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# THE TIMES

Liverpool ensure more torment for desperate Moyes

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As dramatic as this scoreline looks, it barely begins to reflect Liverpool's superiority over Manchester United at Old Trafford yesterday afternoon. This was a perfect illustration of two teams moving in opposite directions: Liverpool free-flowing, wonderfully exciting and ever more ambitious under Brendan Rodgers; United abject, turgid and increasingly forlorn under David Moyes.

Wayne Rooney called it "one of the worst days I've ever had in football", but the afternoon was probably best summed up by Steven Gerrard's regret that Liverpool had not inflicted even deeper misery upon their fiercest rivals.

Gerrard converted two penalties, in an enormously dominant performance, but walked away admitting to a regret that he had "maybe got a little bit cocky" in missing a third penalty kick before Luis Suarez scored his team's late and deserved third goal. Victory restored Liverpool to second place in the Barclays Premier League, within four points of Chelsea having played a game fewer, and strengthened the conviction among Gerrard and his team-mates that they can become champions for the first time since 1990. That is testament to the extraordinary progress they have made under Rodgers, whose transformation of his squad -- technically, tactically, psychologically -- over the past 18 months or so only serves to accentuate United's alarming regression since Moyes took over at Old Trafford. There is no shame in being torn apart by Liverpool's forward line these days, a fate suffered by Tottenham Hotspur, Everton, Arsenal and numerous others over the past few months. But there is great indignity in performing as badly as United continue to do at home.

From the desperation and clumsiness of Nemanja Vidic and Phil Jones in central defence to the lethargy of Michael Carrick and Marouane Fellaini in central midfield to the complete lack of chemistry between Juan Mata, Robin van Persie and Rooney, this was another United performance without a redeeming feature. Vidic was sent off, remarkably his fourth red card against Liverpool, for the challenge on Daniel Sturridge that led to the third penalty, the one that Gerrard missed. Sturridge dived, but there was something pitiful about the frequency with which Vidic and Jones were left on the seat of their pants, legs sprawling in desperation as Sturridge or Suarez or Raheem Sterling accelerated away from them. This Liverpool team are everything that this United team are not: imaginative, adventurous, fluent and energised by the type of confidence that has got them, under Rodgers, believing that they can go from seventh in the Premier League last season to champions this. Rodgers likes to call his team "arrogant -- in a good way." This, like so many of their performances this season, lived up to that description. Liverpool imposed themselves from the start. It was not just Gerrard or Suarez or Sturridge. It was the way Jon Flanagan was beating Mata to the ball in the opposition's half, Sterling was using space in a free role and Jordan Henderson was showing that, if Sir Alex Ferguson found his running style unusual, it is perhaps because box-to-box midfielders, conducive to a pressing game, have not been en vogue at United for some time. Perhaps the greatest contrast between the teams, not just yesterday but all season, was in the difference between the two strike partnerships. Rooney and Van Persie rarely operate on the same wavelength, whereas Suarez and Sturridge constantly make runs for each other and pose questions that opponents struggle to answer.

Suarez and Sturridge had already stretched Vidic and Jones almost to breaking point when they combined for the first penalty in the 34th minute. This time it came from a diagonal ball towards Suarez on the far side of the penalty area. Suarez's first touch was perfect, but that still did not explain Rafael Da Silva's inexcusable reaction, which was to handle the ball. He was fortunate not to be sent off, having been booked moments earlier for a wild lunge at Gerrard, who administered justice by converting the penalty at the Stretford End.

Penalties for visiting teams have been rare events at Old Trafford down the years, but that is largely because United's defending has tended not to be characterised by flailing desperation. Just 25 seconds into the second half, Jones clattered Joe Allen as the midfielder burst into the penalty area. Again Gerrard showed nerves of steel, putting the penalty past David De Gea. United were second best all over the pitch: not just in central midfield, where they were outnumbered and outmanoeuvred, but in wide positions. There was so little security in central defence, so little zip in central midfield, so little genuine width, so little spark between Rooney and Van Persie, but Moyes clung to his game plan, seemingly more in hope than expectation. Rooney had a shot saved by Simon Mignolet late in the first half, after Rafael got down the right, and had a decent-looking penalty appeal rejected after a Martin Skrtel challenge but, truly, damningly, United never looked as if they believed there was a way back into this game.

If there was going to be a third goal in the final half-hour, it looked certain to come from Liverpool, who continued to play by far the more intelligent, measured football. Gerrard looked disgusted with himself when he sent his third penalty against the foot of De Gea's right-hand post with 13 minutes remaining, but the pressure on the United goal grew and grew after Vidic's red card. Shortly after being denied a spectacular goal by De Gea, Suarez made it 3-0, beating the offside trap. By that stage, the home crowd were singing "20 times" incessantly, with reference to their record number of league title wins -- an extraordinary show of defiance, in stark contrast to United's meekness on the pitch. The hopelessness of

their position was summed up by Moyes's decision to send on Rio Ferdinand in place of Mata in an attempt to avoid further humiliation. On a day such as this, in a season such as this, it felt rather like closing the stable door after the horse had bolted.

# the guardian

Abysmal United slump further at hands of their rampant rivals

For Manchester United and David Moyes there is probably only one redeeming feature and it is that the club's supporters have not been tempted into open mutiny. Not yet anyway. Even now, outplayed by their oldest rivals and drifting further into mediocrity, the frustration and anger manifested itself only in a loud, defiant show of support. Moyes is a lucky man. At another club they would be hounding him out by now.

Increasingly, though, there is the sense they are supporting the team, rather than necessarily the manager. United, once again, were abysmal, completely out-done by a Liverpool side that passed the ball with speed and intelligence and could easily have made it a more harrowing ordeal for their opponents.

Steven Gerrard struck the right-hand post when he had the chance to make it a hat-trick of penalties and a game Wayne Rooney later described as a "nightmare" can be accurately gauged by the fact David de Gea was the one man in United's colours to emerge with any distinction. Rooney, like Moyes, praised United's crowd for sticking by the team, bar that moment when Marouane Fellaini was substituted to rebellious cheers. Yet it was probably a good deal to do with the fact the fans here would not want to lose face in front of the old enemy. The interesting thing will be if there is another performance like this against Olympiakos on Wednesday.

Brendan Rodgers was certainly not exaggerating when he said Liverpool's dominance deserved more than just one other goal, clipped in by Luis Suarez after Nemanja Vidic's red card had left United in even more disarray. There is now a 43-point swing in Liverpool's favour between these sides over the last year and, on this evidence, nobody should assume their title challenge will simply melt away.

