themselves did not universally appeal. But – like referee Martin Atkinson's howler against Arsenal which saw a perfectly legitimate Jozy Altidore goal disallowed – it was typical of Sunderland's luck that neither Howard Webb nor his linesman should spot the injustice. The officials did not cover themselves in glory a couple of minutes later either when, from a Sunderland attack, they failed to spot a back-pass from Kolo Toure to Mignolet inside the six-yard box.
Sunderland continued to be good value in the minutes that followed, pressing hard, although they had little to show for it apart from a Ki shot wide in the 34th minute. But a couple of minutes later Sunderland were 2-0 down when a wonderful, diagonal long ball from Gerrard, deep in his own half, reached Sturridge wide on the right in a perfect counter-attacking position.
Carlos Cuellar came across to cover and was pushed back to the 18-yard box by the England striker, who then dropped a shoulder, sprinted towards the touchline and played the ball across goal for the unmarked Suarez to tap in at the far post from a yard out.
It was tough to take for Sunderland, but their heads did not drop and their spirit did not flicker – they knew they had played some good stuff, with Giaccherini a livewire, Ki a playmaker and Cattermole a driving force.
They were given hope in the 38th minute when Toure handled from Giaccherini's touch, but Gardner's free-kick was blocked out for a corner and the home team got nothing from Larsson's flag-kick. Then they might have thrown themselves a lifeline when Cattermole produced an innovative ball over the top in the 44th minute which reached Gardner just ahead of the Liverpool defence, with the flag staying down. But the Brummie's instinctive touch lacked power and Mignolet spread himself well to block the left-foot shot.
Johnson started the second half the way he had ended the first, with a powerful shot wide of the target. And it was clear, at that point, that Sunderland needed to be better in their finishing; needed to be getting their shots on target if they were to have any hope of prospering. In the 48th minute, they did just that and, from that bit of accuracy, they got a goal. Ki worked himself an opening from range directly in front of goal and though Mignolet managed to parry the low and powerful shot, the alert Giaccherini nipped in to clip the ball home.
The 40,000-plus crowd lifted the roof with hope and that noise would undoubtedly have been topped a couple of minutes later when Gardner unleashed a powerful 25-yarder which was flying into the bottom corner before Mignolet dived to his right and managed to bundle it around the post.
It was the sort of save Sunderland fans saw all too often last season to lift their hopes. This time it would break their hearts.
The ghosts of Sunderland's immediate past are returning to haunt the club and doing so in record time – newly-sold Stephane Sessegnon turning the screw in the Black Cats' last outing; Mignolet producing the critical save this time around.
Sunderland never quite managed to go as close again, though Altidore stung the gloves of Mignolet with a long-range 62nd-minute effort and a Larsson free-kick punted into the box from distance a minute later tested the Liverpool keeper's alertness. Liverpool had had their half-chances up to the hour – Gerrard and Suarez might easily have got a goal on another day with snapshots in the box – but, in the 66th minute, it took a great save from Westwood to deny a rising shot from Moses which he tipped over the bar. A minute later, the keeper was almost deceived by a Moses cross from the left which went close to sneaking in at the far post. Sunderland replied with a raking centre from Gardner which was headed out for a corner in the 68th minute, but in the last 20 minutes, Sunderland looked spent, particularly in midfield where Ki, Larsson and Cattermole looked to have all but run themselves out. Cattermole was replaced by Ondrej Celustka in the 74th minute; Larsson by Mavrias in the 85th and they kept on going but without producing a final goal threat. Sunderland had spent much of the second half camped out in Liverpool's half, but the most genuinely dangerous attack in the latter stages came from defender Kolo Toure, who advanced in the 78th minute and produced a shot which Westwood once again needed to tip over his bar.
With only one goal separating the two sides, Sunderland continued to live in hope, but that hope was extinguished in the 89th minute when Suarez got his second of the game, Liverpool's third, thanks to a flawless counter-attack.
