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Liverpool rediscover winning habit with pragmatic approach

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It was a celebration that Liverpool's supporters had seen many times before, Steven Gerrard running towards them, arms pumping, before sliding on his knees like a page boy at a wedding reception. This time, though, there was a feeling of catharsis along with the familiar euphoria, a purging of the frustration of recent weeks. These have been difficult times for Gerrard, his past glories not enough to spare him from questions about his indifferent recent form or, more troubling, his future at the club that he has served with distinction for the past 16 years.

Last night was something closer to the old Gerrard, running the show and scoring his team's all-important second goal early in the second half, and, accordingly, more of the old Liverpool, recording back-to-back wins for only the second time this season. Nobody would begin to suggest that hard-fought wins over Stoke City and Leicester City represent a return to the free-flowing, free-scoring form of last season. They have rediscovered the winning habit by reverting to a more pragmatic, more robust approach, but even that could not stop Leicester taking the lead midway through the first half, when Leonardo Ulloa's shot hit a post and rebounded in off the hapless Simon Mignolet.

Adam Lallana equalised soon afterwards, but it was not until the second half that Gerrard and Liverpool took control. The captain put his team ahead on 53 minutes before playing a part in the third goal, scored by Jordan Henderson. Encouragingly for Liverpool, Raheem Sterling was involved in both those goals, though it was an uphill battle for Leicester once Wes Morgan was sent off.

For all the focus on Liverpool's recent travails, Leicester's need for points was arguably even greater. Since making such an impressive start to the season, taking eight points from matches against Everton, Chelsea, Arsenal, Stoke City and Manchester United, they had sunk to the foot of the table with just two points from their next eight games. Taken in isolation, the opening goal was unfortunate from Mignolet's point of view, but, like so many of his recent errors, it was symptomatic of a jittery performance from a player suffering from a lack of confidence and the composure that all leading goalkeepers possess.

Mignolet was exceedingly lucky to get away with an alarming error in the 20th minute. Some credit should go to Ulloa for the pressure he applied in chasing down Glen Johnson's backpass, but Mignolet horribly misplaced an attempted pass to Martin Skrtel. It was intercepted by Esteban Cambiasso, who, with the goal gaping in front of him, should have done better than roll his 25-yard shot wide of a post. Two minutes later, the home team took the lead. Johnson was dispossessed near the edge of the Leicester penalty area and Liverpool -- not for the first time -- were slow to react to the counterattack as Riyad Mahrez dribbled forward and released Jamie Vardy. Mignolet stood up well to save Vardy's shot, but the ball was retrieved by Ulloa, who cut back and struck a leftfoot shot that hit the near post and bounced in off the back of the goalkeeper.

Trailing again, Liverpool needed to find a response. Encouragingly for Brendan Rodgers, the manager, they found it within four minutes.

After Gerrard's free kick was half-cleared by Ritchie De Laet, the ball was lobbed back into the box by Lucas Leiva from the right-hand side. Morgan beat Rickie Lambert in the air, but the ball dropped at the feet of Lallana, who drilled a first-time shot inside Kasper Schmeichel's near post.

The half-time scoreline was fair. For all their problems at the other end, Liverpool were playing in a far more structured, measured way than they have done of late. It is nothing like the free-flowing football of last season, but Gerrard helped to knit their attacking play together, frequently searching out Sterling. Gerrard's big moment came eight minutes into the second half. He was involved earlier in the move, taking a pass from Lallana and injecting some urgency by seeking out Sterling on the left-hand side. Sterling's cross was blocked, but Morgan, at full stretch, could only divert the ball into the path of Gerrard on the edge of the penalty area. The outcome was inevitable as Liverpool took a 2-1 lead. Morgan's misery culminated with his sending-off in the 63rd minute. He could have no complaints. Skrtel's headed clearance should have presented no problems for the Leicester captain, but he misjudged it and then, in desperation, wrestled Lambert to the ground in order to stop him running clear.

Leicester's prospects looked bleak, a man short and a goal down, but Liverpool's new-found tendency to drop deep in order to protect leads meant there was still hope, particularly through Mahrez, who was troubling Alberto Moreno.

Mahrez cut inside and had a shot saved, before Cambiasso's follow-up was inadvertently blocked by Vardy. Another shot, by Vardy, was deflected wide by a matter of inches. Their chance came and went, though. With six minutes remaining, Gerrard crossed, Marcin Wasilewski and Schmeichel both panicked and Sterling cleverly back-heeled the loose ball into the path of Henderson, who rounded off Liverpool's most satisfying night in weeks.

Leicester City (4-4-1-1): K Schmeichel R De Laet, M Wasilewski, W Morgan, P Konchesky (sub: M Albrighton, 80min) R Mahrez, E Cambiasso, M James, J Schlupp L Ulloa J Vardy. Substitutes not used: B Hamer, D Drinkwater, A King, L Moore, A Knockaert, C Wood. Booked: Schlupp. Sent off: Morgan. Liverpool (4-2-3-1): S Mignolet J Manquillo (sub: A Moreno, 46), M Skrtel, K Toure (sub: J Allen, 71), G Johnson J Henderson, Lucas Leiva A Lallana, S Gerrard, R Sterling (sub: D Lovren, 90) R Lambert. Substitutes not used: B Jones, Emre Can, P Coutinho, L Markovic. Booked: Lallana, Gerrard. Referee: L Mason

the guardian

Liverpool revived by Gerrard of old

So this is what Liverpool will be missing if Steven Gerrard calls time on his Anfield career. Reduced to a cameo on the 16th anniversary of his Liverpool debut, the former England captain returned re-energised on a night when he inspired his club to a second win in four days. Rolling back the years in an advanced attacking role, Gerrard registered his first goal in 12 appearances as Liverpool gave their season a shot in the arm.

It was not quite as comfortable as the scoreline suggests, with Leicester continuing to make life awkward for Liverpool even after they were reduced to 10 men in the 63rd minute, when Wes Morgan was given a straight red card for a professional foul on Rickie Lambert. Liverpool had to endure some anxious moments thereafter but the pressure valve was released when Gerrard escaped on the left to play a part in Liverpool's third - a move that finished with Jordan Henderson dispatching Raheem Sterling's backheel.

