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Suarez reduced to hard labour in Hazard county

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Jose Mourinho continues to talk up Manchester City as champions elect, but no one in the Barclays Premier League will rest easy with Chelsea two points off the top at the halfway stage. While the Special One's second coming remains a work in progress, Mourinho has established sound foundations at fortress Stamford Bridge.

For all the growing pains and repeated references to a squad in transition, Mourinho has his players where he wants them, as was demonstrated by an impressive victory secured by Chelsea's most complete performance of the season. Eden Hazard and Samuel Eto'o finished off two excellent passing moves with elan to score wonderful goals, but of greater significance was the tenacity and resilience of their team-mates, who defended so well as a collective unit that Luis Suarez was strangely subdued.

Much of the talk afterwards centred on the return of Suarez's supposed wild side, but other than his late tangle with Eto'o that should have yielded a penalty for Liverpool, the most notable aspect of the Uruguayan's afternoon was his anonymity. John Terry and Gary Cahill encapsulated Chelsea's spirit by doing a magnificent tag-team job on Suarez, who has failed to score in the past two matches, which by his standards is a drought of Biblical proportions. Terry was magnificent on his 600th appearance for Chelsea, and Roy Hodgson must wish that he could call upon him to tackle Suarez in Brazil next summer.

Liverpool looked lively enough in other areas, particularly when Raheem Sterling and Philippe Coutinho were given licence to attack on the flanks, but they lacked a cutting edge and successive defeats over a testing Christmas period may have given Brendan Rodgers a reality check. For all the excited talk of a tilt at the title, beating local rivals Everton and Manchester United to the fourth Champions League place may be a more realistic ambition.

Chelsea's greatest strength remains the self-belief and commitment first instilled by Mourinho a decade ago, which ensured that they did not flinch after falling behind in the third minute, but they are also blessed with a number of wonderfully gifted individuals capable of winning any game in an instant. Hazard was the most prominent of Chelsea's revolving cast of Three Amigos yesterday, but Willian and Oscar also impressed, the Brazilians playing a role in both goals. The most notable aspect of Mourinho's second spell with Chelsea has been his insistence that even the club's star artists must graft like artisans. Hazard, in particular, has transformed the languid and rather fitful playing style that characterised his first season in England, as Mourinho acknowledged.

"He's changing," Mourinho said. "He was a very talented player, but a kid just enjoying football in a funny way. Now he understands responsibilities and that football is not just about getting the ball and playing like he did when he was 13 or 14 in the street."

Not even Mourinho has been able to correct Chelsea's occasionally haphazard defending, however, and they remain vulnerable to set-pieces, which Liverpool exploited to take an early lead. Rodgers was justified in complaining about Eto'o not being booked for a studs-up challenge on Jordan Henderson, but Chelsea were punished from the subsequent free kick, with Suarez first to Coutinho's delivery and volleying it on to Martin Skrtel, who side-footed the ball past Petr Cech. If Chelsea seemed shell-shocked, their response was impressive, Mourinho's clear instructions to play with pace and intensity being followed to the letter. Hazard should have won a penalty in the eleventh minute when he was fouled by Lucas, while Simon Mignolet was also busy in goal, making smart saves from the Belgian and Frank Lampard.

Mignolet could have done better with both of Chelsea's goals, however, which changed the course of the game midway through the first half. Hazard began and finished the first in the seventeenth minute, initiating the move with an elegant turn in his own half before passing to Willian, who quickly handed possession on to Oscar. After an incisive run through the middle, Oscar attempted to return the favour to his compatriot, but his pass was blocked by Mamadou Sakho and the ball fell to Hazard, who hit it first time to beat Mignolet with a magnificent strike from 25 yards. Chelsea's second goal in the 34th minute was just as eye-catching, their quick passing and movement being reminiscent of Arsenal at their best. Willian's ball released Cesar Azpilicueta and he crossed from the right towards Oscar. The Brazilian's footwork was too quick for Daniel Agger and Sakho and he slipped the ball between the French defender's legs, Eto'o nipping ahead of Mignolet to slide the ball in.

Liverpool were equally resilient after falling behind, although they faded after Sakho headed on to the bar from Jordan Henderson's creative chip in the 52nd minute. Chelsea should have put the game to bed a minute later, but Eto'o shot straight at Mignolet after being released one-on-one by Hazard and the Cameroon striker was also involved in the game's big flashpoint with seven minutes remaining.

Azpilicueta had overpowered Suarez legitimately in the penalty area, but Eto'o crossed the line of legality, making contact with his opponent's thigh after the ball had long gone.

The ensuing controversy ensured a sour end to a thrilling spectacle, but having taken the points, Mourinho was not complaining.

the guardian

Chelsea charge on as Hazard proves handful too much

Jose Mourinho had turned to the East stand as this contest lurched towards its conclusion and, arms aloft, beseeched the home support to whip up one last roar to haul the team over the line. Within seconds his gesture was repeated in celebration. Liverpool, one of the more eye-catching contenders in this season's title race, had been beaten to inject proper conviction into Chelsea's own challenge. The Portuguese's reaction betrayed the significance of the result.