Rodgers' team are four points behind Chelsea, with a game in hand and still have to play them at Anfield. He is right, strictly speaking, to cite Chelsea and Manchester City as more likely champions but Liverpool have confidence and momentum. "We're going to win the league," their supporters were singing.

Tactically superior, Rodgers had set up his team with a midfield diamond, with Raheem Sterling operating at its tip, just behind Suarez and Daniel Sturridge, because the Liverpool manager had noticed United's centre-halves "tend to drop off", leaving space to run at them. That front three wreaked havoc and the astonishing thing is Liverpool might actually have had four penalties given that early attack when Phil Jones and Fellaini had a nibble at Suarez's ankles.

Gerrard was superb in a team shimmering with confidence but Rodgers also identified Jordan Henderson and Joe Allen for special acclaim and his eyes lit up when Jon Flanagan's name was mentioned. At one point Liverpool's young, raw full-back could be seen dribbling round Juan Mata.

United did not even look close to being a fully coherent team and seemed to have forgotten everything that is expected of them inside this stadium. No side with Rooney, Mata, Robin van Persie and Adnan Januzaj in its frontline should be this bereft of ideas. Yet this is not a one-off. It was both shocking, yet not absolutely surprising, and the indignities piled up. "David Moyes is a football genius," could be heard from the away end. It has been the soundtrack to United's season and it was followed by Rodgers bringing up the fact Moyes had billed Liverpool beforehand as favourites. "I would never say that

at Liverpool even if we were bottom," he said. Nor would Sir Alex Ferguson. United had legitimate grievances about Vidic's red card but they finished the match with greater concerns. They were lucky, too, that the referee, Mark Clattenburg, opted to show leniency to Rafael da Silva after his handball had given Gerrard his first chance from 12 yards. Rafael had already been booked for a scything challenge on the Liverpool captain. Handball is not a mandatory yellow card but a deliberate one, preventing Suarez from going round him, really ought to have seen Clattenburg reaching for his pocket again.

For Liverpool, it did not hugely matter. Mata and Fellaini, Moyes' two big signings, were overrun whereas Januzaj had his worst game of the season. Rooney kept going but it defies belief that his partnership with Van Persie is so disjointed. Liverpool were superior in every department.

Gerrard's second penalty arrived inside the opening minute of the second half, after Jones had barged over Allen, running on to Henderson's pass. Just like the first, Gerrard took it brilliantly to De Gea's left, narrowly inside the post. On the third occasion he went the other way and misjudged his shot.

United were incensed because Sturridge appeared to dive over Vidic's sprawling challenge and Rodgers admitted it was "harsh" on the defender. But the real story here was not of injustice or anything to do with Clattenburg's officiating. It was of the confirmation that Liverpool have caught, and overhauled, the team they dislike the most and are now in the process of leaving them behind. United were hopelessly lost in those final exchanges, culminating in Suarez controlling Sturridge's miscued shot to complete the home side's misery. The volume inside Old Trafford actually went up. But the crowd will not always be this kind.

Man of the match Steven Gerrard (Liverpool)

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# The Mail

LIVERPOOL ON A MISSION; Gerrard & Co brush aside arch-rivals to rev up title chances  
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AS Liverpool's players cavorted in one corner, from the Stretford End came a roar of defiance. They were singing about the number of times Manchester United had been champions. Twenty. The last came less than a year ago but it already sounds like ancient history. The forlorn rebelliousness that used to be the preserve of Liverpool fans. Now they look forward on Merseyside. 'Make us dream,' read one banner. All the talk was of winning the league; and not in some distant era when it was called Division One, either. Liverpool have a chance in the here and now. They are four points behind leaders Chelsea, with a game in hand to be played at home against Sunderland on March 26. Manchester City and Chelsea also have to visit Anfield next month. And this is a team in form. Justice was done at Old Trafford yesterday. The scoreline did not flatter Liverpool in the least, adding to the feeling of sea change. Liverpool have been coming to Manchester for 118 years and have won away against United on just 16 occasions. Even when they were the best team in the land this was not a happy hunting ground.

'I've come here and been played off the park,' said Man-of-the-Match Steven Gerrard. 'To come here and dominate from start to finish was a good feeling.' Gerrard scored two penalties and missed a third, a fair return considering the first two were correctly awarded and the third wasn't. Liverpool could have had another two penalties from referee Mark Clattenburg, however, and United should have been reduced to 10 men after 34 minutes, so the champions got off lightly. Near the end, with captain Nemanja Vidic dismissed wrongly -- it really wasn't Clattenburg's best day -- David Moyes sent on Rio Ferdinand for Juan Mata. Already trailing 3-0 with just three minutes of normal time remaining, it seemed a bizarre move but Moyes was merely trying to prevent complete humiliation -- two late goals to establish the type of margin that can get a manager the sack. Even one with a six-year contract.

It is easy, of course, to observe everything that happens at Old Trafford through the lens of Manchester United's failings, as if the opposition are incidental. Yet this would do Liverpool and Brendan Rodgers a terrible disservice.

They won thanks to their own sharpness and good planning, not merely because United are a team in steep decline. Liverpool had the better defence, the livelier midfield, the more dangerous forward line. Only Wayne Rooney, of the men in red, did not deserve to be on the losing side and even his performance was more perspiration than inspiration. As for Liverpool, where to start? How about at left back where, in Jon Flanagan, the club appears to have found its equivalent of Gary Neville: the local lad with a grudge against the rivals and a uniquely personal appreciation of this fixture. Flanagan -- sent off in a reserve match here last season for a minor assault on Adnan Januzaj -- embodied Liverpool's spirit yesterday. His energy level, his combativeness, were both on the north side of high. He was first in the book after 31 minutes but that didn't stop him clattering into Rafael in the second half -- fairly, despite the Brazilian's histrionics -- and playing with a level of commitment that demonstrated what clubs lose when they stop mining talent close to home. Gerrard was very much a man on a mission, too. Yet Liverpool's triumph was that, all over the pitch, players were putting their bodies on the line for this win. Luis Suarez was outstanding, as he has been all season, and the defence, including goalkeeper Simon Mignolet, held firm. Not that United offered the most testing resistance. It took them until the 44th minute to carve out a real opportunity, when great work from Januzaj put Rafael in, and his cross found Rooney, who forced an excellent save from Mignolet, followed by a brave block from Martin Skrtel. Robin van Persie, insipid to say the least, missed with a header and a shot in the second half, Rooney struck a free-kick high in injury time and Marouane Fellaini skied the ball wildly -- the one chance he had -- but it was meagre fare. United had few answers to Liverpool's movement and ingenuity, which perhaps explains why this was a match decided on penalties, yet lasting no more than 90 minutes.