Sunderland had won a late corner, but Johnson's centre from the right – as it had been for so much of the afternoon – was poor.
Mignolet picked up possession and flung the ball out to Suarez, on the right, who

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drove it diagonally to Sturridge, on the left.
He got to the six-yard box before pulling the ball back perfectly for his strike partner, who had continued his run and swept the ball home with an imperious finish.
It put the seal on the Black Cats' fourth successive league defeat – all coming with the opposition netting three times.
Sunderland's day had started with a walk along the beach.
It had ended with them stranded in deep water.
And with the Red Devils up next, despite their early-season troubles, the incoming tide does not look like ebbing anytime soon.

BBC

Luis Suarez marked his Premier League return with two goals as Liverpool beat Sunderland to go second in the table.
Playing in the league for the first time since 21 April after a 10-match ban for biting, Suarez twice tapped in after being set up by Daniel Sturridge.
Sturridge put Liverpool ahead at the Stadium of Light with a close-range effort that appeared to hit his arm.
Emanuele Giaccherini pulled one back for Sunderland in between the Suarez efforts, but the visitors held on.
At 2-1 the Reds would have sat third behind Tottenham on goal difference, but the Uruguayan's late third lifts them a place higher.
Suarez made his comeback in Liverpool's League Cup defeat by Manchester United in midweek, but this was his first Premier League game of the season - and he formed a lethal partnership with Sturridge.
Sunderland v Liverpool stats
The pair condemned Sunderland to a fifth defeat of the campaign and, as the only top-flight club without a league win, they remain bottom of the table.
But the Black Cats, under caretaker manager Kevin Ball's guidance following the sacking of Paolo di Canio, showed signs of improvement and had their most shots in a league game (23) since December 2011.
Ball's men showed predictable energy and desire in the early stages, passing and moving with confidence and posing a threat going forward.
But for all of their positive play, the hosts lacked pace and cutting edge in the final third and looked vulnerable on the counter-attack.
Suarez threatened with an early drive before Martin Skrtel's strike was disallowed for offside after a Steven Gerrard free-kick was parried.
Sunderland replied with a Sebastian Larsson set-piece that struck the bar, but Liverpool's pressure told when an unmarked Sturridge converted Gerrard's corner from close range. Replays showed the ball went in off his arm, but the goal was allowed to stand by referee Howard Webb.
It was a blow that silenced the home supporters - and Sunderland's afternoon took another turn for the worse as Liverpool hit a second.
Sturridge collected Gerrard's brilliant cross-field pass with a stunning piece of control, eased past Carlos Cuellar and squared for Suarez to roll home a sixth goal in as many Premier League appearances against Sunderland.
The Black Cats worked hard to reduce the deficit before half-time and Craig Gardner, from what seemed an offside position, had a volley well saved by Simon Mignolet before Adam Johnson fired narrowly over.
Sunderland carried that momentum into the second half as Mignolet spilled Ki sung-Yong's drive to Giaccherini for a routine finish.
Liverpool's earlier fluency was now absent and their opponents almost struck again when a deflected effort from Gardner was tipped to safety.
With Sunderland pressing for an equaliser and Liverpool attempting to secure a third, play became stretched and Jozy Altidore tested Mignolet before Moses, Suarez and Kolo Toure went close.
However, the points were sealed as Suarez led a breakaway, fed Sturridge and then took his return pass to fire into an unguarded net.

BBC

90:00+3:33Full time The referee ends the match.
90:00+1:43 Adam Johnson takes the chance to get an effort at goal and missed to the left of the net.
90:00+1:39 Clearance by Jordan Henderson.
90:00+1:35 Corner from the left by-line taken by Emanuele Giaccherini.
90:00+1:22 Jordan Henderson manages to make a clearance.
90:00+1:20 Emanuele Giaccherini sends in a cross.
90:00+1:10 Raheem Sterling manages to make a clearance.