The first chink of light has been spotted between the top three and the chasing pack, a three-point gap chiselled out between Mourinho's team and fourth-placed Everton to suggest a massed scramble towards the summit is thinning out. Liverpool, a point behind their Merseyside neighbours, will hope to come again and can draw real encouragement from their displays even in defeat at the Etihad and Stamford Bridge but those at the top will likewise hope they are shrugging themselves clear. "A big win, a big opponent, a big match," said Mourinho. It was the kind of contest to get the juices flowing.

In the end, perhaps inevitably, it was also laced with controversy. Brendan Rodgers had reason to denounce Samuel Eto'o's first-minute foul on Jordan Henderson, the striker raking his studs down his opponent's right shin and escaping a card of any sort. Though Liverpool scored from the free-kick that followed, they would have been taking on 10 men for 89 minutes had the offence been properly penalised. Their other gripe centred, inevitably, on Luis Suarez as Eto'o appeared to shoulder barge him off the ball and inside the penalty area seven minutes from time. Rodgers and Mourinho, once apprentice and mentor in these surroundings, could only agree to disagree, though in the circumstances it was perhaps inevitable that Eto'o's contribution would ultimately be remembered for the winner.

Chelsea had their own non-award to bemoan, Lucas Leiva appearing to floor the live-wire Eden Hazard 11 minutes in, yet the revival of the old Mourinho versus Merseyside rivalry should not boil down to perceived oversights by the overworked referee. This was combustible, breathless and blisteringly competitive and therefore enthralling to behold.

While Liverpool seemed stretched by cruel successive away fixtures, Chelsea arguably mustered some of their finest attacking football of the campaign through that ferocious opening period. Their forays forward were slick and conducted at pace, Oscar and Willian rapid in pouring upfield while Hazard, the team's player of the moment, orchestrated it all.

The Belgian has been untouchable in recent weeks. He has learned from the error of his ways after missing a training session following a brief trip back to Lille to watch his former club and has been resurgent since. He started the move which created Chelsea's equaliser, shifting the ball from midfield to Willian before Oscar took up possession and bolted into enemy territory. Liverpool defenders backed off, with the Brazilian's intended pass for Eto'o rebounding from Mamadou Sakho and back across the edge of the area.

Hazard, his run unchecked, dispatched it first time, all whip and bend, with Simon Mignolet helpless and beaten. "The kid is changing," said Mourinho of the pounds 32m signing he inherited. "Before he was a very talented player but was a bit . . . not lazy, but a kid enjoying football just in a funny way. Now he understands responsibilities."

That was his 10th goal this season, a tally that has eased some of the pressure on Chelsea's blunt strikers, though this would eventually be decided by one of their number. David Luiz and Cesar Azpilicueta combined for Oscar to gather, his initial touch appearing to strike Sakho's arm. The crowd's appeals for handball went ignored, the playmaker regathering and turning the centre-half to square for Eto'o, granted too much space by Martin Skrtel, to convert. Mignolet should have done better.

The festive period has been unforgiving for Liverpool. They sat top of the pile on Christmas Day, rightly satisfied by their campaign and with Suarez signed up to a new contract, and yet, after the first successive league defeats of Rodgers' tenure, now languish fifth and outside the Champions League places.

That is sobering enough, even without Sakho (hamstring) and Joe Allen (groin) now injured and surely absent for the foreseeable future. And yet, as Rodgers pointed out, there was still promise to be picked up from each of their defeats over the past week, whether in the bite to the attacks summoned by Suarez, Coutinho and Henderson or the excellence - that second goal aside - of Mignolet in denying Chelsea further reward.

They had led early, Coutinho delivering viciously towards the near post, where Suarez and Branislav Ivanovic tumbled as they wrestled to connect and the ball struck the Serb and wrong-footed Petr Cech in the process. Skrtel, alone in front of a gaping goal, could not believe his luck. Yet that is where their good fortune ran out. Sakho looped a header on to the bar from Henderson's delivery before that late penalty appeal signalled the end. This was not to be their day. It is Chelsea who go tearing into the new year.

Man of the match Eden Hazard (Chelsea)

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JOSE'S ON THE CHARGE; Chelsea boss spoiling for title fight as Eto'o takes down Liverpool

SO, THAT is Liverpool and Manchester City beaten at home, Manchester United, Tottenham and Arsenal equalled away. And Jose Mourinho is not on course for the title in his first year back in England, why exactly? Oh yes, the practical option remains Manchester City, the romantic's favour Arsenal and the true dreamers think Everton may have an outside chance, but nestling in the heart of that top four are Chelsea and yesterday they made their most emphatic statement of the season. The 40 minutes that followed Liverpool's jolt of an opening goal here brought arguably the best football Chelsea have played since Mourinho's return and if Roman Abramovich can supplement what is already an impressively deep squad in the transfer window, who knows what the second half of the campaign will bring? The popular wisdom is that only United's squad know how to win a title over the long haul, but Chelsea have a fair few seasoned campaigners, too, and against Liverpool many of them turned in the level of performance that will be required to kick on towards May. John Terry was immense in defence on his 600th appearance for the club, so too his partner Gary Cahill. Ashley Cole was introduced after 30 minutes in place of the injured Branislav Ivanovic and was as reliable as the day he first stepped out as a Chelsea player. Cesar Azpilicueta switched fullback positions, and coped superbly; Petr Cech was unflappable. Yet it would give the wrong impression to suggest this was a victory based on stoic resistance. Chelsea won the game in the first half when, rocked by a Martin Skrtel goal after three minutes, they regrouped to play Liverpool off the park until half-time. It was not that Brendan Rodgers's team were poor, more that Chelsea rose mightily to the occasion. Eden Hazard was exceptional, Willian and Oscar a wonderful supporting cast. This trio overwhelmed Liverpool in the high forward areas, with Lucas left surprisingly lonely and struggling to cope. Chelsea's two goals were thoroughly deserved and could have been supplemented by two more. Liverpool came back in the second half, but Mourinho's teams know nothing if not how to hold a lead. It brought the best out of Chelsea that they went behind so early. Samuel Eto'o hit Jordan Henderson at knee height and was lucky not to receive so much as a yellow card, but justice was done once Philippe Coutinho whipped his free-kick into the box. Ivanovic made a hash of dealing with Luis Suarez and only half stopped the ball, which fell to Skrtel with Cech already committed. Chelsea trailed from the first attack of the game.