It was just three minutes old when Daniel Sturridge had his first crack at goal and only five minutes had gone when the visitors should have had their first penalty. IT IS a familiar scene now, the referee waving away an appeal from Suarez only for the replay to show the Uruguayan was more than justified.

Yes, he used to dive, but he doesn't any more. Can't they accept that now, and start treating him like other strikers? On this occasion, Suarez deserved two penalties, Fellaini having one crack at him that made him stumble, and then a second that made him fall. Clattenburg waved both away, setting the standard for his performance. In the 31st minute, Rafael caught Gerrard late and was booked -- just three minutes later he deliberately handled while trying to stop Suarez, and wasn't. A penalty was given, and in front of the Stretford End, but Clattenburg choked on the bigger call. Rafael's handball was impossible to ignore and not one of those unfortunate ones, either. Suarez dinked it past him on the byline and, realising he had been beaten, the right back patted it down.

It wasn't a deflection, he wasn't off balance, he had plenty of time to get his arm out of the way. It was cheating, pure and simple, yet Clattenburg chose to manage the game rather than apply the rules, and kept 11 against 11. It really is a curse, this latest trend. Gerrard put the ball smartly to David de Gea's left -- but Clattenburg's faintheartedness could have conjured a travesty. Had the score stayed at 1-0 for a length of time, who knows if Liverpool might have been vulnerable to pressure? As it was, from the first attack of the second half, United

cracked and lost the game.

Jordan Henderson chipped the ball into the penalty area where Joe Allen was bundled over by Phil Jones, whose clumsiness is hardly a defensive asset, and Clattenburg's decision summoned Gerrard into action again, doubling Liverpool's lead. By the time Gerrard stepped up to attempt a hat-trick of penalties, United were in disarray. The replays showed Vidic did not make contact with Sturridge, and the Manchester United man was furious with his opponent, complaining bitterly to him even after the red card had been shown, but it was hard to have too much sympathy. Vidic had gone in rashly, and forcefully, on a player running fast in the penalty area. It really was an accident waiting to happen. The same could not be said of Gerrard's kick, having scored at that moment 30 of his last 33. He missed. Hit the left post to ensure United would not be punished twice. And if Sturridge did make a meal of Vidic's challenge there was payback four minutes later when he was plainly tripped by Michael Carrick but Clattenburg waved his appeal away. Suarez got the better of Jones after 83 minutes, forcing a brilliant save from De Gea, but the Spaniard was powerless a minute later when a scuffed Sturridge shot fell at Suarez's feet for only his second league goal since January. The numerical distance between the teams was now reflective of the gulf on the day. The home fans tried to drown out Liverpool's celebrations, but it would appear Manchester United now have another set of noisy neighbours, and some very thin walls.

# The Daily Telegraph

Shameful United suffer humiliation

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This was the famous fixture that was supposed to stir Manchester United's blood, supposedly seeing them show some fight, courage, ambition. But nothing. They surrendered. It was a shameful display by the champions of England, casting further doubt on David Moyes's ability to inspire and organise.

Liverpool were worthy winners, superior in every department from back to front, as vibrant as United were lacklustre, as quick in mind and body as Moyes's players were sluggish. Steven Gerrard converted two penalties, Luis Suarez reached 25 league goals for the season, and Liverpool's jubilant fans waltzed out of Old Trafford singing "we're going to win the league" and lauding Brendan Rodgers. Liverpool will secure a first title since 1990 if they carry on playing as thrillingly as this, whether this season or next. It will happen. The Liver bird is back on its perch. The contrast between Rodgers (below) and Moyes was stark. Rodgers was inventive. Moyes was inhibited. All the oft-stated arguments about United's squad requiring overhauling remain logical but Moyes should be doing so much better with talents of the quality of Robin van Persie, Juan Mata, Adnan Januzaj and Wayne Rooney. Under Moyes, they are shockingly less than the sum of their individual parts, failing to link effectively. Rooney worked hard but few in United red emerged with reputation unscathed.

Moyes seemed incapable of influencing the flow of the game, even inviting ridicule by sending on Rio Ferdinand, a defender, for Mata, an attacker, when United were 3&#x2013;0 behind. It was a substitution that reeked of damage limitation, of not wanting to risk an even worse scoreline glowing in the corner. That is not the United way; they fight against 3&#x2013;0s, not accept them. Moyes has to learn to be a United manager. Moyes has endured some stormy moments in his brief time at Old Trafford and this was surely the full tempest. He has yet to prove he can manage this distinguished club, prove he can follow in such illustrious footsteps as Sir Alex Ferguson, who was looking on here.

So was Rodgers's predecessor. Kenny Dalglish was loving it, leaping from his seat in the directors' box, applauding Gerrard's brace and then smiling broadly as Suarez, the man who now wears Liverpool's celebrated No 7 shirt, applied the coup de grace. Behind Dalglish sat the great Diego Maradona, resplendent in a smart suit and earrings like chandeliers, saluting Liverpool's expertise with occasional regal waves. Rodgers's team deserved it. So, too, did the manager himself. Gerrard will command the headlines but they should be shared with Rodgers. He sprang a surprise, shaping Liverpool in diamond formation, taking control of the centre, and setting Moyes a puzzle the Scot could not fathom. Using Raheem Sterling at the tip of the diamond totally bemused Marouane Fellaini. Gerrard was at the base, launching moves. Jordan Henderson and the tireless Joe Allen tucked in. Jon Flanagan, brimming with confidence, albeit occasionally rash, and Glen Johnson galloped down the flanks. Suarez moved with his usual damaging stealth while Daniel Sturridge constantly worried Nemanja Vidic and Phil Jones. Scarcely had the game started than Sturridge, released by Henderson, shot wide. Flanagan embarked on one weaving run, taking him past Mata, Rafael and Rooney. Rooney lamented that this was one of the worst days in his career and this is a man who has hobbled off in a European Championship (in Lisbon in 2004), been sent off in a World Cup (Gelsenkirchen, 2006), been booed off in a World Cup (Cape Town, 2010) and finished worst off in two Champions League finals (Rome, 2009 and Wembley, 2011). This was that distressing an experience for such a competitor as Rooney.

