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## THE TIMES

Liverpool endure new indignity

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Liverpool's previous trip to Selhurst Park is famous for the tears and the heartache, but that was almost fun compared with yesterday's trauma. At least in May, Brendan Rodgers left with proud memories of a spirited campaign, a point and a position, albeit fragile, at the top of the table. This time, a wretched afternoon offered nothing but misery. Liverpool departed 12th in the Barclays Premier League, and in such rotten form and confidence that even a relatively easy run of fixtures -- Ludogorets, followed by Stoke City, Leicester City and Sunderland -- can offer scant reassurance. No opponent will fear Rodgers's team when Palace can so easily lay bare all their failings amid the downpour at Selhurst Park. For Rodgers, life is one long deluge just now. The Liverpool manager was so low afterwards that a man who prides himself on upbeat communication almost mumbled through his press conference. At times inaudible, he cited a long list of reasons for Liverpool's malaise but struggled to offer solutions. He even admitted that he is "not so arrogant" that he can assume his job is safe.

It really should not come to the manager of the year fearing for his position only months later, and Rodgers deserves backing from his employers, but he did not look, or sound, like a man who has a ready answer to his team's crisis of confidence. Where to turn? In a floundering back line, Dejan Lovren is looking horribly expensive at PS20 million, but is Kolo Toure really more reliable? Steven Gerrard looks a sad, slowing shadow of the great player of his prime, but will ditching the captain not simply exacerbate the sense of alarm? Raheem Sterling was fitful yesterday but when Liverpool are so lacking in penetration, you cannot withdraw the best hope of creativity around the box. For every suggestion, a different problem. So much has transpired since that epic 3-3. Palace have a new manager, and under Neil Warnock rather than Tony Pulis, find themselves in a relegation fight, but they are still capable of sensing weakness -- especially in Liverpool -- and exposing it with vigorous, quick counterattacks.

"Can we play you every week," the Selhurst Park crowd gleefully sang by the end of an afternoon that was mediocre for long passages but started, and finished, with a bang. It began with Liverpool taking the lead as early as the second minute, Rickie Lambert scoring on his first league start in place of the injured Mario Balotelli. Yet even as Lambert finished off a fine pass from Adam Lallana, who soon lost his way in midfield, Palace seemed to know that this was an afternoon when they could leap out of the relegation zone and a rut of poor results.

So it proved. Yannick Bolasie led the fightback and it summed up Liverpool's problems that they made the Congo player look like Selhurst Park's Ronaldo. Javier Manquillo never got to grips with the winger, who set up the 17th-minute equaliser when he cut inside. With Liverpool defenders standing off, his sharp shot hit a post and bounced back to Gayle to beat Simon Mignolet.

Both teams traded half-chances but, even as they dominated possession, Liverpool's best hope was predictable balls floated on to the head of Lambert. It was sad to watch Gerrard yesterday, and odd to think that Roy Hodgson was pleading with him only a few months ago to continue as England captain.

Joe Allen was the best of Liverpool's midfield players, even after a cut to the head that required two shirt changes as the blood poured, but there was never any sense of authority from the visiting team. Up front, Sterling and Philippe Coutinho were involved only sporadically. As for that horrible defence, the second Palace goal, with 12 minutes remaining, was Liverpool's season in microcosm.

They had a free kick deep inside their own territory but Mignolet hoicked it into touch like an amateur hacker duck-hooking off the tee. From the throw-in, Bolasie cleverly flicked the ball over Lovren's head -- quite why the centre half was out on the touchline only he can answer -- and left the defender stumbling. The cutback was perfectly weighted for Joe Ledley, who had surged forward while Gerrard and Sterling stood idly. Neat from Palace, wretched from Liverpool.

When Skrtel tugged Gayle's shirt soon afterwards, Jedinak stepped up to hit a wonderful 25-yard free kick into the top corner that confirmed victory for a team bought at a cost of less than PS15 million. Palace had elevated a mediocre game and plunged Liverpool even deeper into their crisis of lost confidence.

It is very easy to be critical of Liverpool just now and, on Sky, Jamie Carragher was not sparing. He talked of his old club "getting bullied out of games, mentally and physically weak". Liverpool won just one tackle between the 60th and 80th minutes, as well as conceding two goals, a damning statistic that highlighted just how badly they have lost their zest. Strikingly, Carragher talked of there being "no leadership on the pitch", which is quite something from such a close friend of Gerrard's, but no one could dispute a word of his critique.

Liverpool's problems are easy to spot because there are so many of them, beyond the loss of Luis Suarez and the long-term injury to Daniel Sturridge.

Solutions? To judge from Rodgers's grim mood, they are thin on the ground.

Crystal Palace (4-4-2): J Speroni 5 -- M Kelly 4, S Dann 6, D Delaney 5 (sub: B Hangeland, 36 6), J Ward 6 -- J Punccheon 6 (sub: J McArthur, 76), M Jedinak 7, J Ledley 7, J Bolasie 8 (sub: B Bannan, 86) -- D Gayle 7, M Chamakh 6. Substitutes not used: W Hennessey, F Campbell, W Zaha, A Johnson. Booked: Delaney.

Liverpool (4-3-1-2): S Mignolet 5 -- J Manquillo 4, M Skrtel 4, D Lovren 4, G Johnson 4 -- A Lallana 5 (sub: F Borini, 72), S Gerrard 4, J Allen 6 (sub: E Can, 74) -- P Coutinho 5 -- R Lambert 5, R Sterling 5. Substitutes not used: B Jones, K Toure, A Moreno, Lucas Leiva, L Markovic. Booked: Manquillo, Skrtel.

## the guardian

Liverpool backbone ruptured by Bolasie as Palace claim victory of heart and mind

All the fight appeared to have drained out of Brendan Rodgers in the aftermath.

The Liverpool manager mumbled through his post-match assessment as he struggled to comprehend another damaging result, his team's spluttering campaign sinking ever further into the mire. While he offered up a few defiant words, stressing the need for immediate improvement with a cluttered schedule upon his team, his downbeat delivery said more.