90:00+0:41 Mamadou Sakho manages to make a clearance.
90:00+0:24 Kolo Toure makes a clearance.
89:49 Emanuele Giaccherini takes a shot and missed to the left of the net.
89:49 Raheem Sterling makes a clearance.
88:24 Daniel Sturridge provided the assist for the goal.
88:24Goal scored Goal! - Luis Suarez - Sunderland 1 - 3 LiverpoolLuis Suarez scores with their left foot. Sunderland 1-3 Liverpool.
88:05 Corner from the right by-line taken by Adam Johnson.
87:46 Simon Mignolet manages to make a clearance.
87:45 Steven Gerrard manages to make a clearance.
87:41 The ball is sent over by Emanuele Giaccherini.
87:28 Steven Gerrard manages to make a clearance.
87:25 The ball is delivered by Adam Johnson.
86:59 Clearance made by John O'Shea.
86:58 The ball is delivered by Raheem Sterling.
86:46 Simon Mignolet restarts play with the free kick.
86:28 The referee blows for offside.
86:15 Sung-Yeung Ki takes the free kick.
86:06 Unfair challenge on Sung-Yeung Ki by Luis Suarez results in a free kick.
85:33 Carlos Cuellar makes a clearance.
85:28 Simon Mignolet restarts play with the free kick.
85:01 Raheem Sterling fouled by Craig Gardner, the ref awards a free kick.
84:28 Martin Skrtel takes the free kick.
84:13Substitution SubstitutionCharis Mavrias joins the action as a substitute, replacing Sebastian Larsson.
83:57 Free kick awarded for an unfair challenge on Mamadou Sakho by Jozy Altidore.
83:27 The ball is delivered by Adam Johnson.
83:15 Clearance made by Jordan Henderson.
83:13 Shot by Sung-Yeung Ki. Sanchez Jose Enrique gets a block in.
82:46 Corner from the right by-line taken by Adam Johnson.
82:34 Clearance by Leiva Lucas.
82:32 Ondrej Celustka delivers the ball.
82:15 Carlos Cuellar restarts play with the free kick.
81:59 Leiva Lucas is booked.
81:59Booking
81:51 Leiva Lucas gives away a free kick for an unfair challenge on Emanuele Giaccherini.
81:02 The ball is crossed by Ondrej Celustka.
80:23 Carlos Cuellar manages to make a clearance.
80:05 Steven Gerrard restarts play with the free kick.
79:25 Jack Colback goes into the referee's book.
79:25Booking
79:21 Free kick awarded for a foul by Jack Colback on Raheem Sterling.
79:11 Clearance by Kolo Toure.
79:09 Ondrej Celustka delivers the ball.
78:19 Clearance made by Carlos Cuellar.
78:17 Corner taken by Jordan Henderson from the right by-line.
77:47 Kolo Toure takes a brilliant shot. A parry by Keiren Westwood prevents the goal.
77:07 Clearance by Jack Colback.
77:05 A cross is delivered by Sanchez Jose Enrique.
75:58 Carlos Cuellar restarts play with the free kick.
75:46 Jordan Henderson challenges Sebastian Larsson unfairly and gives away a free kick.
75:12 Free kick taken by Martin Skrtel.
75:01 Jozy Altidore is adjudged to have handled the ball.
74:39 Martin Skrtel makes a clearance.
74:23Substitution SubstitutionRaheem Sterling comes on in place of Victor Moses.
73:48Substitution SubstitutionLee Cattermole leaves the field to be replaced by Ondrej Celustka.
73:04 Luis Suarez takes a shot and went wide right of the goal.
73:02 Luis Suarez takes a shot. Lee Cattermole gets a block in.
73:00 Steven Gerrard has an effort at goal and missed to the left of the net.
72:58 The ball is swung over by Jordan Henderson.
72:12 The ball is crossed by Adam Johnson.
71:55 Kolo Toure manages to make a clearance.