Rafael was lacking much intelligence. After 32 minutes he clattered Gerrard down near the Liverpool fans, who bayed in anger. Their captain was rolling on the grass, holding his ankle. Mark Clattenburg brandished the yellow card at Rafael, who was immediately applauded by United fans. Usual derby&#x2013;day rules

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Gerrard did not take long to exact legitimate revenge. Having clambered to his feet as the stretcher was waved away, he was soon presented with his first penalty chance after Rafael handled the ball, following a quick&#x2013;fire attack involving Sterling, Sturridge and Suarez. How Rafael, already booked, was not walking towards a running bath was down to the extraordinary clemency of Clattenburg. Gerrard drove his first penalty past David de Gea. Liverpool had the goal to reflect their control.

Rafael then created a chance forVan Persie but Martin Skrtel blocked. Skrtel highlighted the supreme desire of Rodgers's players to preserve their lead by throwing his body in the way of Rooney's shot. It was United's only assertive spell of the game. Old Trafford was still never mutinous. As he walked towards the Stretford End at half&#x2013;time, Moyes's body language hardly instilled confi&#x2013;dence that he could rally or scare his players into turning this game around. Sure enough, within 25 seconds of the resumption, United fell further behind. Jones's challenge on Allen sent the Welshman sprawling and the nerveless Gerrard placed the penalty low past De Gea before planting a kiss on a nearby camera lens. Gerrard has now scored nine penalties this campaign, eclipsing Jan Molby's eight in 1990&#x2013;91.

United appealed in vain for penalties for a handball by Johnson and then a Skrtel challenge on Rooney. The fans never rebelled but their resentment simmered, particularly when Fellaini, Moyes's first signing, fired wildly wide and was then muscled off the ball by Joe Allen, who is hardly Joe Calzaghe.

By then, Liverpool fans were chanting "ole" as their attackers toyed with United's disorganised defence, although Flanagan fouled Rafael and was fortunate to escape a second yellow. United needed some guidance from the bench. Moyes hesitated. Rodgers acted. Coutinho sprinted on for Sterling. With 15 minutes left, Moyes sent on Danny Welbeck and Tom Cleverley. Moments before they arrived, Van Persie squandered a golden chance, heading Rooney's cross wide.

Gerrard was then given an opportunity to keep the match&#x2013;ball when Sturridge dived after being challenged by Vidic. Already cautioned, United's captain duly departed, although not without expressing his legitimate grievance to Clattenburg and Sturridge. Gerrard's penalty found only the post, denying him the chance to become the first Liverpool player to score a hat&#x2013;trick at Old Trafford since Fred Howe in 1936.

If justice was done in that incident, Liverpool should have had a penalty moments later when Michael Carrick caught Sturridge. The third goal did arrive when Suarez ran through and beat De Gea. It was all over bar that bizarre substitution of Mata for Ferdinand. United now need to win all their remaining nine league games otherwise they will slump to their lowest ever points total in the Premier League (that 75&#x2013;point mark coming in 1996&#x2013;97 and 2003&#x2013;04). United are 12 points behind fourth, with Champions League football looking not so much distant as a mirage. Liverpool, though, are looking for the title.



**THE INDEPENDENT**

Liverpool on title trail as it all goes so wrong for Moyes

The Manchester United fans kept singing through Luis Suarez's third goal for Liverpool, through the final painful minutes, and the last decision of the day by David Moyes, to replace Juan Mata with Rio Ferdinand with three minutes remaining. The worse it got for the home team the louder the noise, like the last hymn at a funeral when even the non-believers decide they need something to cling to. By the end, their loyalty and the club's history were all that was left, because out on the pitch everything that could conceivably have gone wrong had gone wrong. Defeat to Liverpool itself is not so improbable - it happened during the Sir Alex Ferguson era, even post-1993 - but it was the manner of this loss, and then the context. United were 29 points ahead of Liverpool at this stage of last season and 12 months on they find themselves 14 behind.

It is the kind of swing that ends careers in politics. For Moyes the damage, yet again, feels huge. The leader of an institution under permanent siege has no alternative but to go on promising improvement and change while behind him the whole edifice smoulders. In the directors' box, Ferguson and David Gill have become expert in adopting an expression that denotes stoic dissatisfaction without straying into anything that could be construed as anger or panic.

As these two and the rest of the club's grandees in the cushioned seats took their leave - among them famous former players, board members, one of the Glazers - no one knew where to look or what to say. The club's in-house TV channel MUTV is running out of the kind of upbeat, take-the-positive questions it feels it is appropriate to ask. The modern leviathan that is United is trying to run as normal, but cannot compute what is happening to it.

This was an aggressive, confident Liverpool that United faced, but it was hard to escape the thought that Brendan Rodgers' team have played better this season. When one factors in the rivalry between the two teams, and what was at stake for both, you could make a case for saying there has been no bigger occasion for them. Yet you always feltLiverpool had another level, had they needed to rise to it. As for United, their best player was Rafael da Silva, which is saying something given that the Brazilian gave away the first of three penalties conceded by United and should really have been sent off for a second yellow card. He is a liability at times, but at least he was a liability who remembered that on days such as these

United players have an obligation to keep battling to win the game.

As for the big names, there was so little of note. Mata improved in the second half, but he was so ineffective before the break that it would have been staggering had he not. Robin van Persie was woeful, his volley that was struck wide with eight minutes remaining indicative of his form. It only became rebellious when Marouane Fellaini was substituted in the second half and some of the home fans cheered.

Their win makes Liverpool serious contenders for the Premier League title, with Manchester City and Chelsea still to play at Anfield. Rodgers was reluctant even to entertain the idea but his team are now in second place with a game in hand over leaders Chelsea. City and Chelsea are marginally better placed to win it, but there is something irresistible about Liverpool.

It was a game made for Steven Gerrard, who controlled it from the base of a midfield diamond. He was at different times the creator, the organiser, the passer extraordinaire, the destroyer and, above all, the man who held his nerve two times out of three from the penalty spot. He has been in the game far too long not to grasp an opportunity like this to destroy an opponent. United once had that kind of seasoned, experienced player, but no longer.