The response was immediate. A free-kick from Frank Lampard was headed just wide by Cahill, Hazard had a penalty shout after being bundled over by Lucas and Lampard had a shot from the edge of the area tipped round by goalkeeper Simon Mignolet. After 18 minutes, however, Chelsea were level.

It was a move built around that nimble counter-attacking midfield three. Willian found Oscar, who drove forward before being tackled, the loose ball falling to Hazard. His instinctive reaction was stunning: a curling, first-time shot which eluded Mignolet and nestled in the corner of the net. Sixteen minutes later, Chelsea took the lead. David Luiz curled a sweet pass wide to Azpilicueta, whose cross found Oscar. Skrtel made an error dealing with the danger and the ball fell to Eto'o, who prodded it in. The striker is hardly a Stamford Bridge favourite, but his influence yesterday was vital. Not just the goal but another tough shift on his own against a robust back line. When he was replaced by Fernando Torres with four minutes remaining, Eto'o finally received the respect his diligence deserved. Despite Chelsea's defensive strengths, though, Liverpool were never out of this. It took a tremendously timed tackle from Cahill to ward off Allen in a good position in the first half, and Cech had to be at his best to keep out the same player after Cole had only half-blocked a cross from Raheem Sterling.

The visitors had the better of the second half in chasing the game, although they never got closer than in the 52nd minute, when a Mamadou Sakho header from Henderson's chip struck the bar. The rest was tame: a Suarez shot easily saved and another from Glen Johnson that proved more of a test. At the other end, Hazard put Eto'o through and he should have done more with a finish blasted at Mignolet. Torres cut inside from the right late on, but his attempt was ordinary, and his cameo role will be remembered more for the hamstring injury it inflicted on Sakho giving chase. The demands of this time of year will do that.

The greatest controversy in the second half came from two penalty claims by Suarez. Mourinho was contemptuous, but both had virtue, and the second in particular should have been given. Terry stopped the striker jumping for a high ball in the 64th minute, waved away by Howard Webb, and then with seven minutes remaining, Azpilicueta won the ball from the Uruguayan fairly, only for Eto'o to prevent him giving chase with blatant obstruction, bordering on a trip. It would appear Suarez is still paying the price for all those times he went to ground too easily and some will find that amusing, but it will be no laughing matter if one day a player whose talent is a gift to the Premier League tires of his weekly battering and departs. By the end, it was a familiar scene. Chelsea repelling all intruders, Liverpool's fans reduced to singing that song about history. It sounds so defeatist. Chelsea do have history, of course: three titles since Liverpool's last one, four FA Cups since Liverpool lifted the trophy, not forgetting that Champions League, the first won by a London club and arriving more recently than Liverpool's triumph in 2005. This is meant to be the season when that run changes but as 2013 draws to a close, the table shows Liverpool outside the top four again, behind even Everton. The margins are small and the club are going forward swiftly under Rodgers. but it is Chelsea and Mourinho who are more familiar with the

course and distance from here. Students of history know that on such occasions, the formbook tends to favour the master more than the apprentice.

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LIVERPOOL have not started a new year in the top four of the Premier League since 2009, when they were top on January 1.

The Daily Telegraph

Chelsea's turn to bite Liverpool
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Once again, Chelsea and Liverpool took a walk on the wild side. Once again, the rivalry spilt over. Samuel Eto'o, Oscar and Lucas could easily have been dismissed. But once again, there was some breathtaking football, much of it flowing from the marvellous Eden Hazard, vibrant in possession, diligent in tracking back and deservedly man of a thrilling match. Once the cordite cleared, and the injured Frank Lampard, Branislav Ivanovic, Mamadou Sakho and Joe Allen were being tended backstage, it was obvious that Chelsea have to be respected as title contenders under the inspirational Jose Mourinho.

Responding to Martin Skrtel's early goal, Chelsea played some of their best football of the season, a mix of the combative and the creative. John Terry, making his 600th appearance for the club, David Luiz and Willian pushed Hazard hard for the sponsors' honours. There was an intensity to Chelsea's football, a steel in central midfield and at the back, and a fluidity moving forward. Hunger too. Liverpool stir their blood. Once the smoke blew from the fray it was also very apparent that Liverpool's squad require strengthening. Brendan Rodgers had said that "we've built the house and now we have to decorate the inside" but there is still plenty of work to be done on the foundations first.