Gerrard was adamant that he should also have been awarded a penalty, when Kasper Schmeichel rushed from his line and collided with the Liverpool captain in the 73rd minute. Lee Mason waved away the appeals; Rodgers and Gerrard felt that the referee's thinking was influenced by the fact that pointing to the spot would almost certainly have meant a red card for Schmeichel and Leicester finishing the game with nine men. "For me it is a blatant penalty," Gerrard said. That decision apart - and it was not clear cut - Liverpool had little to complain about on an evening when Rodgers sounded like a man who felt that his decision to rest Gerrard against Stoke on Saturday had been totally vindicated.

"I think you saw the energy in his legs tonight and his influence in the game, especially as it wore on," the Liverpool manager said. "It was an outstanding performance by Steven and an excellent goal. No matter how good a player is, there comes a time when the wheels are out and they're ready to land. His wheels are not out yet; he's got plenty of energy."

"He looked fresh in his running tonight. He drops back into midfield to make up the third man but obviously he's got a natural instinct to get forward and join in. His combinations tonight with Raheem and Rickie were very good and he arrives in the space you want to when the ball is cut back for a great finish."

It was just the storyline Liverpool needed after Mario Balotelli had sabotaged the build-up to the game with his latest brush with controversy. Rodgers, not surprisingly, was more interested in talking about the "character and resolve" Liverpool showed on the pitch here, rather than what his injured Italian striker had been getting up to on Instagram.

"Small steps, we've still got a lot of work to do," Rodgers said. "But you saw the spirit in the team tonight, we kept fighting to the end."

For Leicester it was another chastening evening and one that ended with Nigel Pearson embroiled in an ugly row, in which expletives were exchanged, with a fan. The Leicester manager had left his seat in the stand to come down to pitch level for the final minutes when he reacted angrily to a comment made from a supporter.

"I had a spat with a fan towards the end. I don't know what they are looking at at times," Pearson said. "If they cannot see the players are having a proper go, maybe they need to stay home."

Leicester have now gone nine games without a win, going back to that extraordinary 5-3 victory over Manchester United at home in September, and Pearson acknowledged that his players, for all their effort and application, are stuck in a "difficult cycle to break".

The evening had got off to a promising start for Leicester. Running on to a pass from Riyad Mahrez that exposed the space that opened up on the Liverpool left, Jamie Vardy struck a shot that Simon Mignolet got a hand to but was unable to prevent from veering towards goal. Martin Skrtel was well positioned to clear off the line but Leonardo Ulloa retrieved the loose ball at the byline and turned to hit a shot that cannoned off the near upright, struck Mignolet on the back of the head and rolled into the net.

It has been that sort of season for the Liverpool goalkeeper, who was fortunate not to concede seconds earlier when a woeful pass intended for Skrtel ended up at Esteban Cambiasso's feet. With the goal at his mercy the Argentinian stroked the ball wide.

Liverpool's response to falling behind was swift. Morgan, tussling with Lambert, was unable to get any distance on his header from Lucas Leiva's floated cross, and Adam Lallana was on to the ball in a flash, striking a left-footed half-volley that arched past Schmeichel.

Morgan, who endured a torrid evening, was also involved in Liverpool's second goal, when he succeeded only in deflecting Sterling's cross into the path of Gerrard, who was perfectly placed to stroke a first-time shot from 12 yards into the corner. Cambiasso saw his shot blocked by Vardy, his own player, as Leicester refused to surrender, but the game was up for the home team when Gerrard broke on the left and Schmeichel could only parry his deflected cross. Henderson, set up by Sterling, emphatically converted.

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KOP'S CAPTAIN FANTASTIC; Gerrard is too hot for 10-man Leicester but Mignolet gaffes again

HE enjoyed this one. Beaming smile, arms outstretched and sliding on his knees into the corner, Steven Gerrard revelled in the adulation that was showered upon him.

He had scored 176 goals for Liverpool before last night, including strikes that defined European and domestic finals, but No 177 seemed different. It was, perhaps, a reminder of his ability just when it matters.

With all the speculation surrounding his contract, all the conjecture about whether he will stay at Anfield or pursue a fresh challenge, Gerrard could not have provided a more telling riposte when he burst into Leicester City's area to give Liverpool the lead in a game they needed to win.

Can they ever be without him? On this evidence, the answer is no. Gerrard may have entered the autumn of his career but he was a towering presence at The King Power Stadium, driving his team forward relentlessly. Without him here, another two points would have been squandered.

As it was, Liverpool now have momentum. It wasn't always pretty but they have back-to-back wins in the Barclays Premier League for the first time this season after Gerrard's goal was sandwiched by strikes from Adam Lallana and Jordan Henderson. This is exactly what Brendan Rodgers required.

One issue had dominated the build-up, namely Gerrard's future. Restored, as expected, to the starting line-up, he was quickly involved in the action and left in no doubt by the fans in the visiting section as to what they want him to do.

His name was sung loudly and frequently in the opening 10 minutes in recognition of why the majority want him to prolong this adventure into a 17th campaign. Liverpool's ambitions, though, should not be so intrinsically linked to Gerrard. At 34, he should not be carrying the team. Others have to take responsibility, not least the expensive acquisitions who arrived during the summer as part of the restructuring programme.

That is why Rodgers will have been satisfied to see Lallana score Liverpool's first goal. He has not made the impression he would have hoped for since arriving from Southampton at a cost of PS23.7million.

Lallana, on only his second start since October 25, smashed in a leftfoot drive in the 26th minute, capitalising on weak header from Leicester captain Wes Morgan after Lucas Leiva hoisted a loose ball into the area. Crisp and instant, it was a terrific finish.

There was some emotion in his celebration as he jabbed his fists to his side and shouted out his frustrations as his team-mates engulfed him. On the Liverpool bench, Rodgers briefly acknowledged the moment but there was little glee; what had happened four minutes earlier had seen to that.

A significant part of Liverpool's troubles this season have stemmed from their inability to keep a clean sheet and their bewildering ability to give away cheap goals. Never was this more evident than here.

Rodgers wants a goalkeeper who is comfortable with the ball at his feet and gives assurance to his defence but Mignolet is doing nothing of the sort at the minute, his performances a constant worry.