Rafael might have picked up a second yellow for his handball on 34 minutes, shortly after he had fouled Gerrard and been booked. The Liverpool captain put the penalty away, the first that referee Mark Clattenburg has given to an opponent of United in 20 games in charge of them. By the end of the match he had given two more. Moyes is a rational man but presented with such outcomes, he must wonder about his luck. Had United taken chances that fell to Van Persie and Rooney in the last five minutes of the first half it might have been different. As it was, Phil Jones leaned into Joe Allen in the first minute of the new half and the second penalty, scored by Gerrard, put the game beyond United's reach. Clattenburg might have sent off Jon Flanagan with 25 minutes left for a foul on Rafael that looked like a second booking but, as with Rafael's earlier transgression, he was reluctant to do so.

The red card for Nemanja Vidic that earned Liverpool a third penalty - no visitors had ever got more than one in a Premier League game at Old Trafford before - was, as Rodgers himself said, "harsh". There was no contact with Daniel Sturridge. Rodgers' mitigation that the striker felt the contact coming and tried to "hurdle" Vidic's challenge felt weak. The United captain was enraged, initially throwing his armband down on the touchline before he realised that even that was a step too far. It was eventually passed on to Patrice Evra. In the meantime, Gerrard struck the post with his third penalty. It was the replacement United captain who played Suarez onside in the 84th minute when Sturridge's scuffed shot found its way to his strike partner, who beat David de Gea for Liverpool's third goal. They should have had a fourth penalty, when Michael Carrick tripped Sturridge, but by then the afternoon's quota had already been well and truly exceeded.

Rooney called the afternoon "a nightmare", but even that implies an irrational aspect to events or a sense of the unreal. It is as bad as this most weeks for Moyes. This is really happening to United and they appear unable to stop it.

**MATCH IN NUMBERS**

26 Gerrard is the third-highest penalty scorer in Premier League history

3 United had never previously conceded more than one penalty at home in the PL

25 Suarez is just the second Liverpool player to score 25 PL goals in a season



**DAILY MIRROR**

**KOP NOTCH; POWERSHIFT**

BRENDAN RODGERS is fooling no one playing down Liverpool's title chances this season.

Even his inspirational skipper Steven Gerrard felt sufficiently emboldened to declare they have what it takes to end their 24-year wait to be reunited with the trophy they used to see as their own. This ruthless dismantling of Manchester United, reigning Premier League champions and Liverpool's fiercest rivals, proved Rodgers and his players have the credentials to be title winners.

Four points off the top, with a game in hand on Chelsea, who have still to visit Anfield along with Manchester City,Liverpool will never have a better chance of winning a maiden Premier League title. In his latest autobiography, Sir Alex Ferguson claimed Liverpool were eight players short of a title-winning squad. But after this brutal Old Trafford humiliation, it is United who fit that bill.

Rarely have United been outplayed at home so comprehensively, the only consolation for David Moyes (right, with Rodgers) and his crestfallen players being that the scoreline, whilst uncomfortable, was not more embarrassing.

Gerrard scored two penalties and missed a third, while the visitors were denied a fourth when Michael Carrick tripped Daniel Sturridge. David De Gea made a superb save to deny Suarez late on, while Liverpool were guilty of passing up more chances. United, however downcast they may be this morning, can take comfort in the fact it could have been an awful lot worse. Liverpool had a formidable attacking menace whenever they were on the ball and never took their foot off United's throat, subjecting them to an excruciating afternoon.

Moyes' side have now lost nine times in the Premier League this season, the most since the 2001-02 campaign - this defeat every bit as humbling as their 6-1 loss at home to Manchester City in 2011. On that occasion City went on to claim the title, and it would be another bitter pill to swallow if arch rivals Liverpool were to be

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crowned champions the season after Ferguson (inset, right) finally stepped down. Liverpool were utterly dominant, United insipid by comparison - the visitors brimming with energy, intent and purpose through their attacking trio of Luis Suarez, Daniel Sturridge and Raheem Sterling, underpinned by tireless displays from Gerrard, Jordan Henderson and Joe Allen. The breakthrough came in the 34th minute when the Anfield club were awarded the first of their three penalties. Sturridge picked out Suarez at the far post with a floating cross, the Uruguay striker's first touch catching Rafael flat-footed, the United full-back sticking out his right hand to stop the ball. It was a clearcut penalty and Rafael, booked moments earlier for a late lunge on Gerrard, must have feared the worst, but ref Mark Clattenburg felt the penalty was sufficient punishment. Gerrard showed customary composure and unerring accuracy in dispatching the spot-kick beyond De Gea. On the few occasions United did manage to g threaten the Liverpool goal, Simon Mignolet came to his side's rescue, thwarting Wayne Rooney a minute before the break, Martin Skrtel blocking the follow-up from the forward. The second half was less than a minute old when United conceded their second penalty, Phil Jones bringing down Allen. There were few complaints from the home side, whose misery was compounded when Gerrard tucked it away. United should have had a penalty of their own when Glen Johnson handled the ball in his own area three minutes later, but this was an afternoon when nothing went right for the beleaguered champions. Clattenburg awarded his third penalty of the game in the 77th minute when Nemanja Vidic was judged to have brought down Sturridge and was sent off for a second yellow card. Replays showed there was no contact and justice was done when Gerrard hit De Gea's righthand post to miss out on a hatrick from the spot. But there was still time for Liverpool to plunder a third goal, Suarez steering the ball in after Sturridge's attempted shot found its way into his path. United fans used to mock their Liverpool rivals about making history while claiming their Anfield enemies lived in it. If this is the shape of things to come, the tables could be about to turn.

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Reds daring to dream of title glory

The giant banner in the away end before kick-off read 'Make us dream'. By the end the 3,000 delirious Kopites were rubbing their eyes in disbelief. Liverpool fans have enjoyed many days to treasure during a season of thrilling promise but this topped the lot. Statements of intent don't come much bigger. Brendan Rodgers' side proved they are serious contenders for the Premier League crown by humiliating Manchester Unitedin their own backyard. The only disappointment was that the margin of victory failed to adequately reflect Liverpool's total dominance. A fifth successive league victory lifted the Reds back above Manchester City and into second place – just four points adrift of leaders Chelsea with a game in hand. The shockwaves will have been felt both at Stamford Bridge and the Etihad Stadium. Liverpool have momentum on their side and belief is blossoming both in the dressing room and among supporters.

'We're going to win the league', crowed the travelling Kop before delivering a deafening rendition of the club's famous anthem which echoed around Old Trafford. There was pride and delight in equal measure as the five-year wait to taste victory down the East Lincs Road was ended in scintillating style. A pivotal afternoon for the two heavyweights of English football only served to underline that they are heading in opposite directions.

After enduring two decades of sustained United dominance, this triumph confirmed the dawn of a new era in an age-old rivalry.