The defence needs bolstering. Further forward, Rodgers simply did not have sufficient options to change the game from the bench with Steven Gerrard and Daniel Sturridge injured and Victor Moses unable to play against his parent club. Rodgers even gave a debut to an Australian-born teenager with a Scouse accent called Brad Smith, a quick, muscular academy product who took up a position on the left but had little chance to show his potential. Mourinho was able to bring on Fernando Torres. As well as accepting the need for reinforcements in the January window, Liverpool left the Bridge angered by the raking by Eto'o on Jordan Henderson in the second minute. Eto'o brutal? Liverpool also lamented the reality of Luis Suarez's 'previous' working against him. Frustrated by some rough treatment by Chelsea players, Suarez looked briefly to Howard Webb for succour but then lifted his gaze to the heavens. Chelsea supporters will simply dismiss Suarez's complaints as a case of the biter bit but the Uruguayan, who sunk his teeth into Ivanovic the last time the sides met, had legitimate grievance. He felt he was brought down by Terry, clattered by Gary Cahill and then patently obstructed by Eto'o. He had no joy from either Webb or Chelsea's defence. Rodgers inevitably defended his No7, but also could take some pride that his team pushed Chelsea so close, just as they had alarmed Manchester City before losing on Boxing Day. The painful fact for Liverpool remains that they were top at Christmas but have tumbled out of the top four going into the new year.

This continues to be the season of twists and turns in the Premier League title race, with no team able to pull away from the pack. Arsenal's resilience at in-form Newcastle United guaranteed them the No1 position heading into 2014. City's narrow victory over Crystal Palace showed they can win ugly at home as well as beautifully. Manchester United continue to rise, now only two points behind fifth-placed Liverpool. Everton, now fourth, continue to develop under Roberto Martinez. News of the on-loan Romelu Lukaku scoring Everton's winner must have featured in the thoughts of the Chelsea fans as they strolled into the Bridge on a chilly afternoon. By the break, the chattering-teeth classes were admiring the finishing of Hazard and Eto'o. These games are never friendly for all the pre-match bonhomie between Mourinho and Rodgers, one of his former coaches here. Reminder of the history between these sides was soon heard with Liverpool fans singing the name of Luis Garcia, scorer of what Mourinho called the "ghost goal" in the 2005 Champions League semi-final at Anfield. It was seen in the way that Suarez smiled as he shook hands with Ivanovic before kick-off. The pair soon ran into each other again. After that filthy Eto'o foul on Henderson, Philippe Coutinho curled in the free-kick towards Suarez, whose header hit Ivanovic. Skrtel was quickest to the loose ball, turning it into the Chelsea net to launch a dramatic game after only four minutes. Chelsea's players rallied, matching their manager's energetic movement around and occasionally beyond the technical area. Claiming control of midfield, Chelsea built towards their equaliser. Cahill headed a Lampard free-kick wide. Lampard unleashed one of his long-range specials, demanding a fine save from Simon Mignolet. Liverpool's keeper was beaten after 17 minutes. Chelsea drove through the middle, Oscar running at the heart of Liverpool's defence, the ball rebounding off Sakho to Hazard, who curled his shot first-time past Mignolet.

Stung, Liverpool charged back and only a well-timed interception by Cahill halted Allen's passage towards goal. Chelsea were defending resolutely and counter-attacking crisply, bringing the lead after 34 minutes. The ball was swept by Luiz to Cesar Azpilicueta down the right. His cross was controlled by Oscar, who turned and drove the ball on. Eto'o slid in, beating the sluggish Skrtel. Mignolet should have saved but his wrists were not strong enough, and he failed to stop the ball's journey into the net.

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Liverpool chased an equaliser and Cech did well to push Allen's shot away before the break. As the players headed for the tunnel, Sakho and Eto'o swapped shirts. So did Coutinho and Oscar. No such kinship was detected in the second half. Allen took a battering from Terry and he eventually limped off, the injection into his sore adductor wearing off. The game continued to hurtle between the boxes. Henderson lofted in a ball that Sakho headed on to a post. Eto'o, a yard offside, ran on to Hazard's pass and brought a good save from Mignolet. Cech held a Suarez volley and a Glen Johnson piledriver. Suarez deserved a penalty when obstructed by Eto'o. Liverpool fans were chanting support for their No7 and also taunting their former striker Fernando Torres with "are you happy on the bench?" Torres promptly came on, almost scoring after a weaving run in from the right. Oscar then flew in on Lucas, who responded by pushing over his fellow Brazilian. Once again, this fixture was fractious to the end. Wonderful entertainment too.