He had been ordered to go back to basics in the 1-0 win against Stoke -- make saves, keep it simple -- but none of that was carried over and a ridiculous error in the 19th minute almost handed Leicester the lead when Mignolet passed the ball straight to Esteban Cambiasso. The Argentine could not make him pay, his left-foot shot zipping wide of the open goal.

But in the next attack Leicester had the lead. Liverpool, farcically, failed to clear their lines when defending a counter-attack. Jamie Vardy caused the trouble, sprinting at Liverpool's back four. Mignolet was weak and needed Martin Skrtel to head Vardy's shot off the line but he couldn't gather the rebound and Leonardo Ulloa profited, his left-foot drive ending in the net via rebounds off the post and the back of the Belgian's head.

Mignolet stood with his hands on his hips, smiling ruefully. This, however, was no laughing matter. On this occasion, it didn't prove costly. High on endeavour and brimming with determination, Leicester did not play like the worst team in the league but they are finding every error they make is being ruthlessly punished at the moment.

Nobody knows that better than Morgan. Having teed up Lallana in the first half, he provided the 'assist' for Gerrard to gleefully smash home in the 54th minute after he tried in vain to cut out a centre from the ever-threatening Raheem Sterling.

His night reached a nadir on the hour when a weak back pass allowed Rickie Lambert a free run at goal. Floundering, Morgan yanked Lambert's arm back and sent him sprawling to give referee Lee Mason a simple decision. Red card, game over.

Liverpool were in no mood to relax. Gerrard could have had a penalty after a collision with Kasper Schmeichel but it didn't matter. When Schmeichel erred in the 83rd minute, Henderson was on hand to finish. Gerrard celebrated that one with relish, too.

The Daily Telegraph

Gerrard proves enduring value to Liverpool

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In the game of deal or no deal between Steven Gerrard and Liverpool, the midfielder surely enhanced his bargaining position here with a strong display spiced with a fine goal. This was a timely reminder of his enduring influence and the endless love between him and the club's supporters. After Adam Lallana had cancelled out a Simon Mignolet own goal, Gerrard came into his own, giving Liverpool the lead and playing a part in the third for Jordan Henderson. Yet Liverpool's defensive travails persist. They have now kept only one clean sheet in 14 trips on the road in all competitions and Mignolet was rarely convincing. This was only their third away win in 10 league and cup games but it came at a good time with focus intensifying on the Brendan Rodgers regime.

Liverpool had been determined not to be distracted by the sideshows involving Mario Balotelli's anti-social media incident and the great Gerrard contract debate. His bargaining position was enhanced here.

The 34-year-old returned to the starting line-up, taking up an advanced position in midfield which he clearly enjoyed and led to his second-half strike. He was freed from the defensive duties with Henderson, playing his 150th match for the club, and Lucas Leiva holding. He was able to roll back the years - to an extent - by ranging upfield. Any attempt made by Leicester fans to denigrate Gerrard was immediately blocked out by the 3,338-strong visiting contingent singing their usual hymns of praise to their iconic captain. He repaid their loyalty with that goal and an exuberant celebration in front of them.

The quality of Gerrard's first touch was seen early, the midfielder nudging the ball into the path of Lallana who set off through the middle and picked out Raheem Sterling. Although Sterling and Lallana occasionally switched flanks, Rodgers had clearly deputed Sterling to run at Ritchie De Laet, who immediately responded by bringing the teenager down. Nothing came of the free-kick but Liverpool saw the opportunity. Liverpool look decent in attack. Rickie Lambert was having an oldschool tussle with Marcin Wasilewski, whose fingers were almost digging into the striker's neck at one point, and also with Wes Morgan, a duel that proved expensive for the Leicester captain after the break.

Whatever the defensive concerns, Lallana was also moving forward promisingly, having a shot blocked by Morgan. There is an earnest energy to Lallana, who was buzzing about, even winning the ball off Morgan, launching another move which Gerrard carried on. The ball skimmed right to Lambert, whose clever ball almost brought reward for Sterling.

Yet there was a nervousness about Rodgers's side, a lack of self-belief that Leicester sought to exploit with their relentless pressing. Rodgers's defence never resembled the most reliable of blockades. Martin Skrtel lost the ball to Jeffrey Schlupp and was grateful that the alert Lucas was around to clear up.

Mignolet's season has dripped with misery at times and he endured a wretched 120 seconds here. After 19 minutes, the Belgian reacted horrendously to a back-pass from Skrtel, passing it out blindly and straight to Estaban Cambiasso.

Presented with a vacant net, the Argentine met the ball first time left-footed but placed it just wide, a waste of a gift of solid gold.

Liverpool remained rattled. When Riyadh Mahrez sent Leonardo Ulloa into the box, Mignolet stepped out to narrow the angle. Ulloa turned and, wrongfooting Kolo Toure, shot past Mignolet, the ball striking the post, bouncing back, catching the diving keeper in the face and rebounding in. Only the heartless and the Leicester fans cannot have felt for poor Mignolet with his own goal. The visitors responded well, equalising within five minutes. After another Sterling run was illegally curtailed, Gerrard lifted the free-kick in from the left. De Laet was first to the ball, heading clear but Leicester were slow to push out. Lucas simply hoisted the ball back in. Morgan, jumping with Lambert, managed to repel the danger but only to Lallana, who finished with a firm left-footed drive. It was the 50th league goal of Lallana's career and Liverpool's 600th away goal since the Premier League began.

A couple of minutes after Lee Mason had noted down the name of the scorer, Lallana was back in the book for a filthy challenge on Jamie Vardy. Lallana had lost the ball and went in nastily on Vardy. Home fans demanded red; Mason contented himself with yellow.

Rodgers made a change at the break, removing Javi Manquillo for Alberto Moreno and switching Glen Johnson back to the right. Liverpool's defence seemed marginally more settled and they were able to attack without looking nervously over their shoulders. They took the lead after 54 minutes, Sterling making the break down the right and crossing. The sliding Morgan intercepted but succeeded only in transferring the ball to Gerrard, who swept his shot from 15 yards past Paul Konchesky and Kasper Schmeichel. His first goal in 12 games was classic Gerrard, all timing, technique, power and head perfectly still above the ball.