71:41 Clearance by Carlos Cuellar.
71:34 The ball is delivered by Sanchez Jose Enrique.
69:03 Clearance by Lee Cattermole.
68:55 Corner taken by Adam Johnson.
68:40 Martin Skrtel manages to make a clearance.
68:38 Craig Gardner crosses the ball.
68:31 Lee Cattermole takes the free kick.
68:20 Foul by Leiva Lucas on Jozy Altidore, free kick awarded.
67:30 Clearance made by Jordan Henderson.
67:29 The ball is swung over by Emanuele Giaccherini.
66:47 A cross is delivered by Victor Moses.
66:35 Clearance made by Adam Johnson.
66:33 Corner taken by Luis Suarez from the left by-line.
65:59 Victor Moses takes a shot. Keiren Westwood parries the effort to safety.
65:50 Luis Suarez crosses the ball in from the free kick.
64:54 Free kick awarded for a foul by Jack Colback on Daniel Sturridge.
64:30 Clearance made by Carlos Cuellar.
64:30 The ball is crossed by Jordan Henderson.
64:25 Sanchez Jose Enrique crosses the ball.
63:16 Steven Gerrard makes a clearance.
63:12 Free kick taken by Sebastian Larsson.
62:25 Free kick awarded for an unfair challenge on Lee Cattermole by Victor Moses.
61:41 Jozy Altidore takes the chance to get an effort at goal. A parry by Simon Mignolet prevents the goal.
60:12 Craig Gardner manages to make a clearance.
59:35 Craig Gardner makes a clearance.
59:27 Mamadou Sakho takes the free kick.
58:53 Emanuele Giaccherini booked for unsporting behaviour.
58:53Booking
58:46 Emanuele Giaccherini concedes a free kick for a foul on Martin Skrtel.
58:18 Sung-Yeung Ki takes the free kick.
58:06 Martin Skrtel challenges Jozy Altidore unfairly and gives away a free kick.
57:56 Steven Gerrard has an effort at goal. Blocked by John O'Shea.
57:53 John O'Shea manages to make a clearance.
57:52 Jordan Henderson delivers the ball.

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57:49 John O'Shea makes a clearance.
57:48 The ball is sent over by Luis Suarez.
57:02 John O'Shea makes a clearance.
57:02 The ball is crossed by Jordan Henderson.
56:28 Carlos Cuellar makes a clearance.
56:27 The ball is crossed by Jordan Henderson.
56:25 Carlos Cuellar makes a clearance.
56:24 Clearance by Adam Johnson.
56:20 Victor Moses takes a brilliant shot. Carlos Cuellar gets a block in.
56:13 Clearance made by Carlos Cuellar.
56:10 Simon Mignolet takes the free kick.
55:43 The assistant referee signals for offside against Emanuele Giaccherini
54:24 Clearance by Luis Suarez.
54:21 Clearance by Mamadou Sakho.
54:19 Corner taken by Sebastian Larsson.
53:51 Craig Gardner takes a shot. Simon Mignolet parries the ball away.
53:47 Clearance made by Steven Gerrard.
53:46 Adam Johnson sends in a cross.
53:06 A cross is delivered by Steven Gerrard.
53:00 Clearance by Jack Colback.
52:55 Clearance made by Martin Skrtel.
52:17 Centre by Jordan Henderson.
51:30Goal scored Goal! - Emanuele Giaccherini - Sunderland 1 - 2 LiverpoolEmanuele Giaccherini grabs a goal with a left foot finish. Sunderland 1-2 Liverpool.
51:28 Shot by Sung-Yeung Ki. Parried by Simon Mignolet back into danger.
51:04 Adam Johnson takes a shot and missed to the right of the net.
50:59 Jordan Henderson manages to make a clearance.
50:56 Clearance made by Martin Skrtel.
50:55 The ball is swung over by Sung-Yeung Ki.