THE

INDEPENDENT



Determined Chelsea start to show mark of Mourinho

It was in the last few moments, when Oscar had chased yet another red shirt out to the touchline to win possession, that Jose Mourinho turned to the Chelsea supporters in the East Stand and exhorted them to roar their team on through the remaining seconds of a valuable victory. This is starting to look like his Chelsea again. Dominant in midfield; straining every sinew to match their opposition from front to back - capable of squeezing out the kind of performances that do not so much elicit joy as a grudging respect. And there they are as the season reaches its halfway point, sitting solidly in third place and just two points off the leaders Arsenal. In the final seconds, Oscar scythed down his fellow Brazilian Lucas Leiva, a connection which precipitated a brief tussle. That was a challenge you could not have imagined Oscar involving himself in until Mourinho took over his career. It is a spirit that is permeating the whole side and, whether you like it or not, it has proven effective. That is not to say that Chelsea were not fortunate. The stand-out moment of the second half was the foul by Samuel Eto'o on Luis Suarez with seven minutes of the game remaining as the Liverpool striker pursued Cesar Azpilicueta out the area. "Streetwise" was how Brendan Rodgers described it and it was curious that Howard Webb, who saw the incident, waved play on when Eto'o stepped across the path of Suarez and fouled him.

It should have been a penalty, despite Mourinho's denials which, even he seemed to realise, given the haste with which he later changed the subject, were tenuous at best. Rodgers also picked out the foul in the second minute by Eto'o, studs up on the knee of Jordan Henderson that seemed to pass Webb by. The away team scored from the free-kick that followed but had the foul come later in the game, with cards already shown, it might even have been a sending-off.

The friendship between Mourinho and Rodgers precludes the kind of tension that once existed between the Chelsea manager and Liverpool during his first period in charge. Yet there was a hint of how far Mourinho is prepared to go when he raised, in relation to Suarez and simulation, "the cultural nature of the player", "People from that area," he said, "they like it [diving]". It was dangerous territory and he corrected himself quickly, saying that it was the same in his "corner in Europe". Rodgers was able to laugh it off. The Liverpool manager conceded that two consecutive games against Manchester City and then Chelsea had left his team short of the energy required to break down such a high calibre of opponent, and they did look tired by the end. Having taken the lead through Martin Skrtel, Mamadou Sakho hit the bar with a header seven minutes after half-time with Chelsea leading through goals from Eden Hazard and Eto'o. That was as close as they came in the second half. Suarez spent most of the game isolated from Raheem Sterling and Philippe Coutinho and was never able to produce a moment to turn the game. It will take something special to end Mourinho's unbeaten home record in the league that now stands at 70. In terms of their nearest rivals, they have beaten City and Liverpool at home and secured points away at Arsenal and Manchester United with Everton the only team in the top six to have beaten them. They came back from the early blow when Liverpool crafted a goal from the free-kick that Eto'o conceded. Mourinho was dismissive of the circumstances in which Liverpool scored, when in challenging Suarez, Branislav Ivanovic took all the pace off the ball and allowed Skrtel to finish from close range.

Later Ivanovic would find himself caught by Daniel Agger and unable to carry on past 30 minutes of the match. Rodgers' team tried to open up their opponents with the quick ball out to the wings but too often they just found themselves marginalised in midfield and unable to retain possession.

Mourinho selected David Luiz alongside Frank Lampard who went off injured at half-time. Mourinho had previously said that he could not imagine playing the Brazilian in a position in which he became familiar last season under Rafa Benitez. But he left himself a get-out in exceptional circumstances and, in the absence of the suspended Ramires, this was one of those times. Luiz and Lampard dominated Liverpool's midfield and, with Hazard the game's outstanding player they immediately looked dangerous. There was a shaky start from Willian who found himself well-beaten by Sterling early on and then all at sea for a while. But he came into the game and played a part in Chelsea's equaliser on 17 minutes.

Before then, Simon Mignolet saved brilliantly at full-stretch from a Lampard shot. There was not much he could do about Hazard's equaliser, struck across him from the left after the ball had gone from Willian to Oscar and ricocheted off Sakho out to the Belgian winger.

There was more Mignolet could have done about the second goal, which dribbled past him. Before then, Liverpool had their chances to clear, first from Azpilicueta and then Oscar before the cross came in and Eto'o nipped in ahead of Skrtel to put a weak, eminently saveable shot into the goal. Before half-time, Joe Allen forced a good save from Petr Cech but after that they found chances more difficult to come by. At half-time Sakho sought out Eto'o to change shirts and Coutinho did the same with Oscar. Informed of it later, Rodgers said that he would be having words. There was one further penalty appeal from Suarez in addition to the foul by Eto'o, when Terry jumped on top of him in the act of hooking the ball away. Even Rodgers was not convinced of that one. On another day, his side might have had better fortune, but every opponent that comes to Stamford Bridge will have to fight for every yard that is yielded by the home team this season.

DAILY

Mirror

GROUND HOG DAY; Liverpool living a nightmare AFTER Xmas as they lose 2-1 again & drop from top to 5th

GROUNDHOG DAY for Brendan Rodgers. More cruelly, Groundhog Day for Simon Mignolet too.

Costly errors, exacting a harsh price. Just like at the Etihad on Thursday, Liverpool left with a sense of injustice at the officiating. This time Howard Webb replaced Lee Mason in the cast list of Anfield villains, his contentious calls leaving Liverpool and Luis Suarez stewing, denying the Reds a late penalty. Yet in the matches that matter, key mistakes mean so much more. Mignolet has played a major role in Liverpool's unexpected challenge yet three days after helping Alvaro Negredo's winner into his net at City, the Belgian was at it again.