Liverpool soon enjoyed numerical superiority when Morgan pulled back Lambert who was through on goal and it was a simple red for Mason to give. The travelling fans were loving it, although momentarily concerned when Skrtel was poleaxed by Matty James's ferocious shot and it was surprising that Liverpool decided to let him continue, although Dejan Lovren eventually came on for Sterling. Liverpool supporters were going through their anthems by then, singing of Kenny Dalglish, lauding Rodgers, who responded with an appreciative wave, and then finishing You'll Never Walk Alone.

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The focus remained on Gerrard, who was cautioned for fouling James, caught out by the burst of speed. That remains the issue with Gerrard now, the fact that opponents can get away from him. He still retains that threat going forward, running on to a Henderson pass but then responding to the onrushing Schmeichel by leaping and then colliding. It was no penalty and actually a wasted opportunity for Gerrard. Leicester had a couple of chances, including a Cambiasso shot that hit Vardy and deflected wide. Liverpool stayed calm and added a third with Gerrard again involved. With seven minutes remaining, Lambert knocked the ball right to Gerrard, who motored forward before bending his cross with the outside of his right boot towards the unmarked Sterling. Schmeichel struggled badly to deal with the situation, allowing Sterling to back-heel the ball to Henderson, who rifled Liverpool further clear.



Gerrard makes striking return to breathe life into Liverpool

There were no awkward questions for Brendan Rodgers last night. The Liverpool manager picked his captain from the start and Steven Gerrard rewarded him with a vintage display and a goal. Three points against a Leicester side reduced to 10 men for the last half hour might not represent a full recovery from recent ills, but it constituted a rare second win on the spin this season to lower stress levels at Anfield. Liverpool were confronted by a determined Leicester, who were dangerous enough to take the lead and who battled to the end. But with Gerrard at the heart of everything, adding a fourth goal of the season and the 177th of his club career, Liverpool cruelly exposed the home team's lack of a clinical edge. If Liverpool were unfortunate to fall behind in the 22nd minute following a mistake by Simon Mignolet they enjoyed the roll of the dice to be level four minutes later through Adam Lallana. Thereafter there was a sense of resurgence, typified through Gerrard's sweet strike on the hour. Jordan Henderson's finish for the third iced the cake. It had been quite a week at Liverpool. How distant must seem the cut and thrust of title contention last season, replaced by dispute and uncertainty, plus the curve ball that is Mario Balotelli. Gerrard, around whom manager Rodgers has circled delicately, was returned to the starting line-up at the expense of Philippe Coutinho. Glen Johnson, who appears to occupy opposing space to Gerrard in the contract extension business, retained his place despite the obvious tensions around his negotiations, or lack of them. Balotelli was absent ostensibly with a groin strain, an injury that covers a multitude of sins when it suits, as it surely did in the aftermath of the social media fiasco in which he managed to invite accusations of racism, some going indeed for an Afro-Italian adopted son of a Jewish mother. For Leicester there were no such tribulations, only the need to conjure a result against the odds. This was another game in the must-win category. In the eight matches since the eclipse of Manchester United in September, Leicester have garnered only two points and began the evening looking up at every other team in the Premier League. Leicester manager Nigel Pearson, like Rodgers, had built a deal of goodwill at the club after leading them into the promised land and was thought to enjoy the positive patronage of the Thai owners. But love is a fickle beast in this environment and neither he, nor Rodgers for that matter, could readily tolerate a reverse. Rodgers enlivened the Gerrard debate by playing him in an advanced role three days after it was considered politic not to start him. Odd, you might think, that a player, who according to the manager needs to be nursed through his advanced years, should be removed from the more gentle holding role for the hustle and bustle of the final third. But then these are desperate times for Liverpool, a club predicated on Champions League football languishing in mid-table. Gerrard was indeed involved in the first genuine break, linking with Rickie Lambert on the right to seek out Raheem Sterling, who was moving at pace towards goal. The pass was not quite his equal and the danger was cleared. Leicester's first clear chance came in the 20th minute courtesy of a pass to feet from Mignolet, who was looking to find Javi Manquillo at right-back but instead found the advancing Esteban Cambiasso. He will never have a better chance to pick a pocket. Perhaps it was the shock that Mignolet should do such a thing that forced the Argentine into a rushed sidefoot shot wide of the post. It didn't matter, Leicester were ahead two minutes later and Mignolet was again at fault, failing to deal with Leonardo Ulloa's shot. The ball rebounded off the keeper's left-hand post and in off his prone body. If Liverpool were out of luck on that occasion they had their share four minutes later with the equaliser. A hopeful cross flung in from the right was headed away by Wes Morgan straight to the feet of Adam Lallana, who met it with enthusiasm. Kasper Schmeichel moved only to pick the ball out of the net. Rodgers sent on Alberto Moreno for Manquillo at the start of the second half, switching Johnson from left to right-back. The defence looked much better balanced as a result, and it needed to be to repel the early thrusts of a home side who were clearly fired up. Leicester had Liverpool pinned back for the opening 10 minutes of the half only for Liverpool to hit them with a brilliant counter. Gerrard started and finished the move playing a one-two with Henderson before releasing Sterling with a sumptuous slide-rule pass. Sterling's cross was cleared but only into the path of Gerrard, who wrapped that lethal right foot around the ball to send it arrow-like past Schmeichel for goal No 177 of his Liverpool career.

It got worse for Leicester with the red card for captain Morgan, who wrestled Lambert to the ground leaving Lee Mason with no alternative but to send him off. Liverpool added a yard of pace after the goal. Against 10 men they perked up no end, resembling the cocky outfit that ran Manchester City so close last season. Leicester were never less than committed but, a man down, were ultimately outgunned.