As telling was his admission that, even after last season's rapid development and near miss in terms of the title race, he cannot count himself immune from dismissal. This campaign's more onerous workload, with the added demand of Champions League football and tighter scope for domestic improvement, is taking its toll. His side are saddled with a minus goal difference and languish closer to the relegation zone than the top four. They were outfought here by a Crystal Palace side who started the match below the cut-off. That is damning in itself. This performance was arguably more troubling than the infamous late capitulation in May. Back in spring, dismayed by that damaging home loss to Chelsea a few days earlier, the visitors' thinking had been muddled in pursuit of inflating their goal difference, all focus blurred and panic gripping over a madcap 11-minute period in the contest's finale. Here they led within 90 seconds against a team whose fragility has been all too clear this term, and still contrived to wilt almost apologetically.

The plight of those across their back-line rather summed them up: Dejan Lovren and Martin Skrtel are diminished in the centre, their vulnerability exposed by Dwight Gayle and Marouane Chamakh; both full-backs were flummoxed throughout by the pace on Palace's flanks; the goalkeeper, Simon Mignolet, is bereft of confidence, with his every error punished.

Yannick Bolasie, all elastic limbs and blistering pace, illuminated this occasion, with his extravagant skill striking terror into his markers. It had been his shot which skimmed across Mignolet and on to the far post just after the quarter-hour mark, Gayle converting the rebound smartly on his first league start since mid-September, and his flick over Lovren was thumped through the goalkeeper by Joe Ledley to thrust the hosts ahead. Bolasie returned from DR Congo only on Thursday after scoring a brace to propel his country to the Africa Cup of Nations. Sensing his opportunity, he had been irreplaceable until replaced late on. "He doesn't know what he's going to do next," said Neil Warnock, "so the full-back doesn't have a chance, does he?"

Mile Jedinak belted in a third from a 25-yard free-kick and, while Liverpool could complain over the softness of that award, they still ended bedraggled and well beaten. There was no obvious plan to their approach, short of tapping into the understanding enjoyed by Adam Lallana and Rickie Lambert from their Southampton days.

That combination had earned them the lead, the England striker's first Liverpool goal converted slickly to suggest a cakewalk ahead. But the visitors were stodgy in their approach thereafter, all that zest from last term a faint memory, offering neither width in attack nor zip through the middle. The post-match statistics suggested both Steven Gerrard and Skrtel had not won a single tackle, with Jedinak the most authoritative midfielder on the pitch and Ledley snapping at his side.

Palace should have scored more, so eagerly did they wrest back the initiative after that poor start, with Liverpool wincing at the ferocity of the home side's breaks upfield. Jason Puncheon recaptured last year's form - his combinations with Bolasie cutting Rodgers' side apart, and there was no one among the visitors' ranks to stamp authority on the occasion.

"We can't complain," said their manager, whose side have won only twice in nine Premier League matches. "We'd hoped to build on the last two years but we need to get back to basics, to get back to fighting and working hard." This smacked of a surrender.

Man of the match Yannick Bolasie (Crystal Palace)

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## The Mail

**SINKING FEELING GRIPS RODGERS;** Liverpool boss must get tough after Palace prey on gutless Reds

AS A gauge for Brendan Rodgers to measure Liverpool's regression, it might be quite accurate. No better at the back than they were six months ago, much worse up front and utterly devoid of belief.

At least, when they somehow converted a three-goal lead into a six-goal draw at Crystal Palace in May, they were in gung-ho pursuit of the goals to bring the title to Anfield for the first time in 20 years. Again they took the lead at Selhurst Park, but it was all downhill after Rickie Lambert had hit the target on 91 seconds, and again they conceded three, with Neil Warnock reaching for the salt to declare his disappointment at not scoring more. Dwight Gayle levelled before halftime and Palace's heavily-bearded midfield warriors Joe Ledley and Mile Jedinak scored a goal each in a frenzied three-minute spell near the end of a rain-soaked game.

Gayle and Ledley owed theirs to Yannick Bolasie, outstanding on the left, where he tormented illprotected Liverpool full back Javier Manquillo, while Jedinak's was a stunning free-kick from 25 yards. Palace danced in delight as they sprang out of the Barclays Premier League's bottom three to within two points of their visitors, who next travel to Bulgaria to face Ludogorets in the Champions League. Rodgers must stop this rotten run, even if that means sacrificing principles and making unpopular selections. It will be a real test of his judgment. His team have lost four in a row and have not won in the league since mid-October.

Six months ago, Liverpool were fresh, flamboyant and sure to score goals but the sale of Luis Suarez, form dips and injuries have left them miles from that standard. Rodgers has lost the balance and rhythm which made Liverpool so entertaining.

He has lost the menace in attack but not the vulnerability at the back or the nagging questions about character and leadership, which Sportsmail's Jamie Carragher aired on Sky TV. Without Daniel Sturridge or Mario Balotelli, Lambert started and scored his first Liverpool goal when Adam Lallana caught Palace's former Liverpool full back Martin Kelly napping.

Lambert collected it with the outside of his right foot and drove the ball low past Julian Speroni. 'It could have knocked the stuffing out of us,' said Warnock. 'You could see they were determined from the way they started and the way they celebrated that goal. But you can score too early. We'd have done most teams today. I'm disappointed we didn't score more, really.' Liverpool were not helped by the fact Joe Allen cut his head and twice needed to leave the pitch for patching up. Gayle equalised in the second of those short spells.

Bolasie charged forward, accepting the invitation to shoot from Liverpool's central defenders, who decided not to squeeze out. His effort zipped across the wet surface and thumped into a post.

With his pace and instinct, Gayle was first to the rebound, beating Martin Skrtel in a foot race, and turned it into the net. Liverpool, having held their lead for only 10 minutes, were beset by doubt. Palace detected blood, refusing to allow them time to settle and pass, quickly in position to punish any touch not perfect.

The slippery conditions helped them prey on Liverpool's nerves and Bolasie relished the space available out wide, due to Liverpool's slender formation. It was an Simon Mignolet made a terrific save from Bolasie, a drive which skidded up when Gayle might have blocked his view. Manquillo recovered to block from Bolasie after a neat one-two with Jason Puncheon at the end of a sweeping counter-attack. Bolasie sliced another shot wide before the break after Puncheon had slid a pass behind Manquillo.