Maybe Mamadou Sakho should not have allowed Oscar to turn and squirt the ball across from the right 11 minutes before the break. Certainly Martin Skrtel, who had given Liverpool a dream start inside three minutes, needed to react quicker than Samuel Eto'o.

But when the Cameroonian nudged goalwards, Mignolet still got a big hand to the ball, big enough to turn it away, rather than let it trickle against the upright and over the line.

A harsh criticism? Perhaps. Football, though, is a hard game. And when the dust settled, Jose Mourinho's Chelsea looked better equipped for the real title test. This was an afternoon which tested the friendship between Rodgers and Mourinho, demonstrated the bad blood between these sides still festers. Some shocking tackles, including g , gone on Lucas by Brazil team-mate Oscar in stoppage time which was an absolute horror.

In the final analysis, though, it is Chelsea who go into the second half of the season with momentum, the Merseysiders whose ascent has stalled. Top of the table on Boxing Day morning. Down to fifth before New Year's Eve. History made in a manner Liverpool will not wish to mark.

They left complaining that it could have been different. Like they did on Boxing Day.

In fairness, while John Terry's clash with Suarez could have been given, could have been ignored, Eto'o deserved to concede a spot-kick when he needlessly barged the Uruguayan to the ground six minutes from time, the ball already gone.

Webb, perfectly placed, deemed otherwise. A huge call. Yet Chelsea could also point, with justification, to the football they had played in the first half, especially after the shock of Liverpool's opener.

That came when Eto'o slammed into Jordan Henderson's shin - another escape for the African - Philippe Coutinho delivering the set-piece.

Suarez, up against Branislav Ivanovic for the first time since Anfield in April, flicked against the Serb, with Skrtel handily placed to sweep home.

The perfect start. But Chelsea, with David Luiz playing in central midfield to cut off the supply line to Suarez, were excellent.

Eden Hazard was terrific, Willian not far behind, Frank Lampard full of energy. Liverpool were out-muscled, out-harried, their limited options reflected on Rodgers' bench.

Mignolet saved from Hazard's skidder - Skrtel nearly put the rebound through his own net - and Lampard's rising drive, but was powerless with the leveller.

Hazard began it, finding Willian, before continuing his run through the inside left channel as Oscar's shot was blocked by Sakho. The Belgian then smashed first time into the top corner.

But Lampard's thigh injury forced a flu-struck John Obi Mikel into the fray and Liverpool sensed a chance.

Sakho was so unlucky when he floated a header against the angle of post and bar, although Mignolet denied Eto'o when the flag, wrongly, stayed down.

Suarez and Glen Johnson tested Cech, the penalty appeals were rejected although Fernando Torres, on for Eto'o, might have finished it off.

No more goals. Mignolet's slip ending up decisive. Just as it was at City.

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Reds rue Groundhog Day against Chelsea

This was Groundhog Day in the capital. Once again Liverpool fell agonisingly short against one of the Premier League’s heavyweights. Once again they led but ended up with nothing to show for their efforts as defensive frailties were punished. Once again they departed with accusing fingers being pointed in the direction of the officials. Top of the tree for Christmas, Brendan Rodgers’s side will kick-off 2014 outside the top four after enduring a painful double setback. Just as was the case against Manchester City three days earlier, there was pride in defeat. They refused to accept their fate and produced a spirited second half revival but ultimately it was in vain as the Reds lost back to back league games under Rodgers for the first time. The past week has provided a reality check for anyone getting carried away with talk of a title challenge. This time of year provides the ultimate test of a squad’s depth and the fact is Liverpool have been found wanting. While the likes of Manuel Pellegrini and Jose Mourinho have been able to juggle their wealth of options in order to maintain momentum, Rodgers simply doesn’t have that luxury. The festive fixtures could hardly have been more demanding for Liverpool and a third game in the space of eight energy-sapping days proved too much for some. The absence of Steven Gerrard, Daniel Sturridge, Jose Enrique and Jon Flanagan had already stretched Liverpool’s squad to the limit with 16-year-old starlet Jordan Rossiter called into the matchday 18. When Joe Allen limped off with a groin injury in the second half, Rodgers handed a debut to Academy youngster Brad Smith. The 19-year-old Australia-born full-back played the final half hour on the left wing. Behind him was stand-in skipper Daniel Agger – a centre-back asked to operate at left-back in place of Aly Cissokho. Just to compound Rodgers’s problems, Mamadou Sakho then pulled up clutching his hamstring. With Jordan Henderson and Luis Suarez also limping away from Stamford Bridge after being the victims of poor challenges, Liverpool’s stroll to the team coach resembled a scene out of Saving Private Ryan. Both Allen and Sakho appear certain to miss the New Year’s Day visit of Hull City amid fears they face extended spells on the sidelines. The case for Rodgers to be given a sizeable amount of cash by the owners to strengthen during the January window is compelling. Reinforcements are urgently required if the Reds are going to secure the Champions League spot they cherish. With Gerrard close to a return and Sturridge also only weeks away from a comeback, help is on the horizon and with a kinder run of games to come there is no need to pay attention to the doom and gloom merchants. December was always going to be a hugely challenging month with trips to White Hart Lane, the Etihad Stadium and Stamford Bridge. Liverpool have come through it bruised but still standing. The Reds are within a point of the top four spot they coveted back in August and of the current top eight Manchester United are the only team they have to play away between now and May. How different the afternoon could have been if referee Howard Webb hadn’t failed so spectacularly in his duties. Samuel Eto’o should not have even been on the pitch to score what turned out to be the winner. The Cameroon striker should have seen red inside the opening two minutes when he planted his studs into Henderson’s shin. It was a reckless and wild challenge but somehow Webb let him escape with a talking to. There was at least some payback when Philippe Coutinho whipped the ensuing free-kick into the box, Luis Suarez challenged with Branislav Ivanovic and it dropped kindly for Martin Skrtel to hammer home from close range. Chelsea responded powerfully and wrestled control of the contest during a frenetic opening 45 minutes with Liverpool forced on to the back foot. Glen Johnson hacked clear after Simon Mignolet could only parry a shot from Eden Hazard, while Gary Cahill nodded wide when well placed. Mignolet then came to the rescue with a stunning one-handed save to tip over Frank Lampard’s 25-yarder but in the 17th minute the keeper was beaten. Chelsea cut through the Reds’ midfield far too easily. Oscar’s pass was blocked by Sakho but he could only divert it into the path of Hazard, who curled a right-footer into the top corner from the edge of the box. Hazard ensured it was another torrid afternoon for Johnson whose dip in form remains a major concern. Eleven minutes before the break the Reds fell behind and they only had themselves to blame. It was a catalogue of errors. Sakho failed to prevent Oscar from getting the cross in and then Skrtel was slow to react, allowing Eto’o to get ahead of him and poke the ball goalwards. It should have been kept out but Mignolet went down in instalments and carelessly palmed it into the far corner. Liverpool were rattled but regained their composure before the interval with Petr Cech forced to push away Allen’s deflected effort. The defensive errors of judgement continued after Webb blew for half-time with Sakho deciding the time was right to swap shirts with Eto’o. Rodgers’s side were much improved in the second half and Sakho was inches away from restoring parity. A short free-kick was played to Henderson, whose cross picked out the £15million man. Sakho looked destined to score but his header bounced back off the bar. Suarez could hold his head high after another tireless shift but too often he was left isolated as teammates failed to provide sufficient support. The otherwise impressive Raheem Sterling should have picked out Suarez when he burst into space but went for goal and fired straight at Cech. Mignolet atoned for his mistake with a brave save to thwart Eto’o before Allen’s