50:50 Leiva Lucas manages to make a clearance.
50:49 Martin Skrtel makes a clearance.
50:48 The ball is crossed by Jack Colback.
48:15 Luis Suarez takes a shot and went wide left of the goal.
48:14 Clearance made by Jozy Altidore.
48:09 Corner taken by Steven Gerrard from the left by-line.
47:39 Luis Suarez takes the chance to get an effort at goal. Blocked by John O'Shea.
46:42 Clearance by Jordan Henderson.
46:40 Mamadou Sakho manages to make a clearance.
46:39 Emanuele Giaccherini has an effort at goal and missed to the right of the net.
46:37 Clearance made by Kolo Toure.
46:35 Craig Gardner produces a cross.
46:08 Clearance by Carlos Cuellar.
45:55 Clearance by Mamadou Sakho.
45:50 Jack Colback restarts play with the free kick.
45:28 Jordan Henderson challenges Carlos Cuellar unfairly and gives away a free kick.
45:01 The second half kicks off.
45:00+2:20Half time The referee calls an end to the first half.
45:00+1:41 Clearance made by Steven Gerrard.
45:00+1:35 Shot by Sebastian Larsson. Steven Gerrard gets a block in.
45:00+1:16 A cross is delivered by Jordan Henderson.
45:00+1:03 Clearance made by Jack Colback.
45:00+0:28 Mamadou Sakho makes a clearance.
44:22 Adam Johnson takes a shot and cleared the goal.
44:15 Kolo Toure makes a clearance.
44:12 Corner taken by Sebastian Larsson.
43:43 Craig Gardner has an effort at goal. Simon Mignolet parries the ball but the danger is not over.
42:12 Adam Johnson produces a cross.
41:47 Mamadou Sakho makes a clearance.
41:43 Clearance by Martin Skrtel.
41:35 John O'Shea manages to make a clearance.
40:53 Clearance by Martin Skrtel.
40:44 Kolo Toure makes a clearance.
39:38 Clearance by Martin Skrtel.
39:05 Corner taken by Sebastian Larsson.
38:28 Craig Gardner takes a shot. Blocked by Victor Moses.
38:27 Free kick taken by Sebastian Larsson.
37:17 The referee gives a free kick against Mamadou Sakho for handball.
35:42 Assist by Daniel Sturridge.
35:42Goal scored Goal! - Luis Suarez - Sunderland 0 - 2 LiverpoolLuis Suarez scores a right footed goal. Sunderland 0-2 Liverpool.
34:51 Sung-Yeung Ki has an effort at goal and missed to the left of the net.
34:49 Martin Skrtel makes a clearance.
34:24 Steven Gerrard makes a clearance.
34:23 A cross is delivered by John O'Shea.
34:16 Corner taken by Adam Johnson.
33:57 Sanchez Jose Enrique manages to make a clearance.
33:56 Craig Gardner sends in a cross.
33:15 Kolo Toure manages to make a clearance.
33:10 Sebastian Larsson takes a shot. Blocked by Mamadou Sakho.
32:11 Corner taken by Steven Gerrard from the left by-line.
31:40 The ball is delivered by Jordan Henderson.
31:00 The ball is delivered by Carlos Cuellar.
30:38 Clearance by Kolo Toure.
30:32 Corner taken by Sebastian Larsson.
30:13 Leiva Lucas manages to make a clearance.
30:11 The ball is crossed by Sebastian Larsson.
29:19 Header at goal by John O'Shea misses to the right.
29:17 Corner from the right by-line taken by Adam Johnson.
27:20 The assist for the goal came from Steven Gerrard.
27:20Goal scored Goal! - Daniel Sturridge - Sunderland 0 - 1 LiverpoolDaniel Sturridge grabs a goal. Sunderland 0-1 Liverpool.
27:17 Corner taken by Steven Gerrard.
26:56 Centre by Sanchez Jose Enrique.
26:56 Craig Gardner manages to make a clearance.