Liverpool dominated possession but without penetration. They rarely got behind a Palace defence which lost Damien Delaney through injury in the first half.

Lambert twice headed crosses wide and Steven Gerrard tried his luck from long range only to find his efforts mocked by the Selhurst crowd.

Raheem Sterling contributed little beside a couple of rejected penalty appeals. There were 12 minutes left in a disjointed second half when Mignolet dragged a free-kick into touch. From the throw, Bolasie collected a flick, hooked the ball over his head and muscled past Dejan Lovren. He looked up and pulled a cross into the path of Ledley, who finished first time with his left foot.

Selhurst was still bouncing when Selhurst Park Attendance: 24,862 Jedinak curled in the third from a free-kick conceded by Skrtel. It was a fourth goal in seven games for the Palace skipper and the joy was complete for Palace. The pain deepened for Liverpool. EURO WATCH

LUDOGORETS remain five points behind leaders CSKA Sofia in the Bulgarian league after a 1-1 draw on Saturday saw two red and seven yellow cards. Rodgers' men will have to watch midfielder Fabio Espinho who scored an excellent free-kick.

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## The Daily Telegraph

Liverpool flaws laid bare again by Palace

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By the end of another damaging visit here, Liverpool were being serenaded by Crystal Palace fans with: "Can we play you every week?" Liverpool's title dream was wrecked here with a draw in May and the decline this season has been quickened by Dwight Gayle, Yannick Bolasie and company.

Liverpool are closer to the relegation positions than the Champions League slots and the management of Brendan Rodgers is being increasingly questioned. A team in transition risk becoming a team in retreat. Just as they folded last time, Liverpool again lacked leadership, dynamism and defensive resolve and organisation. Having been so close to a 19th title in May, Liverpool now trail leaders Chelsea by 18 points. How they miss the departed Luis Suarez and the injured Daniel Sturridge. As the season falls into winter's cold grip, Liverpool's top scorers are Steven Gerrard and Raheem Sterling - with three in all competitions.

Liverpool's woes run deeper than a paucity of goals, though. The prolific firepower of last season masked flaws at the back which have not been rectified. Liverpool's defence resembles a collection of strangers, bereft of communication and co-ordination. Javier Manquillo and Glen Johnson were caught out by Bolasie and Jason Puncheon. Dejan Lovren is a shadow of his commanding Southampton self and endured a particularly wretched afternoon. Martin Skrtel could easily have been dismissed, such was his panicky response to the electric movement of Gayle in particular. Liverpool's full-backs push so high that the centre-halves can get dragged wide with painful consequences.

For those who have long admired Gerrard's heavyweight contributions, it is sad to see the Liverpool captain fading, the 34-year-old now akin to an ageing gladiator taking on one fight too many. The way Puncheon left him for dead at one point must have been alarming for Liverpool fans to behold. Almost as unsettling was the sight of Sterling struggling to find his old zest.

Joe Allen, Adam Lallana and Rickie Lambert all strived hard - and Lambert took his deserved chance to lead the line and score in the absence of the injured Mario Balotelli - but Liverpool are so low on confidence, so vulnerable to rapid counterattacks. Palace's starting XI cost PS12.85million. Their best player against Liverpool, Bolasie, was recruited for around PS150,000, had slept little after flying back from Yaounde and Kinshasa where he helped DR Congo to qualify for the Africa Cup of Nations yet he kept running at Liverpool, causing them sustained grief. Liverpool looked the ones with jet lag.

Gayle set Palace back PS6million from Peterborough United in 2013 and it appeared a hefty outlay at the time for a player only just emerged from non-League, but he is maturing quickly. Playing the lone front-runner, Gayle held the ball up well, linked with team-mates and scored his fourth goal in three games against Liverpool. Palace controlled midfield through Joe Ledley and Mile Jedinak, who both struck in the second half, adding to Gayle's opener.

Jedinak has just returned from Japan with Australia yet looked as fresh as if he had spent international week at a spa in leafy Surrey. He scored the type of free-kick that used to be second nature to Gerrard.

Rodgers at some point has a huge decision to make on his captain, namely about the new contract. Rodgers needs to improve his recruiting, investing money more wisely. He left Selhurst Park looking and sounding down but also needs to remember that he is a talented manager, who overachieved last season, and whose players will be looking to him for leadership.

This is no time for introspection and self-doubt; Rodgers needs to exude defiance and transmit the message that he remains the man with the plan as well as the notebook. He could have been forgiven for entering one of English football's most raucous arenas with a sense of trepidation. It was here last May that Rodgers's side threw away a threegoal lead and although the draw took them top, Manchester City had that game in hand, a vastly superior goal difference and the keys to the title deeds. Six of those starting here were involved that fateful night, Simon Mignolet, Johnson, Gerrard, Allen, Sterling and Philippe Coutinho, who came off the bench in May, yet they began positively. After 89 seconds, Lallana looked up and drove a beautiful ball from right to left over the top for Lambert, who was already on the move, already anticipating Lallana's intentions.

Timing his run to get ahead of Martin Kelly, Lambert controlled the ball elegantly before calmly placing it past Julian Speroni. The England international, 32, turned away smiling and was soon mobbed by his team-mates, Gerrard leading the charge to congratulate the popular No9.

Lambert's own celebration spoke of his delight at finally being given a proper opportunity and also reflecting his deep affinity with the club from his boyhood days in Kirkby. Liverpool glee did not last long. As the rain lashed down, as Bolasie and Gayle began building up speed and the Holmesdale Road home of noise began cranking up the volume, Palace tore into Liverpool. After 17 minutes, Johnson and Lovren were far too slow in reacting to Bolasie's surge. Gifted space, Bolasie let fly, his strike cannoning off Mignolet's right-hand upright. Now it was Skrtel being too sluggish. Gayle, by contrast, was so sharp, again showing the importance of following up shots as he coolly poached the equaliser.