injury forced Rodgers into a reshuffle. Strangely, the claims of either Iago Aspas or Luis Alberto were ignored as the manager instead decided to introduce teenager Smith. John Terry somehow got away with bundling Suarez over in the box before the Uruguayan teed up Johnson, whose low strike forced a sprawling save from Cech. With seven minutes to go Liverpool were denied a nailed-on spot-kick. Eto’o cynically stuck out a leg to bring down Suarez off the ball inside the penalty area. Webb had the perfect view but to Rodgers’s disgust, the referee waved away the Reds’ appeals. After Sakho pulled up lame, Fernando Torres should have killed the game off but once again Mignolet came to the rescue. A bleak end to a year of tangible progress. Liverpool must dust themselves off and go again.

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Jose Mourinho's men keep Luis Suarez quiet in pulsating comeback win over Reds at Stamford Bridge

Chelsea starved Luis Suarez of chances in claiming a 2-1 come-from-behind win over Liverpool in a pulsating Barclays Premier League clash at Stamford Bridge. In Suarez's first match with Chelsea since April's infamous bite on Branislav Ivanovic earned him a 10-match ban, Jose Mourinho's side deprived the prolific striker of scoring opportunities and took full advantage. The Blues responded from going behind to Martin Skrtel's fourth-minute goal with a brilliant Eden Hazard strike and a rare striker's goal. Samuel Eto'o showed a goal-poacher's instinct to decide the game with his third Premier League goal of the season - and just the sixth by a Chelsea striker. Liverpool hit the bar through Mamadou Sakho and might have had a penalty when John Terry clumsily clambered over Suarez in the box; although Hazard also had justifiable claims for a first-half spot-kick dismissed by referee Howard Webb. Suarez had another penalty claim denied when Eto'o tripped him off the ball as Chelsea held on to move two points behind leaders Arsenal in third place. Liverpool are six points off the pace at the halfway stage of the season. Mourinho enjoyed a famous rivalry with Liverpool in his first spell, but Chelsea's recent record against the Reds has been poor as they recorded just a third win in 14 Premier League games between the sides, with the Portuguese achieving victory over Brendan Rodgers, one of his former apprentices. Mourinho's previous duels with Liverpool came against Rafael Benitez, who he has made numerous veiled barbs towards since succeeding the Spaniard at Chelsea. Mourinho insisted he would not deploy David Luiz in midfield, but he did just that in a side showing four changes in a bid to stifle the attacking threat of Liverpool, particularly Suarez, who had scored 19 goals in his previous 13 Premier League games this term. Chelsea captain John Terry made his 600th Chelsea appearance, while Daniel Agger was the Reds' sole change following the loss at Manchester City. The Reds led when Suarez got in front of Ivanovic to meet Philippe Coutinho's free-kick. The ball hit Ivanovic and broke for Skrtel to tap in. Conceding early roused Chelsea into action in a high-tempo, end-to-end contest. Hazard forced Simon Mignolet to save before going down in the box under the challenge of Lucas Leiva, who was fortunate not to concede a penalty. Mignolet was at full stretch to turn over a Frank Lampard shot from 25 yards which appeared destined for the top corner - but the Belgian goalkeeper was beaten by a brilliant shot from his compatriot Hazard moments later. Oscar drove through the middle and his attempted pass bounced off Sakho into Hazard's path - and he hit a curled effort into the top corner. Chelsea were now on top, but still had to be alert at the back and Gary Cahill made a brilliant tackle to deny Joe Allen. Ivanovic's reunion with Suarez lasted less than half an hour after the Serbia right-back's left leg over-stretched after he collided with Agger, with Cole replacing him and Cesar Azpilicueta moving to right-back. Azpilicueta was involved in the move which took the Blues ahead, making an over-lapping run before Oscar crossed towards Eto'o - who got in front of Skrtel to poke in beyond Mignolet. Cech saved from Allen before the half-time whistle and a truce in proceedings which saw Eto'o and Sakho and Oscar and Coutinho swap shirts. Lampard was replaced by John Obi Mikel as Mourinho made his second change in a breathless encounter. Sakho hit the bar with a looping header after being found by Jordan Henderson