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Gerrard torments Chelsea again

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 In years to come, Steven Gerrard might look back nostalgically on the time he led the applause for the champions at Stamford Bridge before receiving a warm ovation from a crowd that had "slaughtered" him for the previous decade. Not yet, though; it still hurts the Liverpool captain that his final weeks in England have been reduced to a farewell tour, lacking the intensity that he craves.

Even Gerrard, who barely recognises a lost cause, acknowledges that the quest for Champions League qualification is over for Liverpool. This result left them six points adrift of fourth place -- and Manchester United -- and with an inferior goal difference with two Barclays Premier League games remaining. Chelsea, their season's mission already accomplished, were there for the taking, but Liverpool lacked the ruthlessness to add to Gerrard's equalising goal.

Apart from an ugly challenge by Cesc Fabregas on Raheem Sterling after just 20 seconds, this was an afternoon that, following Liverpool's pre-match guard of honour for Chelsea, carried none of the intensity and spite that has characterised the modern rivalry between these clubs. That the goals were scored by John Terry, in the fifth minute, and Gerrard, just before halftime, seemed at least to reflect the competitive fires that still burn in the hearts of men who have captained their teams with distinction for many years. Jose Mourinho suggested it was "normal" that his Chelsea team had suffered a slight drop-off in intensity now that they were no longer "playing at the limits to be champions". Liverpool played the more enterprising football for much of the game, looking to coax some magic from Philippe Coutinho or Sterling, but they lacked the ruthlessness required to see off a Chelsea team who were subdued only by their own high standards.

In the interests of future planning, Mourinho, for once able to look beyond the prize, gave a first Premier League start to Ruben Loftus-Cheek. The 19-year-old midfielder demonstrated the composure and assurance that have led him to be held in high regard both at Chelsea and in the England coaching set-up, but it was no surprise that, once Liverpool gained the upper hand in the second half, Mourinho replaced him with Nemanja Matic; even when the result is largely academic, it is the Chelsea manager's ultimate priority. That Fabregas challenge inside the first minute was such an anomaly that one wonders whether the midfielder player was trying a little too hard to dispel the idea that Chelsea, buttered up by their pre-match welcome from the opposition, might be about to ease off. Andre Marriner, the referee, initially pulled the red card from his pocket before showing the yellow. Brendan Rodgers, the Liverpool manager, seemed to imply that this was a Freudian slip of sorts. Liverpool started slowly -- "not a new thing," Rodgers said, a little grimly -- and Chelsea took advantage. It was, like so many goals against Liverpool this season, a dreadful one to concede. They have looked far less vulnerable at dead-ball situations since the autumn, but this was so careless. From a corner by Fabregas, Glen Johnson, Dejan Lovren and Rickie Lambert were all in the vicinity of Terry, but the Chelsea captain was allowed to rise, pretty much unchallenged, to send a header past Simon Mignolet.

That, though, was about as good as it got for Chelsea. There were flashes of inspiration from Fabregas, who had a shot well saved by Mignolet on the half-hour, and Willian, but Eden Hazard, their outstanding attacking player this season, was below his best. Chelsea looked a little flat, so it was hard to evaluate Loftus-Cheek, who was calm in possession -- a little too calm in the case of one careless pass, from which he was spared by the alertness of Kurt Zouma.

Liverpool merited their equaliser, which arrived just before half-time. By that stage they had come close through Johnson, Coutinho and Sterling, with their creative players finding plenty of space in wide areas. From one such opening, Adam Lallana was fouled by Branislav Ivanovic in a dangerous position. Jordan Henderson's free kick found Gerrard unmarked at the far post -- escaping the attentions of Loftus-Cheek and Gary Cahill -- to plant a header past Thibaut Courtois. For 15 minutes or so at the start of the second half, Liverpool looked as lively as they have done for months, with Sterling, Coutinho and Lallana playing some clever stuff between the lines, but, as so often this season, their end-product was lacking. Their best chance came when Sterling dribbled from right to left and picked out Coutinho, but the Brazilian's first-time shot, having beaten Courtois, flew just wide of the post. As Mourinho replaced youth with experience, sending on Matic for Loftus-Cheek, Rodgers took the opposite approach, replacing a toiling Lambert with Jerome Sinclair. The 18-year-old forward is full of running and is a clinical finisher, but he quickly found on his Premier League debut that playing against Terry and Cahill, a substitute for the injured Zouma, is an altogether different proposition to the Barclays Under-21 League.