Having finished 28 points behind them last season, Liverpool currently sit 14 points better off. The Reds' stunning resurgence under Rodgers has been accompanied by United's shocking decline. A sullen-faced Alex Ferguson sat in stunned silence in the directors box as Liverpool provided damning evidence that the empire the Scot built has now crumbled to dust. The Reds' return to Europe's elite next term will coincide with United's absence from the Champions League for the time since 1995. The balance of power has quickly shifted.

Liverpool have made a mockery of Ferguson's claims in his autobiography that they "needed eight players to come up to title-winning standard". It's increasingly clear that his judgement was also poor when it came to picking his successor. The Stretford End need to change that banner from 'The Chosen One' to 'The Beleaguered One'. The contrast between the two managers at Old Trafford was vast. Rodgers watched on from the touchline with relish as his players carried out his instructions to perfection. This was another tactical masterplan for the Northern Irishman's growing collection as the midfield diamond he employed ensured the Reds wrestled control of proceedings from start to finish. Liverpool are a slick, cohesive unit playing an eye-catching brand of attacking football. There is a heady mix of valuable experience and youthful exuberance. Led by an inspirational captain, they just keep raising the bar.

Steven Gerrard scored two penalties and only the woodwork denied him the honour of being the first Liverpool player to score a hat-trick at Old Trafford since Fred Howe in 1936. The outstanding 33-year-old knows he won't ever get a better chance than this to clinch the one major honour which has always eluded him. Gerrard played like his life depended on the outcome and brought out the best in those around him. As players and staff celebrated together in front of the away

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Instead of this being the catalyst it was just another catastrophe. Add it to the ever-growing list of damning disasters.

Olympiacos, West Ham and City will now be rubbing their hands in anticipation of hammering the finals nails in this campaign of utter misery.

The contrast between these two bitter old rivals in 2014 could not have been starker sadly for United both before the match and when the action got underway.

Since the New Year, Liverpool have won nine matches, drawn two and lost just once in the FA Cup at Arsenal. It has been a sequence that has painfully made United's torrid time since the start of January even harder to bear.

The Reds have been knocked out in the FA Cup and Carling Cup, endured a disastrous time in Athens when the Champions League re-started after its winter break and they've dropped 13 league points to leave any faint hopes of the top four sground into the dust.

The galling fact for United is that it is Liverpool fans talking about a real challenge for the title going into spring as they attempt to clamber back on their perch and not the fallen champions emphasised the need for Moyes to kickstart this critical 10 day period with a victory.

With three of the four-match programme at Old Trafford it was also paramount that United started to rid themselves of the chains and concrete boots they seem to have acquired in front of their own fans this season.

It had been five weeks since United last played at Old Trafford and had another damaging effort in the 2-2 draw with strugglers Fulham.

The Reds manager acknowledged that reconstructing the stadium as a fortress was vital in his programme notes, admitting: "We have got the chance now to come home and put on a performance we are due and one which I believe we owe all of you inside the ground."

One of United's problems all season has been the inability to build on their rare good news stories when they come around.

The massive January signing of Juan Mata failed to fire the Reds up. Wayne Rooney signing his new fiev year contract did little to up the mood. So would Robin van Persie's declaration that he was happy at the club and his belief that Moyes would turn things around provide the chemical reaction that would finally



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see United explode into their old mode?  
Disappointingly yet again even with Old Trafford on full volume they couldn't elicit a cohesive and dangerous response from their troops. The home platform seemed a stifling one once more.  
There was no lack of intensity with youngsters Phil Jones and Liverpool's home grown pest Joe Flanagan getting into the swing of this kind of raw-boned clash very early on.  
But when the football was being played it was Brendan Rodgers' side who were playing it and no doubt impressing the watching Diego Maradona in the VIP seats more than Moyes' side.  
There has been much made of the harmony on the pitch between Liverpool's SAS strike force of Suarez and Sturridge in comparison to the almost estranged relationship of Wayne Rooney and Robin van Persie. You could almost hear a gasp of surprise when Rooney took a quick free kick that found his sidekick in the ninth minute. Sadly it didn't get any better than that.  
Conversely while Liverpool's duo were not exactly in tandem at their most devastating best but there was certainly an obvious link up there that put the Reds on the back foot and their nerves on pins.  
Suarez worried Rafael so much in the 33rd minute tat the Brazilian handballed to ensure the Uruguayan wouldn't squeeze by him and get a shot in. There was no getting away with it when Steve Gerrard thumped in the penalty.  
United's response was minimal in terms of danger or even remotely knocking Liverpool out of their stride.  
The fact it wasn't until the 44th minute that Rooney was able to force keeper Simon Mignolet into his first serious action was damning in the extreme.  
This was arguably Moyes' strongest XI but it was a collection of names rather than a team.  
Any little hope that there may be a second half reaction and improved understanding between them was pretty much pulled from under United's feet two minutes after the interval with another penalty.  
Jones was beaten by the swiftness of Allen and barged into his back in a rash effort to save the situation. Gerrard again didn't give David de Gea a hope of keeping United in the fight.  
It became embarrassing and torture to watch as the Anfielder's toyed with United and the Reds.  
Could it get worse. Well, Gerrard could have scored a spot kick hat trick but slammed his 78th minute effort against the post but Nemanja Vidic had been sent off giving away the kick for a second bookable offence.  
The Serb, however, seemed justified in questioning Sturridge's fall as he sped over his outstretched leg. Had the England hitman not gone down then there was every chance it was going to be another painful finish. At least the sight of Gerrard walking off the pitch with the match ball was spared United's suffering support. That really would have put the tin lid on it. But that slight plus was cancelled out when Suarez finally got his name on the scoresheet.  
Old Trafford's response to the Liverpool support crowing that they would win the league this year was far more impressive than those in Red shirts on the pitch who fell apart again and again as their ten men were overwhelmed.  
De Gea saved brilliantly once from Suarez and the crowd celebrated that but the South American beat him when put through by his partner Sturridge a minute later.  
The agony was complete.