STEVIE ON THE CHARGE; Vintage display by Gerrard shows he's worth new deal

THE legs may be creaking and the lung-power may be lessening but this is why Brendan Rodgers cannot yet live without Steven Gerrard. Liverpool's captain, serenaded all night by his adoring public, hammered past Kasper Schmeichel (right), a decade and a half after he used to pit his wits against the Danish keeper's dad. He celebrated with a gusto which suggested that speculation over his future and suggestions of his waning powers had been getting right on his thrupenny bits of late. Rodgers knows he must learn to manage Gerrard in his twilight years. He had rested, or axed, the 34-year-old from the starting line-up against Stoke on Saturday and reaped the reward with an energetic display against the Premier League's bottom club. And Rodgers also knows he needs Gerrard to commit to a new deal because Liverpool have recruited too poorly to even contemplate him leaving Anfield next summer. Leicester, without a win since September, had nicked the lead through a Simon Mignolet own goal but Adam Lallana equalised soon after, before Gerrard and Jordan Henderson netted either side of a red card for Foxes captain Wes Morgan. A second straight win has inched Liverpool away from crisis and Rodgers may be tempted to rest his leader again against Sunderland on Saturday, such is the importance of Tuesday's Champions League clash with Basel. After narrowly pulling off a critical victory over Stoke, Rodgers arrived here with the familiar seaside organ music of another Mario Balotelli sideshow buzzing in his ears. The Italian manchild's latest 'Why Always Me?' moment was his decision to post an Instagram message with racist and anti-semitic connotations. But it was Mignolet, that seasoned purveyor of anxiety attacks, who kicked off the fun when a routine pass out intended for Martin Skrtel fell to Esteban Cambiasso, the Argentine veteran missing the best part of an open goal from 20 yards. Soon after the Belgian keeper had an own goal against his name, though this time he was unfortunate. Jamie Vardy's shot was halvesaved by Mignolet and headed off the line by Skrtel. Leonardo Ulloa's follow-up effort struck the post and cannoned in off the grounded keeper's head - though there was a suggestion that the ball had gone out of play after the initial effort. Leicester's lead lasted only five minutes, however, Lucas lofting one forward, Morgan heading only as far as Lallana who rammed it home with interest. Before the break Lallana was booked for a wild cw challenge on Vardy but when Gerrard headed clear from the resulting free-kick, the whippetlike Raheem Sterling raced away, only to stumble over as he entered the Foxes' penalty box. There were cries for a penalty from the red corner and a dive from the blues, yet in truth, it was probably just an honest fall from a kid whose legs whirr about at velodrome speed. Nine minutes after the break, Gerrard's moment of glory arrived. First, the skipper arrowed a pass to Sterling whose low centre was only half-cleared by the unfortunate Morgan straight back to Gerrard who thudded home unerringly. He slid over to the corner housing the travelling supporters, and the celebrations were prolonged. Ulloa blazed well wide soon after but then Gerrard had another stab and was narrowly off target with a 20-yarder. Yet Morgan's miserable night met its final torment when he hauled down Rickie Lambert, who had a sight of goal, and was given a straight red by Lee Mason. Gerrard showed he was not averse to taking a cynical one for the team when he brought down Matty James for a yellow card. But the Reds skipper should have had a penalty when he attempted to round Schmeichel and was nudged over. Leicester had their chances but Henderson capitalised on some sloppy home defending to score the third - Gerrard involved once more. You can't keep a good man down, it seems. Even if he does need a breather from time to time.

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Steven Gerrard inspires Reds as revival gathers pace

So much for being a spent force. Steven Gerrard sent the critics diving for cover as the Liverpool FC skipper showcased his enduring class at the King Power Stadium. Gerrard marked his return to the side with a virtuoso display as Brendan Rodgers' men continued their climb up the Premier League table with a hard-fought victory over 10-man Leicester City. After Black Friday and Cyber Monday, Tuesday belonged to Captain Fantastic. There was proof if any was needed of just how important Gerrard remains to Liverpool. And just how crucial it is that the 34-year-old pens the contract extension he's currently considering.

The travelling Kop certainly left the club's talisman in no doubt about their burning desire for him to put pen to paper as they chanted his name throughout. There will be a time when Gerrard is no longer crucial to Liverpool's hopes of success but that day remains some way off. He still has so much to offer. It's simply a case of using his talents correctly and Rodgers' decision both to rest him at the weekend and to utilise him in a more attacking role against the Foxes paid rich rewards. Gerrard claimed his first goal from open play since January and was at the heart of everything best about the Reds throughout as he tormented Nigel Pearson's side. It wasn't all plain sailing for Liverpool on their first visit to rock-bottom Leicester for a decade but they responded with guts to the body blow of Simon Mignolet's own goal.

Adam Lallana soon equalised and then in the second half Gerrard fired them ahead. After Wes Morgan was dismissed, Jordan Henderson got the killer third goal. Rodgers made three changes following Saturday's scrappy win over Stoke. As well as a recall for Gerrard, there were also starts for Javier Manquillo and Lallana with Philippe Coutinho, Joe Allen and Jose Enrique making way. Gerrard led the charge in the No 10 role behind Rickie Lambert. One sweeping cross-field pass released Manquillo down the right early on but the youngster's touch let him down. Having been overlooked by Rodgers against both Ludogorets and Stoke, Lallana played like someone with a point to prove.

The £23million man gave Kop flop Paul Konchesky a torrid time as he pressed relentlessly and regularly won back possession. One piledriver from Lallana was blocked by Morgan before Gerrard and Lambert combined to release the outstanding Raheem Sterling. The teenager, who had to endure moronic chants of 'you let your country down' from the Leicester supporters, went around Kasper Schmeichel but was forced wide and couldn't convert.

Liverpool looked threatening going forward but it wasn't long before their glaring defensive frailties were exposed. Manquillo struggled before being hauled off at the interval with his poor positional play giving the Foxes no shortage of space to exploit. Alongside him, Martin Skrtel was equally unconvincing. The Slovakian got shrugged aside far too easily, first by Jeffrey Schlupp and then Leonardo Ulloa. Hopes that Saturday's rare clean sheet would trigger an upturn in Mignolet's form were dashed as the keeper added another blooper to his collection.

The sight of the Belgian with the ball at his feet is enough to trigger a cold sweat among Kopites and he enjoyed a huge let-off in the 20 minute. He had time to deal with Glen Johnson's backpass but inexplicably he passed it straight to Esteban Cambiasso. The net was unguarded but he side-footed wide from 25 yards. Mignolet's sense of relief lasted only a matter of seconds as his unfortunate own goal handed Leicester the breakthrough.

After the Reds had been carved apart far too easily, Skrtel nodded Jamie Vardy's shot off the line. Ulloa latched on to the loose ball and his shot struck the post, hit Mignolet and bobbed in. Within five minutes Liverpool were level. Gerrard's free-kick was only cleared as far as Lucas Leiva, who lofted it back into the box. Lambert made a nuisance of himself and it dropped kindly for Lallana, who expertly drilled a left-footer past Schmeichel.