The closing stages were notable chiefly for Gerrard's departure from the stage. There were boos from the home fans at first when he began to make his way to the touchline, but they were drowned out by a round of applause in recognition of a great rival who had earned their respect. Mourinho, in turn, applauded his team's supporters for that show of deference, one that perhaps came more naturally in an atmosphere in which the usual enmity had given way to the warmth of a title celebration. By the sounds of his post-match interview, the poignance of the moment had been lost on Gerrard by the time he settled into his seat on the Liverpool bench. This is not how he imagined spending his final weeks as a Liverpool player. He wanted to go out on a high, as a winner, in games that truly mattered. As heartwarming as it might have been to the rest of us, a round of applause at Stamford Bridge was never going to feature on his bucket list.

RATINGS

Chelsea (4-2-3-1): T Courtois 7 -- B Ivanovic 6, K Zouma 6 (sub: G Cahill, 35min 6), J Terry 7, F Luis 6 -- R Loftus-Cheek 6 (sub: N Matic, 60 6), J O Mikel 6 -- E Hazard 6, C Fabregas 7, Willian 6 -- L Remy 5 (sub: J Cuadrado, 83).

Substitutes not used: M Beeney, C Azpilicueta, N Ake, D Drogba. Booked: Fabregas, Ivanovic, Mikel, Luis. Liverpool (4-1-4-1): S Mignolet 6 -- E Can 6, M Skrtel 7, D Lovren 6, G Johnson 6 -- S Gerrard 6 (sub: L Leiva, 79) -- R Sterling 7, J Henderson 6, P Coutinho 7, A Lallana 6 (sub: J Ibe, 71) -- R Lambert 5 (sub: J Sinclair, 68 5). Substitutes not used: D Ward, K Toure, A Moreno, J Allen. Booked: Lallana, Skrtel, Lambert.

the guardian

Liverpool's Champions League dreams end with draw at champions Chelsea

For Liverpool, the game is up. An afternoon which had begun with a grudging show of respect for the newly crowned Premier League champions, the visitors lining up along either side of a blue carpet to form a guard of honour as Chelsea trooped triumphantly into the arena, ended with Champions League football effectively out of their reach. Given the constant and belabored reminders of the destiny of this season's title, this was a galling occasion for those in red.

The deficit from the top four has been extended to six points with two games to play, and goal difference counting horribly against them. As "outstanding" as Brendan Rodgers insisted his team were after the interval, this performance failed to yield the victory which would have preserved those fading chances. Instead, the talk in the aftermath was of a "big summer ahead" when shrewd recruitment, and presumably plenty of persuasion if key targets are to be secured, will be required if their challenge is to prove more persuasive next year. A Europa League campaign most likely awaits, and that will create its own disruption.

In truth Liverpool, as the team with something at stake, had felt the more threatening of the sides on show with Chelsea, as José Mourinho conceded, struggling throughout to generate proper intensity to their approach having already secured the campaign's most glittering prize. Yet, for all that Raheem Sterling, Jordan Ibe and the league debutant, Jerome Sinclair, buzzed disconcertingly in enemy territory, supplied by the elusive Philippe Coutinho, the visitors lacked the quality to prevail. The Brazilian saw a late shot deflected off Gary Cahill to wrong-foot Thibaut Courtois for a split second, though the chance played out in slow motion and the goalkeeper was able to flop down on the loose ball.