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Steven Gerrard scored two penalties and missed a third as Liverpool emphasised their title credentials with a resounding win over reigning Premier League champions Manchester United at Old Trafford.  
In what was seen as the biggest test of their ability to claim their first crown since 1990, Liverpool passed the examination in emphatic fashion against an abject United to move to within four points of leaders Chelsea, with a game in hand.  
Liverpool captain Gerrard demonstrated their superiority with penalties either side of the interval as Brendan Rodgers's side exerted almost complete domination over a home team looking in need of a drastic overhaul.  
Gerrard missed another spot-kick after Daniel Sturridge went to ground under a Nemanja Vidic challenge - the United captain picking up his fourth red card against Liverpool in the process - but there was no stopping Luis Suarez as he added a third.  
At this stage last season there was a 29-point gap between these sides in United's favour as they beat Rodgers's team 2-1 at home.  
But Liverpool's dominance here underscored the scale of the turnaround, their improvement and the collapse in fortunes at Old Trafford since manager David Moyes succeeded Sir Alex Ferguson.  
Moyes must now pick up a bedraggled team before Wednesday's return Champions League game against Olympiakos, where they need to overcome a 2-0 deficit from the first leg in Greece.  
For Liverpool, Rodgers and their exultant supporters there are no such concerns. The Reds are flying high with a self-belief that marks them out as having a real chance to win the title.  
And with Manchester City and Chelsea, who lost to Aston Villa on Saturday, still to visit Anfield, Liverpool have been presented with a wonderful opportunity to claim the prize that was once almost a permanent presence in their trophy room.  
Liverpool's intentions - not to mention the confidence now surging through this team - were clear inside two minutes as Sturridge found space inside the area from Jordan Henderson's pass but could not find the target.  
They had claims for a penalty ignored when Marouane Fellaini tangled clumsily with Suarez. The Uruguayan stayed on his feet and was left a picture of frustration when the spot-kick was not awarded.  
Sturridge squandered another opportunity for Liverpool, but that was a further sign of a sharpness and threat that was in complete contrast to a pedestrian United.  
The goal Liverpool deserved finally arrived 10 minutes before the break when Rafael, who had just been booked for a wild challenge on Gerrard, clearly handled in the area. It was a straightforward decision for referee Mark Clattenburg and Gerrard scored the spot-kick with ease in front of the Stretford End.  
United were unable to get their main attacking players into the game but they were given hope by Wayne Rooney's rising drive which was turned away by the diving Simon Mignolet.  
All the plans Moyes will have laid out during the interval were sabotaged within moments of the restart as Liverpool were awarded a second penalty after Phil Jones bundled Joe Allen to the ground. Once more Gerrard stepped forward and once more he demonstrated his expertise from the spot.  
Liverpool had been virtually untroubled but a rare ragged passage of play persuaded Rodgers to introduce Philippe Coutinho for Raheem Sterling with 19 minutes remaining.  
United, in a move that was long overdue, made a change of their own with 15 minutes left, sending on Danny Welbeck and Tom Cleverley for Fellaini and Adnan Januzaj.  
Remarkably, Liverpool were awarded a third penalty when Sturridge went down with Vidic in close proximity.  
The Serbian defender remonstrated with the Liverpool striker, who he clearly felt had dived, and his frustration increased as he received a second yellow card and made his way off disconsolately.  
Gerrard, with the rarest of opportunities, could not make it a hat-trick of successful penalties by a visiting side at Old Trafford, striking his effort against the base of the post.  
Liverpool were taking full advantage of their numerical supremacy and it was no surprise when Suarez ran unhindered into the area to score, having been denied by a magnificent save from De Gea moments earlier.  
United's fans chanted in defiance as the final whistle approached - but they were forced to accept an ominous message about their own shortcomings and Liverpool's growing stature as Clattenburg blew.

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Full time Match ends, Manchester United 0, Liverpool 3.  
90:00+4:05Full time Second Half ends, Manchester United 0, Liverpool 3.  
90:00+3:43 Foul by Luis Suarez (Liverpool).  
90:00+3:43 Rio Ferdinand (Manchester United wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
90:00+3:13 Attempt missed. Wayne Rooney (Manchester United right footed shot from outside the box is just a bit too high from a direct free kick.  
90:00+2:30 Foul by Lucas Leiva (Liverpool).  
90:00+2:30 Danny Welbeck (Manchester United wins a free kick in the attacking half.  
90:00+1:22Substitution SubstitutionSubstitution, Liverpool. Iago Aspas replaces Daniel Sturridge.  
90:00+0:43 Foul by Joe Allen (Liverpool).  
90:00+0:43 Rafael (Manchester United wins a free kick in the attacking half.  
90:00+0:12 Attempt saved. Jordan Henderson (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the bottom right corner. Assisted by Jon Flanagan.  
87:33 Attempt missed. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is close, but misses to the left. Assisted by Jordan Henderson.  
86:26Substitution SubstitutionSubstitution, Manchester United. Rio Ferdinand replaces Juan Mata.  
86:04Substitution SubstitutionSubstitution, Liverpool. Lucas Leiva replaces Steven Gerrard.  
85:13 Foul by Danny Welbeck (Manchester United).  
85:13 Joe Allen (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
83:29Goal scored Goal!Goal! Manchester United 0, Liverpool 3. Luis Suarez (Liverpool left footed shot from the centre of the box to the bottom left corner. Assisted by Daniel Sturridge.  
83:27 Attempt missed. Daniel Sturridge (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box misses to the right. Assisted by Philippe Coutinho.  
82:15 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by David de Gea.  
82:13 Attempt saved. Luis Suarez (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Glen Johnson.  
81:29 Offside, Manchester United. Wayne Rooney tries a through ball, but Robin van Persie is caught offside.  
78:25 Attempt missed. Luis Suarez (Liverpool right footed shot from the left side of the box is close, but misses the top right corner. Assisted by Philippe Coutinho.  
77:57 Penalty missed! Still Manchester United 0, Liverpool 2. Steven Gerrard (Liverpool hits the left post with a right footed shot.  
76:42Dismissal DismissalSecond yellow card to Nemanja Vidic (Manchester United for a bad foul.  
76:37 Penalty conceded by Nemanja Vidic (Manchester United after a foul in the penalty area.  
76:37 Penalty Liverpool. Daniel Sturridge draws a foul in the penalty area.  
75:22Substitution SubstitutionSubstitution, Manchester United. Danny Welbeck replaces Adnan Januzaj.  
75:15Substitution SubstitutionSubstitution, Manchester United. Tom Cleverley replaces Marouane Fellaini.  
74:47 Attempt missed. Robin van Persie (Manchester United header from the centre of the box misses to the right. Assisted by Wayne Rooney with a cross.  
73:53 Attempt missed. Steven Gerrard (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is high and wide to the right following a corner.  
73:20 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Phil Jones.  
73:18 Attempt blocked. Steven Gerrard (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Jordan Henderson.  
71:41 Attempt missed. Jordan Henderson (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is too high following a set piece situation.  
71:19Substitution SubstitutionSubstitution, Liverpool. Philippe Coutinho replaces Raheem Sterling.  
70:28Booking Nemanja Vidic (Manchester United is shown the yellow card.  
70:23 Foul by Rafael (Manchester United).  
70:23 Luis Suarez (Liverpool wins a free kick on the left wing.  
67:01 Offside, Manchester United. Patrice Evra tries a through ball, but Robin van Persie is caught offside.  
65:23 Attempt missed. Marouane Fellaini (Manchester United right footed shot from outside the box is too high.  
65:21 Attempt blocked. Juan Mata (Manchester United left footed shot from the centre of the box is blocked.  
64:21 Rafael (Manchester United wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
64:21 Foul by Jon Flanagan (Liverpool).  
63:34 Attempt blocked. Wayne Rooney (Manchester United right footed shot from the centre of the box is blocked. Assisted by Michael Carrick.  
61:40 Foul by Wayne Rooney (Manchester United).  
61:40 Jordan Henderson (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
56:51 Delay over. They are ready to continue.  
55:45 Delay in match Daniel Agger (Liverpool because of an injury.  
54:58 Attempt missed. Nemanja Vidic (Manchester United header from the centre of the box is high and wide to the left. Assisted by Juan Mata with a cross following a corner.  
54:30 Corner, Manchester United. Conceded by Steven Gerrard.  
53:52Booking Martin Skrtel (Liverpool is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.  
53:50 Foul by Martin Skrtel (Liverpool).  
53:50 Juan Mata (Manchester United wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
50:10 Foul by Marouane Fellaini (Manchester United).  
50:10 Daniel Sturridge (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.  
49:02 Corner, Manchester United. Conceded by Glen Johnson.  
48:07 Marouane Fellaini (Manchester United wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
48:07 Foul by Daniel Sturridge (Liverpool).