25:42 Victor Moses takes a shot and cleared the bar.
25:41 John O'Shea makes a clearance.
25:38 The ball is delivered by Jordan Henderson.
25:24 Jack Colback takes the free kick.
24:49 Martin Skrtel challenges Jozy Altidore unfairly and gives away a free kick.
24:18 Martin Skrtel manages to make a clearance.
23:26 Shot by Jozy Altidore. Blocked by Mamadou Sakho.
23:20 Sebastian Larsson has a direct shot on goal from the free kick which hits the bar.
22:04 Emanuele Giaccherini fouled by Leiva Lucas, the ref awards a free kick.
20:51 Clearance by Martin Skrtel.
19:41 Sung-Yeung Ki takes a shot and went wide of the left-hand post.
19:16 Corner taken by Steven Gerrard from the right by-line.
18:52 Clearance made by Carlos Cuellar.
18:51 Centre by Jordan Henderson.
18:21 Martin Skrtel restarts play with the free kick.
18:03 The referee blows for offside against Jozy Altidore.
17:48 Mamadou Sakho restarts play with the free kick.
17:27 Craig Gardner challenges Sanchez Jose Enrique unfairly and gives away a free kick.
17:22 Kolo Toure takes the free kick.
17:17 Lee Cattermole gives away a free kick for an unfair challenge on Victor Moses.
14:18 Carlos Cuellar makes a clearance.
14:16 Corner taken by Luis Suarez.
13:41 Craig Gardner makes a clearance.
13:40 Jordan Henderson crosses the ball.
13:04 Clearance made by Leiva Lucas.
13:03 The ball is sent over by Craig Gardner.
12:47 Jozy Altidore takes a shot. Blocked by Martin Skrtel.
12:30 Simon Mignolet takes the free kick.
12:05 Jozy Altidore is ruled offside.
12:00 Shot by Craig Gardner went wide of the right-hand post.
11:58 Sanchez Jose Enrique manages to make a clearance.
11:55 Emanuele Giaccherini takes a shot. Kolo Toure gets a block in.
11:32 Clearance made by Kolo Toure.
11:31 A cross is delivered by Jack Colback.
11:14 Clearance by Martin Skrtel.
11:12 Emanuele Giaccherini delivers the ball.
9:58 Adam Johnson takes a shot and missed to the right of the goal.
9:47 Mamadou Sakho manages to make a clearance.
9:20 Kolo Toure manages to make a clearance.
9:17 Keiren Westwood restarts play with the free kick.
8:47 The offside flag is raised against Martin Skrtel.
8:42 Direct effort from the free kick comes in from Steven Gerrard. Keiren Westwood fumbles the ball.
7:47 Lee Cattermole gives away a free kick for an unfair challenge on Daniel Sturridge.
7:30 Clearance by John O'Shea.
7:29 The ball is swung over by Sanchez Jose Enrique.
6:29 Clearance made by Kolo Toure.
6:28 A cross is delivered by Sung-Yeung Ki.
5:54 Jozy Altidore delivers the ball.
5:29 Clearance by Sanchez Jose Enrique.
5:25 Leiva Lucas makes a clearance.
5:23 Adam Johnson crosses the ball in from the free kick.
4:35 Free kick awarded for a foul by Sanchez Jose Enrique on Adam Johnson.
4:31 Clearance made by Sanchez Jose Enrique.
4:30 The ball is crossed by Emanuele Giaccherini.
3:50 Shot by Luis Suarez missed to the right of the target.
3:32 Corner taken by Steven Gerrard from the right by-line.
3:08 Clearance made by Carlos Cuellar.
3:07 The ball is delivered by Steven Gerrard.
2:49 Clearance made by Sanchez Jose Enrique.
2:46 Centre by Jack Colback.
0:32 The ball is sent over by Craig Gardner.
0:08 Clearance by Mamadou Sakho.
0:00 The game begins.

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