Bolasie continued to concern Rodgers's defence. Cutting in from the left, again given too much room to manoeuvre, Bolasie fired in a shot that Mignolet saw late but still managed to push away.

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Liverpool enjoyed plenty of possession but Palace continued to threaten on the break in the second half. Jedinak's shot was blocked by the hard-working Allen. Rodgers looked on, appearing calm whatever his inner frustrations. Neil Warnock was far more animated, the Palace manager celebrating wildly in the rain as the game turned his team's way with 12 minutes remaining. Again, Liverpool's defending was abject. Lovren was totally deceived by Bolasie's juggling act, lifting the ball over the centre-half, and racing towards the box. Bolasie cut the ball back perfectly for Ledley, who stroked it home from 15 yards. Four minutes later, Warnock resembled a manic air guitarist as Palace struck again. Skrtel fouled Gayle again, tugging his shirt, somehow escaping another yellow, but Jedinak punished Liverpool, lifting in a majestic freekick. Selhurst Park was almost shaking in its foundations. Liverpool left badly shaken, again.



### Palace curse returns to show how far Liverpool have fallen

In south London rain yesterday, Brendan Rodgers will have been hard pressed to recall a time when his Liverpool team bus would be applauded into Anfield by huge throngs of fans who believed they were on the brink of a historic achievement. That dream started to unravel at Selhurst Park in May and six months on they returned to the scene of that catastrophe to discover just how far they had fallen.

The answer was bleak for Rodgers, who looked a very different manager to the one who spent so much of last season on the touchline smiling and applauding a sparkling title challenge. Soaked and despondent yesterday, he did not even use his full complement of substitutes, and when he came into his post-match press conference after a third straight league defeat, he pulled no punches.

This was, he said, "nowhere near the level expected" from a team "low on confidence", but it was the manner of the Liverpool manager that told its own story. He looked shattered. A young coach who knows how much a part confidence has played in his team's rise, this time he could offer no more assurances - just the promise that he would work hard at finding the solutions. The suggestion from Jamie Carragher in the Sky Sports studio was that it might take more than hard work. He said that Liverpool needed better players. They are only five points off Manchester United in fourth place and yet, the way they are playing now, it feels like it could be three times that.

As for Crystal Palace, a goal behind within two minutes, this was a first league win in six that always seemed to be coming, even if the final two goals from Joe Ledley and then Mile Jedinak arrived in the final 12 minutes. Neil Warnock's two midfield dogs of war finished Liverpool off but it was the game's outstanding player, Yannick Bolasie, who found the space for the breakthrough that led to the second. Rodgers did not have a player to match him.

Palace were tenacious; Liverpool too often timid. In the aftermath, Rodgers defended Raheem Sterling but the timing of the 19-year-old's current dip in form is deeply unfortunate for their manager. Philippe Coutinho barely left a mark on the game while Adam Lallana, who had a good first half, faded badly after the break and was substituted.

Liverpool still rely so much on Steven Gerrard and this was not one of his best days. His shooting was off-beam and his occasional vulnerability was typified by a moment in the second half when he was robbed by Jason Puncheon. Against a team as full of running as Palace, who were dangerous on the counter-attack, the former England captain often looked isolated.

Nowhere were Liverpool's inadequacies expressed more than in the way they conceded the second goal. Simon Mignolet booted the ball straight into touch. From the throw-in Bolasie left Dejan Lovren face down on the wet turf, having easily outmuscled the centre-half by the touchline. What Lovren was doing out there, only he knows. In the area, Ledley finished neatly and there was only going to be one outcome to the game.

It had all begun so well for Liverpool, given the lead by Rickie Lambert in only his second Premier League start of the season. Lambert's first goal for the club would have been an occasion of great joy for the Liverpool fan but not much has gone well for him this season and this was no different. Other than a first-half header from Joe Allen's cross, he barely threatened again.

Less than two minutes into the game Lambert caught the former Liverpool right-back Martin Kelly cold with a run down the left channel that left the Palace defender unsure whether to chase or intercept.

Lallana's ball over the Palace defence was decisive, dropping over Kelly. Lambert took it right, into the box, with his first touch and shot inside the near post as Julian Speroni went the other way. If anything, it seemed to embolden Palace. "You can score too early, you know," Warnock said later, and the problem for Liverpool was that was truly their best moment of the game.

They struggled all afternoon with Bolasie, a great left-wing galloper, who can cover the length of the pitch as quickly as anyone in the league. The equaliser came on 17 minutes when he cut in on his right foot, and struck the ball against a post. As it came back, Dwight Gayle reacted sharply, beating Martin Skrtel to the ball and hitting a shot that went in off Mignolet.

Gayle has gained five of his nine career Premier League goals against Liverpool. When he scored, Allen was off the pitch having treatment to a cut to his head that would not stop bleeding. A minor detail, but it does not team any favours to play

with just 10.

Bolasie had their next best chance of the half, an exchange with Gayle after the former had carried the ball from almost his own area. On that occasion, Javier Manquillo got across to get a foot on the shot and deflect it wide.

Without wishing to dwell on the second half too much, it would be fair to say that it was low on quality or incident until the final 12 minutes. First there was Bolasie's fine work to get free down the right and cross for Ledley to score. Then, Skrtel conceded a central free-kick with a blatant shirt tug on Gayle. "He's been doing that for years," Carragher despaired on Sky.

Even so, it needed a good footballer to score from that kind of distance and Jedinak is more than just a tackler with a folk musician's beard. He executed the free-kick beautifully, lifting the ball inside Mignolet's left post with a big right-to-left swing. When one considers the cost of this Liverpool team, that was the best moment of individual skill all afternoon.

There is no sign yet that the anxiety at Liverpool may affect the manager's position, but Rodgers admitted afterwards that no one is impervious to results. These situations tend to escalate quickly, however, and right now there is no obvious sign of the pressure easing.