It was another tireless shift from Lambert, who was making his fourth start in nine days having only started three times in the previous three months. The big frontman came in for some rough treatment from the combative Marcin Wasilewski, who lived up to his nickname of 'The Tank'.

Among a host of bewildering decisions from referee Lee Mason was the sight of him waving play on after Lambert had been throttled by the Poland international. Sterling found himself one on one with Konchesky before the break with half of the pitch to run into but strangely lacked conviction and the chance went begging. After a testing opening 45 minutes, better was required in the second half and Rodgers introduced Alberto Moreno for Manquillo. Nine minutes after the interval Liverpool were in front. Morgan got a boot to Sterling's low cross but only succeeded in diverting the ball into the path of Gerrard, who clinically slotted home from 14 yards. Morgan's helping hand didn't end there as on 63 minutes he pressed the self-destruct button. His wretched backpass was pounced on by Lambert and the Leicester captain promptly hauled him down.

Morgan saw red for a professional foul but Liverpool, who brought on Allen and Lallana, made hard work of making their numerical advantage count. They should have been facing nine men after Schmeichel blatantly brought down Gerrard as he rounded him inside the penalty box.

Bizarrely, Mason wasn't interested with the keeper's wry smile telling a story. There were some anxious moments with Mignolet having to thwart Riyah Mahrez and Vardy's strike was deflected narrowly wide.

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 Man of the match: Steven Gerrard. The captain underlined his ongoing importance to the club with a classy display.
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 Leicester City remain rooted to the foot of the Premier League after another night of woe for Nigel Pearson's men. City had captain Wes Morgan sent off as Liverpool inflicted more misery on Pearson and his troops, who have now picked up just two points from their last nine games. City may have thought their luck had changed when Leonardo Ulloa's shot struck the post and went in off keeper Simon Mignolet in the first half and the game remained in the balance after Adam Lallana's equaliser.

But poor defending gifted a Liverpool second for Steven Gerrard, who rested at the weekend for this game, and 10 minutes later Morgan was shown a straight red card for denying Rickie Lambert a goalscoring opportunity. Jordan Henderson completed the comeback for the visitors as City suffered only their second defeat of the season on home soil.

City seemed up for the clash from the first whistle and the game was being played at a frantic pace. It was clear from the outset that Liverpool's major threat was going to come on both flanks, with Raheem Sterling and Lallana giving Ritchie De Laet and Paul Konchesky torrid times respectively.

At the other end, Ulloa was proving a handful for the Reds' defence, while Jamie Vardy's typically energetic running was a great outlet for City. Although there was a hint of a lack of confidence in front of goal from City's No.9. As early as the ninth minute, Ulloa's brilliant ball set him up one against one with Kolo Toure but Vardy snatched at his shot from long-range and dragged it harmlessly wide. City were causing themselves problems by squandering possession in poor areas and allowing Liverpool to launch counter-attacks utilising the pace of Sterling and Lallana. But the visitors almost shot themselves in the foot in the 20th minute when keeper Simon Mignolet's attempted pass to Martin Skrtel presented Esteban Cambiasso with an open goal.

Of all the men on the pitch, City would have wanted the chance to fall to it was the experienced Argentine, who was superb throughout the first half, but his first time effort from 30 yards out drifted agonisingly wide.

They say you shouldn't look a gifhorse in the mouth, but Cambiasso took a long hard stare down its throat. The fear was that, as has been the case so often of late, City would be punished, but they finally got a stroke of luck a minute later. Riyad Mahrez played a delightful ball in for Vardy behind the Reds' defence and, after his effort was eventually cleared off the line by Skrtel, Ulloa picked up the loose ball and his shot from a tight angle rebounded off the foot of the post and went in off the back of Mignolet. But City's tendency to switch off defensively came back to haunt them five minutes later for Liverpool's equaliser.

City had cleared a Steven Gerrard free-kick but Lucas clipped the ball back into the box for Rickie Lambert and his nod down was slammed home by Lallana, who had stole in beyond Konchesky. The second half continued in similar fashion with both sides probing for the breakthrough and City were playing some decent stuff but once again they were given another reminder how unforgiving the Premier League is, when Sterling's low cross in the 53rd minute was only nudged to the edge of the box by Wes Morgan and Gerrard hammered home the loose ball.

It couldn't have been served up on a plate any more invitingly for the former England captain. Morgan's night got worse in the 63rd minute when he miscontrolled a back pass under pressure from Lambert and as the Liverpool striker was set to race clear Morgan pulled him back, leaving referee Lee Mason no choice but to show him the red card.

There was some good fortune for City as Kasper Schmeichel survived a penalty appeal for a challenge on Gerrard but, almost immediately, Lady Luck turned her back on City, as Cambiasso's goal-bound shot struck team-mate Vardy and deflected wide of the post. Then Vardy had a volley from the edge of the box deflected just wide. The agony was almost too much to bear.

City were soon put out of their misery as the third goal came in the 84th minute, when Marcin Wasilewski's attempted intervention to stop a Gerrard's cross deflected to Sterling and he teed up Jordan Henderson, unmarked, to end City's hopes.

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TEAMS

Leicester (4-4-2): 1 Kasper Schmeichel; 2 Ritchie De Laet, 27 Marcin Wasilewski, 5 Wes Morgan, 3 Paul Konchesky (11 Marc Albrighton, 80); 26 Riyad Mahrez, 8 Matty James, 19 Esteban Cambiasso, 15 Jeff Schlupp; 9 Jamie Vardy, 23 Leonardo Ulloa. Subs not used: 4 Danny Drinkwater, 10 Andy King, 12 Ben Hamer, 18 Liam Moore, 24 Anthony Knockaert, 39 Chris Wood.

Bookings: Schlupp. Sent-off: Morgan.

Liverpool (4-3-3): 22 Simon Mignolet; 2 Glen Johnson, 37 Martin Skrtel, 4 Kolo Toure, 19 Javi Manquillo (18 Alberto Moreno H/T); 21 Lucas Leiva, 8 Steven Gerrard, 14 Jordan Henderson; 20 Adam Lallana (24 Joe Allen, 70), 9 Rickie Lambert, 31 Raheem Sterling (6 Dejan Lovren, 90+4). Subs not used: 1 Brad Jones, 10 Phillipe Coutinho, 23 Emre Can, 50 Lazar Markovic.