47:38 Foul by Adnan Januzaj (Manchester United).

47:38 Joe Allen (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.

45:57Goal scored Goal!Goal! Manchester United 0, Liverpool 2. Steven Gerrard (Liverpool converts the penalty with a right footed shot to the bottom right corner.

45:26 Penalty conceded by Phil Jones (Manchester United after a foul in the penalty area.

45:26 Penalty Liverpool. Joe Allen draws a foul in the penalty area.

45:00 Second Half begins Manchester United 0, Liverpool 1.

45:00+2:22Half time First Half ends, Manchester United 0, Liverpool 1.

45:00+0:19 Attempt missed. Adnan Januzaj (Manchester United right footed shot from the left side of the box misses to the right. Assisted by Juan Mata.

43:49 Attempt blocked. Wayne Rooney (Manchester United left footed shot from the centre of the box is blocked.

43:47 Attempt saved. Wayne Rooney (Manchester United right footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the top centre of the goal. Assisted by Rafael.

43:11 Attempt missed. Luis Suarez (Liverpool right footed shot from more than 40 yards on the right wing misses to the right. Assisted by Joe Allen.

41:31 Attempt missed. Patrice Evra (Manchester United header from the centre of the box is high and wide to the right. Assisted by Juan Mata with a cross following a corner.

41:04 Corner, Manchester United. Conceded by Martin Skrtel.

41:02 Attempt blocked. Robin van Persie (Manchester United left footed shot from the centre of the box is blocked. Assisted by Rafael.

37:05 Offside, Manchester United. Juan Mata tries a through ball, but Robin van Persie is caught offside.

36:25Booking Steven Gerrard (Liverpool is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.

36:04 Delay over. They are ready to continue.

35:00 Delay in match Marouane Fellaini (Manchester United because of an injury.

35:00 Delay in match Raheem Sterling (Liverpool because of an injury.

34:49 Marouane Fellaini (Manchester United wins a free kick in the attacking half.

34:49 Foul by Steven Gerrard (Liverpool).

33:40Goal scored Goal!Goal! Manchester United 0, Liverpool 1. Steven Gerrard (Liverpool converts the penalty with a right footed shot to the top right corner.

32:39 Penalty conceded by Rafael (Manchester United with a hand ball in the penalty area.

31:15Booking Rafael (Manchester United is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.

31:12 Foul by Rafael (Manchester United).

31:12 Steven Gerrard (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.

30:37Booking Jon Flanagan (Liverpool is shown the yellow card.

30:28 Adnan Januzaj (Manchester United wins a free kick on the right wing.

30:28 Foul by Jon Flanagan (Liverpool).

27:37 Attempt saved. Joe Allen (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the bottom right corner.

26:28 Juan Mata (Manchester United wins a free kick in the defensive half.

26:28 Foul by Glen Johnson (Liverpool).

24:48 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Phil Jones.

24:06 Foul by Marouane Fellaini (Manchester United).

24:06 Steven Gerrard (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.

19:17 Attempt missed. Daniel Sturridge (Liverpool left footed shot from the centre of the box is close, but misses to the right. Assisted by Luis Suarez with a through ball.

18:31 Foul by Patrice Evra (Manchester United).

18:31 Daniel Sturridge (Liverpool wins a free kick on the right wing.

18:19 Attempt blocked. Robin van Persie (Manchester United right footed shot from the right side of the box is blocked.

18:17 Attempt blocked. Robin van Persie (Manchester United left footed shot from the right side of the box is blocked.

16:12 Hand ball by Marouane Fellaini (Manchester United).

10:58 Foul by Adnan Januzaj (Manchester United).

10:58 Glen Johnson (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.

9:57 Wayne Rooney (Manchester United wins a free kick on the right wing.

9:57 Foul by Jon Flanagan (Liverpool).

8:53 Rafael (Manchester United wins a free kick on the right wing.

8:53 Foul by Jon Flanagan (Liverpool).

7:24 Attempt saved. Glen Johnson (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is saved in the bottom right corner.

6:51 Delay over. They are ready to continue.

6:31 Delay in match Phil Jones (Manchester United because of an injury.

5:45 Offside, Liverpool. Jordan Henderson tries a through ball, but Luis Suarez is caught offside.

4:36 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Phil Jones.

3:45 Juan Mata (Manchester United wins a free kick in the attacking half.

3:45 Foul by Steven Gerrard (Liverpool).

2:12 Attempt missed. Daniel Sturridge (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is close, but misses to the right. Assisted by Jordan Henderson with a through ball.

0:00 First Half begins.

0:00 Lineups are announced and players are warming up.