### BAD ALL OVER

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But 'Crysta Rodge threehopes But here at the scene of 'Crystanbul' - where Brendan Rodgers' side surrendered a three-goal lead and their title hopes last May - Liverpool suffered a fourth straight defeat and slipped over the precipice towards a full-blown crisis.

suffered and slip toward Th Lon Had hap 'Gso n This corner of South London is their own personal Hades. Crystal Palace's happy-clappy anthem of 'Glad All Over' is the soundtrack to their nightmares.

In their fluorescent yellow kits, Liverpool y trooped off yesterday like a crew of weather-beaten trawlerman in the lashing rain.

Rodgers made the worrying claim his side lacked togetherness and admitted he is not bombproof if results continue like this. Such talk can be self-perpetuating.

Six months ago, the Liverpool boss arrived here as a messiah; now he is presiding over a mess. Jamie Carragher insisted his old club lack leadership.

How they could do with such a Scouse lionheart back in their defence.

Late goals from Joe Ledley and Mile Jedinak, the midfield lookalikes with the Andrea Pirlo beard, sentenced Liverpool to defeat after Rickie Lambert had netted his first goal for them, only to be pegged back by a Dwight Gayle equaliser. But this is not the Palace side squarebashed to within an inch of their lives by Sergeant Major Pulis for a heroic relegation escape last term.

Then again, this is certainly nothing like the Liverpool team which sauntered so close to the title last spring.

Problems are manifest and glaring - their back-four is a ragbag collection of apparent strangers, their talisman Steven Gerrard is creaking alarmingly and without Daniel Sturridge, they lack a top-class finisher.

They were scared witless by Yannick Bolasie, the Congolese wideman who set up two goals.

And they head to Bulgaria to face Ludogorets on Wednesday with their Champions League future and perhaps their season on the line. With the Mario Balotelli circus sidelined because of a groin strain, Lambert took swift advantage of a rare start.

Neither Lambert nor Adam Lallana have exactly torched the fields of Anfield since arriving in the summer but it took just 91 seconds for the duo to prove their old Southampton understanding had not broken down. Lallana spotted the big man's run, round the back of rightback Martin Kelly, and conjured a crossfield pass which caught the Palace defence flat-footed, leaving Lambert to cut in and slot past Julian Speroni.

But there is too much wrong with this Liverpool side for them to capitalise on such a perfect start.

After four months together at the heart of Liverpool's defence, Martin Skrtel and Dejan Lovren steadfastly refuse to look like two men who have been previously introduced.

They backed off and panicked when Bolasie sprinted at them, allowing him to drill one against the inside of a post, with Gayle reacting quicker than Skrtel to snap up the rebound and equalise on 17 minutes. Volume levels were rising and Neil Warnock was purple-faced with rage when a throw-in was incorrectly awarded to Liverpool. Old age has never brought a sense of perspective to this man, God love him.

But Liverpool simply could not live with Bolasie.

With his back to goal on the left, the wideman kipped Lovren, lifting the ball over him, turning and cutting back for Ledley to slam home 12 minutes from time. Liverpool had a borderline penalty shout turned down when Raheem Sterling fell under a challenge from Joel Ward.

But on 81 minutes, Skrtel hauled down Gayle and Jedinak curled in a peach of a free-kick from 25 yards. The Croydon Coliseum was rocking, just like last season. In hell and high water, Liverpool were sunk again.

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### Reds suffer sixth league defeat of the season

Liverpool slid to a sixth league defeat of the season as they surrendered an early lead to lose 3-1 at Crystal Palace. Rickie Lambert's second-minute goal, his first for the club, had put the Reds in command at Selhurst Park, but Dwight Gayle equalised before half time. And after an abject second half, late efforts from Joe Ledley and Mile Jedinak condemned the visitors to yet another loss, and will surely prompt more questions for manager Brendan Rodgers to have to answer. Liverpool have now lost as many league games as in the whole of last season, and are mired in the bottom half of the Premier League table. Furthermore, the manner of this defeat was an all-too-familiar one, with defensive frailties matched by attacking inadequacies and a collective lack of confidence and composure. Rodgers, for his part, remains defiant, and steadfast in his belief that things will turn for his side. The poor results and performances, however, are stacking up against him. By the end of this match, his mood will have been as bleak as the South London weather. Unable to find a team, or a system, which works, he is trying to find solutions; his starting line-up here showed four changes – some enforced, some not – from their last outing, defeat to Chelsea a fortnight ago. There was a start for Adam Lallana, with Joe Allen preferred to Emre Can and Javier Manquillo in at right back, with Glen Johnson shifted across to the opposite flank. For Lambert, though, this was the opportunity he has craved. With Mario Balotelli and Daniel Sturridge sidelined, it was left to the 32-year-old to spearhead the Reds' attack. And inside 90 seconds, he had delivered for his manager. It was a goal made by Lallana, who clipped a beautiful diagonal pass into the striker's run, and Lambert was able to expertly control and finish past Julian Speroni for his first Liverpool strike. The relief, and joy, on his face as he celebrated spoke volumes.

It was a goal which should have settled the visitors' nerves, but in Gayle Palace possess a player with a knack of upsetting the Reds, and on 17 minutes he did so again. He was alert to react first after Yannick Bolasie's skimming 20-yard strike had hit Simon Mignolet's right-hand upright. It was his fourth goal in three appearances, and just 87 minutes, against Liverpool.

It was also, like so many others conceded this season, one that showcased all of the Reds' defensive shortcomings, with Dejan Lovren, Martin Skrtel and, arguably, Mignolet all potentially culpable. It was Bolasie who was causing the majority of Liverpool's problems, the winger seeing another 20-yard effort well watched by Mignolet, who pushed it away low to his left on the half-hour mark. The Congolese winger, though, remained a permanent threat with his pace, pushing Manquillo back and ensuring the visitors could not relax, even in possession. Lambert, meanwhile, had two headed chances, first from a Gerrard free-kick, then from a nicely-flighted cross from Allen. Stretching for both, however, he could not find the target. Nor could Gerrard, stepping forward to shoot from distance on 36 minutes, as Liverpool looked to regain a degree of control. Bolasie, though, was keeping them honest, with one counter attack stopped only by a desperate, but well-timed, challenge from Manquillo in his own penalty area. Mignolet was then needed to field a deflected effort from Joel Ward, and Bolasie blasted wildly off target in first-half stoppage time, as the home side finished in the ascendancy. After the interval Gerrard sent a free-kick off target, while Skrtel was unable to convert after Speroni had flapped at a corner.