It all rather summed up Liverpool's season, a campaign when the goals of Luis Suárez and Daniel Sturridge have been so sorely missed. They lacked bite here to inflict proper wounds. The goals that were mustered in a disjointed contest were supplied by the old guard. John Terry's opener had been thumped in early, Cesc Fàbregas's corner veering into the penalty area for the centre-half to rise too easily above Rickie Lambert and plant a header down and beyond Simon Mignolet and Steven Gerrard on the goal-line. The goal was Terry's 39th in the Premier League, establishing him as the highest scoring defender in the revamped top flight. Liverpool complained, with some justification, that his supplier should not have been on the pitch even then, Fábregas having been guilty of a nasty foul on Sterling's right ankle in the opening 25 seconds. "He should have been sent off," said Rodgers. "It was out of control, diving [in], stretching. A poor challenge."

Andre Marriner had actually flashed a red card at Mikel John Obi, so off the pace had he been in that opening minute, before correcting that to a lenient yellow for Fábregas. The confusion hardly inspired confidence. The visitors' response to the concession had actually been impressive, sparked as it was by Coutinho spitting shots at goal for Branislav Ivanovic to block and Courtois to save, though parity was only restored when their own captain made his presence felt. Ivanovic's foul on Adam Lallana earned a free-kick which Jordan Henderson arced over the muddle in the six-yard box. Gerrard, having edged away from Mikel, was unmarked as he nodded in his first goal against these opponents in a decade.

It was his first ever reward at Stamford Bridge, an arena where he has been mercilessly heckled over the years, memories of which would not be erased by the charitable and admirable ovation granted him by all corners of the ground upon his substitution 11 minutes from time. Mourinho praised that reaction for the "dear enemy" who will not grace this stage again. Gerrard, himself, was not quite ready to forgive and forget. Chelsea had actually been denied a potential farewell of their own, Petr Cech having cried off the fixture with a minor calf injury having been pencilled in to start the game. "The next game, at West Bromwich Albion [on Monday week], he plays," said Mourinho, who intends to pick the likes of Nathan Aké and Isaiah Brown at the Hawthorns. "Izzy Brown came from West Bromwich so it'll be special for the kid to play in that house ... the boys deserve it, all of them, but I can't give a special day for everyone."

He offered Ruben Loftus-Cheek an hour here on his first Premier League start, with the teenager doing little wrong in a midfield brief before being withdrawn as his manager sensed Liverpool's late urgency might leave him exposed. "Coutinho was getting more space between the lines, so it was best for the boy to leave," added the Portuguese. "But it was a fantastic experience for him, to feel the intensity and the speed of the game. He's going to be a Chelsea player, that's no doubt. I'm happy." The same cannot be said for Liverpool, even with the point secured on a ground where Chelsea remain unbeaten in the league. For Rodgers, and the hierarchy at Anfield, a pivotal summer awaits.

Man of the match Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool)