before Mignolet saved from Eto'o. Suarez volleyed straight at Cech after tangling with Mikel to earn his first shooting chance of the game and then went down in the box after competing for an aerial ball with Terry, with Webb unmoved. Oscar curled narrowly wide after dispossessing Lucas and Hazard shot off target either side of Cech turning a Johnson effort round the post. Then Eto'o needlessly tripped Suarez off the ball - but again Webb dismissed Liverpool complaints. Fernando Torres replaced Eto'o and immediately ran at the Reds, cutting in from the touchline before forcing Mignolet to save. Brazil team-mates Lucas and Oscar were involved in an angry exchange in stoppage time after the Chelsea man's tackle left his side defending a free-kick. Suarez scored in the 97th minute in April and when a late set-piece went the visitors' way, Mignolet went up for the set-piece - but on this occasion there was no late equaliser.

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Chelsea end the year just two points behind Premier League leaders Arsenal after an impressive performance against a Liverpool side which has now suffered successive league defeats.

The visitors were ahead within three minutes as Martin Skrtel tapped in. But parity was restored when Eden Hazard rifled in from distance. Chelsea deservedly went ahead before the break when a Samuel Eto'o shot crept underneath Simon Mignolet, though the visitors had chances to level. A Mamadou Sakho header struck the crossbar, while Luis Suarez was denied what seemed like two strong penalty appeals with first John Terry and then Eto'o impeding the striker.

The last time these two sides met, Suarez, in the words of manager Brendan Rodgers, reached the lowest point in his career. The Uruguayan's rehabilitation since he bit Branislav Ivanovic's arm in April has been remarkable, with the striker scoring 19 goals this season.

But Chelsea shackled Liverpool's chief tormentor in a performance which saw the Londoners outmuscle and overpower their opponents.

Rodgers' side, who topped the table on Christmas Day, are now in fifth after defeats by Manchester City and Chelsea, and the Merseysiders must hope Rodgers can guide his team to victory over Hull on New Year's Day to maintain their hopes of a top-four finish.

Liverpool could not have wished for a better start as Skrtel side-footed in at the near post. The defender reacted quicker than anyone in a blue shirt as Suarez nodded on Philippe Coutinho's free-kick.

It was a free-kick awarded for a clumsy shin-high tackle by Eto'o on Jordan Henderson. The striker was fortunate to escape without further punishment and, to Liverpool's annoyance, he would later go on to make his presence felt in a number of ways.

Chelsea's response to going behind was to surge forward relentlessly. Gary Cahill went a fraction wide with a bullet of a header, Hazard had a penalty appeal turned down, while an acrobatic save from Mignolet prevented Frank Lampard from finding the top corner.

The hosts were dominating the midfield and there was a sense of inevitability about Hazard's leveller. Although, arguably, the visitors could have cleared the danger as Oscar's pass ricocheted off Sakho's shin and fell kindly to the Belgian, who clinically found the top corner for his eighth goal of the season.

Hazard's virtuosity combined with the ballast provided by Lampard, David Luiz and Willian in the middle of the pitch forced Liverpool into uncharacteristic rash passes.

A second goal was no more than Chelsea deserved, with Oscar's cut back finding Eto'o, though Liverpool's goalkeeper should have dealt better with the Cameroonian's first-time shot across the goal.

The first half belonged to Chelsea, but, after the break, the visitors showed glimpses of the effervescence which had seen them score 13 goals in their last four games.

Sakho directed Jordan Henderson's chipped pass towards the woodwork, a Suarez half-volley forced Petr Cech into action and then came the first penalty appeal as John Terry clambered on top of Suarez.

In between a flurry of Liverpool chances, Mignolet came to his team's rescue, preventing Eto'o from grabbing his second of the match, but it was the visitors who finished the stronger.

An alert Cech dived low to stop Glen Johnson's dipping strike and, as the game neared a conclusion, Eto'o was fortunate to escape punishment after needlessly making contact with Suarez inside the box.

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