Bookings: Lallana, Gerrard

Referee: Lee Mason (Greater Manchester)

Attendance: 32,000



Steven Gerrard scored on his return to the Liverpool starting line-up as they came from behind to beat Leicester.

The Premier League's bottom club led when Leonardo Ulloa's shot hit a post and ricocheted into the net off the head of keeper Simon Mignolet.

But Adam Lallana scored on the half-volley, before Gerrard hit home from a poor Wes Morgan clearance.

Morgan was then sent off for a foul on Lambert before Jordan Henderson sealed a deserved Reds win.

Former Nottingham Forest defender Morgan can have few complaints after wrestling the Liverpool striker to the floor soon after gifting Gerrard his goal.

The Liverpool skipper, who is mulling over a new contract offer, had been left out of the starting line-up for Saturday's 1-0 home win over Stoke, raising speculation about his Anfield future.

But the 34-year-old looked refreshed and reinvigorated as he led his team to their first league away win since 19 October.

Liverpool side move up to eighth in the Premier League table, while Leicester remain bottom, two points from safety and without a win in nine top-flight games.

It started well for the Foxes thanks to Reds keeper Mignolet.

The Belgian's form has been a talking point during Liverpool's disjointed start to the season and he did little to silence his critics at a sell-out King Power Stadium.

The 26-year-old was fortunate to escape after a casual clearance landed at the feet of Esteban Cambiasso. Luckily for him, the Argentina midfielder fired wastefully wide 25 yards in front of an open net.

Yet Liverpool were behind two minutes later, Ulloa's shot from a tight angle hitting the post before deflecting in off the back of Mignolet's head after Jamie Vardy's initial shot had been cleared off the line by Martin Skrtel.

Fortunately for the Reds, Leicester's defence was equally as bad.

The visitors were level as Lallana dispatched a left-foot half-volley low past Kasper Schmeichel's left after Morgan, under pressure from Lambert, had inadvertently headed the ball into the former Southampton's player's path.

There was little to choose between the sides before Gerrard fired home after Morgan's poor clearance from Raheem Sterling's cross gifted the midfielder his first goal since 27 September.

Morgan was then shown a straight red card for wrestling Lambert to the floor.

Leicester went close to equalising when Cambiasso's goal-bound shot hit teammate Vardy, before Gerrard had a penalty appeal turned down following a challenge from Schmeichel after being put clean through.

But Schmeichel's error sealed the points, Gerrard again at the heart of it all.

The former England international's low cross was deflected by the goalkeeper, Sterling latching onto the rebound and brilliantly back-healing the ball into the path of Henderson to slot into an open goal.

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Full time Match ends, Leicester City 1, Liverpool 3.
 90:00+6:07 Full time Second Half ends, Leicester City 1, Liverpool 3.
 90:00+5:15 Attempt saved. Leonardo Ulloa (Leicester City header from the centre of the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Marc Albrighton with a cross.
 90:00+4:28 Substitution Substitution Substitution, Liverpool. Dejan Lovren replaces Raheem Sterling.
 90:00+3:40 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Ritchie de Laet.
 90:00+3:36 Attempt blocked. Jordan Henderson (Liverpool right footed shot from the left side of the box is blocked. Assisted by Steven Gerrard.
 90:00+0:07 Corner, Leicester City. Conceded by Lucas Leiva.
 89:59 Delay over. They are ready to continue.
 87:59 Delay in match Martin Skrtel (Liverpool because of an injury.
 87:44 Attempt blocked. Matthew James (Leicester City right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Esteban Cambiasso.
 87:01 Attempt blocked. Riyad Mahrez (Leicester City right footed shot from the left side of the box is blocked. Assisted by Esteban Cambiasso.
 84:19 Raheem Sterling (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 84:19 Foul by Ritchie de Laet (Leicester City.
 82:52 Goal scored Goal! Goal! Leicester City 1, Liverpool 3. Jordan Henderson (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box to the high centre of the goal. Assisted by Raheem Sterling.
 82:00 Attempt blocked. Martin Skrtel (Liverpool left footed shot from the left side of the box is blocked. Assisted by Jordan Henderson with a cross.
 81:55 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Kasper Schmeichel.
 79:33 Substitution Substitution Substitution, Leicester City. Marc Albrighton replaces Paul Konchesky.
 78:25 Attempt blocked. Jeffrey Schlupp (Leicester City right footed shot from outside the box is blocked.
 78:03 Corner, Leicester City. Conceded by Martin Skrtel.
 78:01 Attempt blocked. Jamie Vardy (Leicester City right footed shot from outside the box is blocked.
 77:17 Foul by Alberto Moreno (Liverpool.
 77:17 Riyad Mahrez (Leicester City wins a free kick on the right wing.
 76:44 Foul by Lucas Leiva (Liverpool.
 76:44 Jamie Vardy (Leicester City wins a free kick on the left wing.
 75:51 Delay over. They are ready to continue.
 75:23 Delay in match Jordan Henderson (Liverpool because of an injury.
 74:38 Booking Jeffrey Schlupp (Leicester City is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.
 74:31 Jordan Henderson (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.
 74:31 Foul by Jeffrey Schlupp (Leicester City.
 73:42 Attempt blocked. Esteban Cambiasso (Leicester City left footed shot from the centre of the box is blocked.
 73:41 Attempt saved. Riyad Mahrez (Leicester City right footed shot from the right side of the box is saved in the top left corner.
 69:59 Substitution Substitution Substitution, Liverpool. Joe Allen replaces Adam Lallana.
 69:41 Raheem Sterling (Liverpool wins a free kick on the left wing.
 69:41 Foul by Riyad Mahrez (Leicester City.
 68:06 Attempt blocked. Matthew James (Leicester City right footed shot from outside the box is blocked.
 67:21 Foul by Lucas Leiva (Liverpool.
 67:21 Riyad Mahrez (Leicester City wins a free kick in the attacking half.
 65:20 Attempt missed. Riyad Mahrez (Leicester City left footed shot from outside the box is too high from a direct free kick.
 64:22 Booking Steven Gerrard (Liverpool is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.
 64:17 Foul by Steven Gerrard (Liverpool.
 64:17 Matthew James (Leicester City wins a free kick in the attacking half.
 62:38 Dismissal Dismissal Wes Morgan (Leicester City is shown the red card.
 62:35 Rickie Lambert (Liverpool wins a free kick on the right wing.
 62:35 Foul by Wes Morgan (Leicester City.
 62:02 Attempt missed. Raheem Sterling (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is high and wide to the right following a fast break.
 61:10 Attempt missed. Marcin Wasilewski (Leicester City left footed shot from outside the box is high and wide to the left. Assisted by Jeffrey Schlupp.
 60:13 Foul by Lucas Leiva (Liverpool.
 60:13 Jamie Vardy (Leicester City wins a free kick in the attacking half.
 58:38 Attempt missed. Steven Gerrard (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is close, but misses to the right. Assisted by Jordan Henderson.
 57:35 Raheem Sterling (Liverpool wins a free kick on the left wing.
 57:35 Foul by Riyad Mahrez (Leicester City.
 56:28 Alberto Moreno (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 56:28 Foul by Riyad Mahrez (Leicester City.
 54:58 Attempt missed. Leonardo Ulloa (Leicester City left footed shot from outside the box is high and wide to the right. Assisted by Esteban Cambiasso.
 54:41 Offside, Liverpool. Lucas Leiva tries a through ball, but Rickie Lambert is caught offside.
 53:26 Goal scored Goal! Goal! Leicester City 1, Liverpool 2. Steven Gerrard (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box to the centre of the goal.
 53:03 Steven Gerrard (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 53:03 Foul by Jamie Vardy (Leicester City.
 52:13 Foul by Rickie Lambert (Liverpool.
 52:13 Marcin Wasilewski (Leicester City wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 51:21 Offside, Liverpool. Lucas Leiva tries a through ball, but Rickie Lambert is caught offside.
 50:45 Attempt missed. Ritchie de Laet (Leicester City right footed shot from outside the box misses to the left.