Liverpool's threat, though, was nothing like sustained, the wet conditions doing little to help the accuracy of their passing, or the quality of their defending. The latter was evidenced by bookings for Skrtel and Manquillo, both after they had managed to get on the wrong side of their man in dangerous positions. Fortunately, neither discretion proved costly. Palace continued to apply pressure, with Bolasie in particular prominent. Mignolet did well to gather a dangerous cross from Gayle on 70 minutes, with Marouane Chamakh waiting to pounce. Manquillo wasted a decent chance at the other end soon after, sidefooting tamely wide after a probing run from the willing-but-wasteful Philippe Coutinho. It proved costly, as 12 minutes from time Palace grabbed the lead. Joe Ledley was the scorer, sidefooting home from 12 yards from a Bolasie cut back. The goal had come, however, after Mignolet had smashed a free kick straight out of play from near to his own corner flag. If that was bad, it got worse within three minutes. Skrtel was penalised, perhaps harshly, for pulling Gayle's shirt, and from the resulting free kick Jedinak bent a brilliant 25-yard effort into Mignolet's top left-hand corner. Gerrard tried to do likewise at the other end, but sent his effort over the bar. It summed up a poor afternoon for the skipper. His side's efforts were perhaps best summed up by a late chance that fell to Fabio Borini. The substitute, predictably, could not take it.

CRYSTAL PALACE (4-4-2): Speroni, Kelly, Dann, Delaney (Hangeland 36), Ward, Bolasie (Bannan 86), Jedinak, Ledley, Puncheon (McArthur 76), Chamakh, Gayle  
 Not used: Hennessey, Johnson, Zaha, Campbell  
 Cards: Hangeland  
 Goals: Gayle (17), Ledley (78), Jedinak (81)  
 LIVERPOOL (4-2-3-1): Mignolet, Manquillo, Skrtel, Lovren, Johnson, Gerrard, Allen (Can 74), Lallana (Borini 72), Coutinho, Sterling, Lambert  
 Not used: Jones, Toure, Moreno, Lucas, Markovic  
 Cards: Skrtel, Manquillo  
 Goals: Lambert (2)  
 Referee: Jon Moss



### Yannick Bolasie inspires comeback win as Eagles climb out of drop zone

In the mud and rain in south London it will not have been just the defeat that caused Brendan Rodgers to retreat, brooding, into his dugout - it will have been the sheer mediocrity of his team's performance. When they came to Selhurst Park last May there was much that was impressive about Rodgers' side even though it all ended in tears. Six months on and today they just look like they could be beaten by any side in the league; struggling on a run of one win in their last five games in the division and with no certainty that it will end anytime soon.

It was a dreadful second half that came to life in the last 12 minutes when Neil Warnock's two midfield dogs of war, Joe Ledley and then Mile Jedinak scored to put Rodgers' team out of their misery. It had been coming, with the away side gradually running out of ideas in attack and their manager less than keen on trying to change much in the way of his attack.

Rodgers will have been bitterly disappointed with the contribution of his creative players like Raheem Sterling and Philippe Coutinho who barely left a mark on the game. Adam Lallana had a good first half but faded badly after the break and was substituted. Liverpool still rely so much on Steven Gerrard and this was not one of his best afternoons. His shooting was off-beam and his occasional vulnerability was typified by a moment in the second half when he was robbed by Jason Puncheon.

Nowhere more were Liverpool's inadequacies expressed in the way they conceded the killer second goal, when Yannick Bolasie, the game's best attacking player, left Dejan Lovren face down on the wet turf having easily out-muscled the centre-half out by the touchline. What was Lovren doing out there? Only he knows, but Bolasie served up the ball for Ledley to score and Liverpool were never going to get back in it.

Liverpool are still only five points off Manchester United in fourth place, which is by no means an impossible gap, but signs of a resurgence are hard to spot. This was a game in which they took the lead within two minutes through Rickie Lambert yet rarely looked like winning.

As for Palace, it was just their second home win of the season but did wonders for their league position, moving them up to 15 ahead of Hull City before their game with Spurs. There was a bite about them that Liverpool did not have and in Bolasie there was always danger.

It was the ideal start for Liverpool with the goal from Lambert on this just his second Premier League start of the season. Less than two minutes into the game he caught the former Liverpool right-back Martin Kelly cold with a run down the left channel that left the Palace defender unsure whether to chase or intercept Lallana's ball over the Palace defence was decisive and well-struck, dropping over Kelly. Lambert took it right, into the box with his first touch and he shot inside the near post as Julian Speroni went the other way. It was Lambert's first goal for the club he joined in the summer, and while it has taken a long time to arrive you could see in the celebrations how glad his team-mates were for him.

That did not make life any simpler for Liverpool who were up against a tenacious home side that refused to be disheartened by such a bad start. Palace's team looks much the same as the one that Tony Pulis fine-tuned to survive in the Premier League last season and, with some justification, they do not feel an inferiority complex against Rodgers' side.

Bolasie, a great left wing galloper, can cover the length as quick as anyone in the league and it was he who Liverpool struggled to contain for much of the game. The equaliser came on 17 minutes when he cut in on his right, struck the ball without much warning and hit the post. As it came back, Dwight Gayle reacted the sharpest, beating Martin Skrtel to the ball and hitting a shot that went in off Simon Mignolet.

It was the first time that Gayle had scored since the famous game against Liverpool in May last season and five of his nine career Premier League goals have come against the club. When he scored, Joe Allen was off the pitch having treatment to a cut to his head that would not stop bleeding. A minor detail in the great scheme of things but it does no team any favours to play with just ten. Otherwise, Palace grew into the game and Bolasie had their next best chance of the half, an exchange with Gayle after the former had carried the ball from almost his own area when a Liverpool free-kick was cleared. On that occasion, Javier Manquillo got across to get a foot on the shot and deflect it wide.