45:55 Corner, Leicester City. Conceded by Steven Gerrard.
 45:12 Corner, Leicester City. Conceded by Martin Skrtel.
 45:00 Second Half begins Leicester City 1, Liverpool 1.
 45:00 Substitution Substitution Substitution, Liverpool. Alberto Moreno replaces Javier Manquillo.
 45:00+2:06 Half time First Half ends, Leicester City 1, Liverpool 1.
 45:00+1:31 Attempt missed. Matthew James (Leicester City right footed shot from outside the box is too high. Assisted by Esteban Cambiasso.
 45:00+0:57 Offside, Liverpool. Javier Manquillo tries a through ball, but Adam Lallana is caught offside.
 41:56 Delay over. They are ready to continue.
 40:45 Delay in match Adam Lallana (Liverpool because of an injury.
 38:34 Hand ball by Raheem Sterling (Liverpool.
 37:33 Booking Adam Lallana (Liverpool is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.
 37:22 Foul by Adam Lallana (Liverpool.
 37:22 Jamie Vardy (Leicester City wins a free kick on the left wing.
 35:48 Foul by Adam Lallana (Liverpool.
 35:48 Paul Konchesky (Leicester City wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 35:13 Attempt saved. Riyad Mahrez (Leicester City left footed shot from outside the box is saved in the top left corner. Assisted by Leonardo Ulloa with a cross.
 32:46 Attempt blocked. Martin Skrtel (Liverpool header from the centre of the box is blocked. Assisted by Steven Gerrard with a cross.
 32:13 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Paul Konchesky.
 29:21 Attempt missed. Marcin Wasilewski (Leicester City with an attempt from very close range is too high. Assisted by Matthew James with a cross following a corner.
 28:59 Corner, Leicester City. Conceded by Javier Manquillo.
 27:08 Offside, Liverpool. Adam Lallana tries a through ball, but Rickie Lambert is caught offside.
 25:49 Goal scored Goal! Goal! Leicester City 1, Liverpool 1. Adam Lallana (Liverpool left footed shot from the centre of the box to the bottom right corner following a set piece situation.
 24:53 Raheem Sterling (Liverpool wins a free kick on the left wing.
 24:53 Foul by Riyad Mahrez (Leicester City.
 24:12 Attempt missed. Glen Johnson (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is too high following a corner.
 23:43 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Wes Morgan.
 22:45 Jordan Henderson (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.
 22:45 Foul by Matthew James (Leicester City.
 21:02 Goal scored Goal! Own Goal by Simon Mignolet, Liverpool. Leicester City 1, Liverpool 0.
 20:53 Leonardo Ulloa (Leicester City hits the right post with a left footed shot from a difficult angle on the right.
 20:48 Attempt blocked. Jamie Vardy (Leicester City right footed shot from the right side of the box is blocked. Assisted by Riyad Mahrez with a through ball.
 19:21 Attempt missed. Esteban Cambiasso (Leicester City left footed shot from outside the box is close, but misses to the left.
 18:24 Offside, Liverpool. Kolo Touré tries a through ball, but Rickie Lambert is caught offside.
 17:24 Attempt missed. Jeffrey Schlupp (Leicester City left footed shot from outside the box misses to the left following a corner.
 16:59 Corner, Leicester City. Conceded by Lucas Leiva.
 16:13 Foul by Lucas Leiva (Liverpool.
 16:13 Jeffrey Schlupp (Leicester City wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 10:51 Adam Lallana (Liverpool wins a free kick on the right wing.
 10:51 Foul by Jeffrey Schlupp (Leicester City.
 8:15 Attempt missed. Jamie Vardy (Leicester City right footed shot from outside the box misses to the left. Assisted by Leonardo Ulloa following a fast break.
 8:06 Attempt blocked. Lucas Leiva (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked.
 8:03 Attempt blocked. Adam Lallana (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is blocked.
 6:06 Raheem Sterling (Liverpool wins a free kick on the left wing.
 6:06 Foul by Ritchie de Laet (Leicester City.
 5:06 Offside, Liverpool. Simon Mignolet tries a through ball, but Rickie Lambert is caught offside.
 3:48 Corner, Leicester City. Conceded by Glen Johnson.
 0:00 First Half begins.
 0:00 Lineups are announced and players are warming up.