The Palace goals came at the end of a second half without much finesse to it. Ledley scored from Bolasie's ball into the centre, then Skrtel conceded a free-kick in a central position on 82 minutes. Jedinak executed it beautifully, fading the ball inside Mignolet's left-post with a big right to left swing. More heartbreak at Selhurst Park for Liverpool, although this time the problems it presented show no immediate sign of being solved.

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Liverpool endured another miserable trip to Crystal Palace as two late goals gave the south London club their third win of the season.

The Reds, whose title bid last season was damaged by a 3-3 draw at Selhurst Park, took the lead through Rickie Lambert's strike in the second minute.

But Dwight Gayle equalised after Yannick Bolasie's shot came off a post.

Joe Ledley then slotted Palace in front before Mile Jedinak converted a free-kick from 25 yards.

The look on the faces of the Liverpool players after the third goal was reminiscent of that night in May when they threw away a 3-0 goal lead, a result which effectively ended their title hopes.

But while that side were applauded for their heroics of last season, few are eulogising about this current incarnation.

They have now lost three consecutive league matches and have only won once in five in the league. They are 18 points behind leaders Chelsea, and at the moment Europe, never mind the title, seems to be a distant dream.

Questions will be asked, such as: do Liverpool need to buy a striker in January? Should manager Brendan Rodgers drop Steven Gerrard? And what has happened to the form of Raheem Sterling?

Gerrard was wayward with his shooting and failed to impose any sort of influence in midfield, while Sterling, who appealed for a penalty, appears to have lost the sharpness he displayed at the start of the season.

The match could not have started any better for the Reds when striker Lambert, in for the injured Mario Balotelli, scored his first goal for the club when he controlled a ball from Lallana and finished calmly.

But they held on to the lead for only 16 minutes, when Gayle, who twice scored in that 3-3 draw, tapped in after fierce strike from the exceptional Bolasie cannoned off a post.

The match settled down into a more of a rhythm, with Liverpool having the lion's share of possession and Palace trying to catch them on the counter.

But apart from the goal, the visitors failed to hit the target again. And the only other real chance for the Reds was when Lambert headed over at the far post.

Palace were more direct and it paid dividends.

Their second goal resulted from a marvellous piece of skill on the right from Bolasie, who turned two markers before pulling back the ball for Ledley to score.

And Palace completed a splendid win eight minutes from time when Australia midfielder Jedinak curled a superb free-kick beyond the reach of Simon Mignolet.

The win pulls the Eagles out of the bottom three, but no doubt manager Neil Warnock would have been more pleased with the manner in which they managed it.

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Full time Match ends, Crystal Palace 3, Liverpool 1.  
 90:00+4:03 Full time Second Half ends, Crystal Palace 3, Liverpool 1.  
 90:00+1:14 Attempt missed. Joe Ledley (Crystal Palace left footed shot from outside the box is close, but misses to the right. Assisted by James McArthur.  
 90:00+0:56 Attempt blocked. Dwight Gayle (Crystal Palace right footed shot from the left side of the box is blocked. Assisted by Barry Bannan.  
 89:28 Foul by Raheem Sterling (Liverpool).  
 89:28 James McArthur (Crystal Palace wins a free kick in the attacking half.  
 87:22 Attempt missed. Fabio Borini (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is too high. Assisted by Martin Skrtel with a headed pass following a corner.  
 86:56 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Brede Hangeland.  
 86:30 Fabio Borini (Liverpool wins a free kick on the left wing.  
 86:30 Foul by Martin Kelly (Crystal Palace).  
 85:53 Raheem Sterling (Liverpool wins a free kick on the right wing.  
 85:53 Foul by Joel Ward (Crystal Palace).  
 85:22 Substitution Substitution, Crystal Palace. Barry Bannan replaces Yannick Bolasie.  
 84:36 Attempt missed. Steven Gerrard (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is just a bit too high from a direct free kick.  
 83:43 Booking Brede Hangeland (Crystal Palace is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.  
 83:38 Raheem Sterling (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.  
 83:38 Foul by Brede Hangeland (Crystal Palace).  
 80:50 Goal scored Goal! Goal! Crystal Palace 3, Liverpool 1. Mile Jedinak (Crystal Palace from a free kick with a right footed shot to the top right corner.  
 80:04 Foul by Martin Skrtel (Liverpool).  
 80:04 Dwight Gayle (Crystal Palace wins a free kick in the attacking half.  
 77:30 Goal scored Goal! Goal! Crystal Palace 2, Liverpool 1. Joe Ledley (Crystal Palace left footed shot from the centre of the box to the centre of the goal. Assisted by Yannick Bolasie with a cross.  
 76:34 Glen Johnson (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
 76:34 Foul by Martin Kelly (Crystal Palace).  
 75:30 Substitution Substitution, Crystal Palace. James McArthur replaces Jason Puncheon.  
 75:07 Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool wins a free kick on the left wing.  
 75:07 Foul by Martin Kelly (Crystal Palace).  
 73:37 Substitution Substitution, Liverpool. Emre Can replaces Joe Allen.  
 71:47 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Joe Allen.  
 71:35 Substitution Substitution, Liverpool. Fabio Borini replaces Adam Lallana.  
 70:58 Attempt missed. Javier Manquillo (Liverpool right footed shot from the right side of the box misses to the left. Assisted by Raheem Sterling.  
 68:29 Attempt blocked. Raheem Sterling (Liverpool right footed shot from the left side of the box is blocked. Assisted by Joe Allen.  
 67:05 Adam Lallana (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
 67:05 Foul by Marouane Chamakh (Crystal Palace).  
 66:12 Attempt blocked. Marouane Chamakh (Crystal Palace right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Yannick Bolasie with a headed pass.  
 64:05 Attempt blocked. Mile Jedinak (Crystal Palace right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Marouane Chamakh.  
 61:53 Simon Mignolet (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
 61:53 Foul by Mile Jedinak (Crystal Palace).  
 61:28 Corner, Crystal Palace. Conceded by Philippe Coutinho.  
 61:24 Attempt blocked. Mile Jedinak (Crystal Palace right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Marouane Chamakh.  
 60:42 Booking Javier Manquillo (Liverpool is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.  
 60:29 Foul by Javier Manquillo (Liverpool).  
 60:29 Marouane Chamakh (Crystal Palace wins a free kick on the left wing.  
 58:47 Rickie Lambert (Liverpool wins a free kick on the left wing.  
 58:47 Foul by Mile Jedinak (Crystal Palace).  
 56:21 Attempt missed. Steven Gerrard (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box misses to the right. Assisted by Raheem Sterling.  
 55:19 Attempt missed. Martin Skrtel (Liverpool left footed shot from the right side of the six yard box misses to the left following a corner.  
 54:43 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Martin Kelly.  
 52:40 Joe Allen (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
 52:40 Foul by Jason Puncheon (Crystal Palace).  
 52:06 Booking Martin Skrtel (Liverpool is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.  
 51:46 Foul by Martin Skrtel (Liverpool).  
 51:46 Marouane Chamakh (Crystal Palace wins a free kick in the attacking half.  
 51:37 Attempt blocked. Steven Gerrard (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Adam Lallana.  
 49:17 Foul by Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool).  
 49:17 Mile Jedinak (Crystal Palace wins a free kick in the attacking half.  
 47:51 Attempt missed. Steven Gerrard (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is high and wide to the right from a direct free kick.  
 47:07 Raheem Sterling (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.  
 47:07 Foul by Martin Kelly (Crystal Palace).  
 46:15 Dejan Lovren (Liverpool wins a free kick on the left wing.  
 46:15 Foul by Dwight Gayle (Crystal Palace).  
 45:32 Offside, Crystal Palace. Jason Puncheon tries a through ball, but Dwight Gayle is caught offside.  
 45:00 Second Half begins Crystal Palace 1, Liverpool 1.  
 45:00+2:04 Half time First Half ends, Crystal Palace 1, Liverpool 1.  
 45:00+1:24 Attempt missed. Yannick Bolasie (Crystal Palace left footed shot from the left side of the box is too high. Assisted by Jason Puncheon with a through ball.

44:51 Attempt saved. Joel Ward (Crystal Palace right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Yannick Bolasie.  
 43:31 Joe Allen (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.  
 43:31 Foul by Martin Kelly (Crystal Palace).  
 43:09 Adam Lallana (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
 43:09 Foul by Jason Puncheon (Crystal Palace).  
 42:00 Corner, Crystal Palace. Conceded by Javier Manquillo.  
 41:58 Attempt blocked. Yannick Bolasie (Crystal Palace left footed shot from the left side of the box is blocked. Assisted by Jason Puncheon.  
 40:54 Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.  
 40:54 Foul by Jason Puncheon (Crystal Palace).  
 39:54 Joe Allen (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
 39:54 Foul by Martin Kelly (Crystal Palace).  
 37:14 Attempt missed. Steven Gerrard (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is too high. Assisted by Joe Allen.  
 35:19 Substitution Substitution, Crystal Palace. Brede Hangeland replaces Damien Delaney because of an injury.  
 34:53 Delay over. They are ready to continue.  
 34:19 Delay in match Damien Delaney (Crystal Palace because of an injury.  
 33:47 Attempt missed. Rickie Lambert (Liverpool header from the centre of the box misses to the right. Assisted by Joe Allen with a cross.  
 31:14 Rickie Lambert (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
 31:14 Foul by Mile Jedinak (Crystal Palace).  
 29:35 Corner, Crystal Palace. Conceded by Simon Mignolet.  
 29:33 Attempt saved. Yannick Bolasie (Crystal Palace right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the bottom right corner.  
 27:34 Attempt missed. Rickie Lambert (Liverpool header from the centre of the box is too high. Assisted by Steven Gerrard following a set piece situation.  
 27:08 Adam Lallana (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.  
 27:08 Foul by Joel Ward (Crystal Palace).  
 23:49 Foul by Rickie Lambert (Liverpool).  
 23:49 Yannick Bolasie (Crystal Palace wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
 22:21 Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
 22:21 Foul by Mile Jedinak (Crystal Palace).  
 21:32 Hand ball by Glen Johnson (Liverpool).  
 20:53 Offside, Crystal Palace. Jason Puncheon tries a through ball, but Dwight Gayle is caught offside.  
 20:01 Rickie Lambert (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
 20:01 Foul by Scott Dann (Crystal Palace).  
 19:22 Offside, Liverpool. Dejan Lovren tries a through ball, but Rickie Lambert is caught offside.  
 16:08 Goal scored Goal! Goal! Crystal Palace 1, Liverpool 1. Dwight Gayle (Crystal Palace right footed shot from the centre of the box to the centre of the goal.  
 16:05 Yannick Bolasie (Crystal Palace hits the left post with a right footed shot from outside the box. Assisted by Joe Ledley.  
 15:00 Foul by Adam Lallana (Liverpool).  
 15:00 Marouane Chamakh (Crystal Palace wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
 13:52 Foul by Raheem Sterling (Liverpool).  
 13:52 Martin Kelly (Crystal Palace wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
 11:29 Javier Manquillo (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
 11:29 Foul by Yannick Bolasie (Crystal Palace).  
 9:58 Attempt missed. Martin Kelly (Crystal Palace left footed shot from outside the box is high and wide to the left. Assisted by Jason Puncheon.  
 5:49 Joe Allen (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
 5:49 Foul by Yannick Bolasie (Crystal Palace).  
 4:58 Corner, Crystal Palace. Conceded by Javier Manquillo.  
 2:31 Foul by Adam Lallana (Liverpool).  
 2:31 Joe Ledley (Crystal Palace wins a free kick in the attacking half.  
 2:25 Attempt blocked. Dwight Gayle (Crystal Palace left footed shot from the right side of the box is blocked.  
 1:31 Goal scored Goal! Goal! Crystal Palace 0, Liverpool 1. Rickie Lambert (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box to the bottom left corner. Assisted by Adam Lallana with a through ball.  
 0:00 First Half begins.  
 0:00 Lineups are announced and players are warming up.