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A BITTER END at the bridge; Gerrard hits back as Euro hopes die
 1 CHELSEA 1 LIVERPOOL SAMI MOKBEL at Stamford Bridge Terry 5 Gerrard 44
 LIVERPOOL legend Steven Gerrard's Champions League dream ended at the home of the English Premier League champions yesterday. The Liverpool captain, who is leaving Anfield at the end of the season for the United States, got a standing ovation from Chelsea fans and boss Jose Mourinho after being substituted late on. But for most of the match, Gerrard was barracked by home supporters intent on reminding him about his slip against them last season that played a pivotal role in the Anfield club's failed title bid. Gerrard said: 'The Chelsea fans showed respect for a couple of seconds for me but slaughtered me all game so I'm not going to get drawn into wishing the Chelsea fans well. It's nice of them to turn up for once today. The standing ovation from a stadium is always nice but what's important to me is the Liverpool fans and they have been there since day one.' On Liverpool's failed attempt to qualify for the Champions League, Gerrard added: 'Qualifying for the Champions League has been the plan all season but we have come up a bit short. We'll keep fighting while it's mathematically possible but I think everyone knows it's going to be tough. It's important the lads get some rest after these last couple of games and the owners try to dig deep and help the manager and the lads out -- and try to make some additions to improve. There is a great core of players here, with terrific potential and the future is looking alright. But it is important that you try and compete with the giant clubs in the league because they are all going to spend big.' Liverpool's Champions League dream is not officially over. But they must win their final two matches, hope Manchester United lose both games and overturn a 14 goal difference to finish fourth. Meanwhile, Liverpool boss Brendan Rodgers insists Cesc Fabregas should have been sent off for a reckless challenge on Raheem Sterling in the first minute. The Spaniard caught the England star on the ankle, and Rodgers said: 'I thought he recovered exceptionally well. Fabregas should have been sent off: out of control, diving, stretching. A poor challenge. Raheem's done well to stay on the field, and to play ever so well in the second half. He was a real threat. That shows his strength of character.' Mourinho admitted it was difficult for his side to reach the same level that secured them the title with three games to spare. The Chelsea boss handed academy star Ruben Loftus-Cheek his first senior start, and fellow youngster Izzy Brown, 18, will be handed his first-team debut against West Brom, the club he left in 2013, next weekend. 'The last game of the season I'll play with the players with more minutes in the Premier League,' confirmed Mourinho. 'Against West Brom, especially because they're safe and nobody is waiting for a result, I'll play some of the kids.' Chelsea made five changes, with Diego Costa not risked and he is unlikely to feature again this term. Chelsea showed there would be no let-up despite sealing the title with three matches to spare and poor defending contributed to John Terry's opening goal. The Chelsea captain climbed above Rickie Lambert to meet Fabregas' corner and his header beat Gerrard on the line. It was Terry's fifth Premier League goal of the season and 39th in all, taking him beyond David Unsworth's record for a defender. Fabregas had in the first minute been booked by referee Andre Marriner for a late challenge on Sterling and then tugged the Liverpool livewire back, only to escape further censure and a possible dismissal. Martin Skrtel, Adam Lallana and Lambert all received bookings for various misdemeanours in a disjointed contest. Thibaut Courtois saved from Philippe Coutinho and Simon Mignolet denied Fabregas before Chelsea were forced into a change as Kurt Zouma hobbled off to be replaced by Gary Cahill. Gerrard, who appeared to be struggling with the pace of the game, slipped when challenging Fabregas down Chelsea's right, much to the delight of the home support, who then sang 'Steven Gerrard, he slips when he wants'. The Liverpool skipper's riposte was a goal. After Branislav Ivanovic was booked for a foul on Lallana, Jordan Henderson floated a freekick to the far post and Gerrard, unmarked, headed in. There was no celebration after his 12th of the season that made him Liverpool's top scorer. Coutinho fired wide from Sterling's tee-up early in the second period as the visitors resumed strongly. Chelsea were dangerous on the counter, though, and Willian fired wide in a move which began when Gerrard lost out to Fabregas. Liverpool's defence then opened up for Fabregas, but he scuffed his left-footed shot at Mignolet before then having an effort blocked by Skrtel. Eden Hazard next skipped past Gerrard but was crowded out as he tried to find space to shoot. It was the Liverpool captain's final action as he was replaced by Lucas. Coutinho's deflected effort temporarily sent Courtois the wrong way, but the goalkeeper recovered, and Henderson volleyed wide as the winner never came for Liverpool. Rodgers added: 'We sit in fifth place and that's probably where we're at. If we want to make the next steps, we need to find some acquisitions in the summer to help us do that. The players that I've worked with have been brilliant, given everything. Like today, we've been very unfortunate.'

The Daily Telegraph

Gerrard makes his point to old enemies
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 Steven Gerrard hit Chelsea with a header during the match and a volley after it. Presented with an opportunity to commend Chelsea fans for their standing ovation as his farewell tour took in an otherwise bilious Bridge, Liverpool's captain responded by lambasting them for their abusive songs and "Caution - slip hazard" laminated placards about him. He could have been diplomatic and decorous, could have been polite and thanked his hosts for the momentary cessation of hostilities but the Huyton kid in him came out fighting. "Chelsea fans have shown me respect for a couple of seconds but slaughtered me all day," Gerrard told Sky. "It was nice of them to turn up for once today." Ouch. This was Gerrard unplugged, unconsidered, undignified. His barb resembled the verbal equivalent of his battering challenge on Manchester United's Ander Herrera at Anfield on March 22. Take that. The twilight of his career almost carries echoes of his early days, the reckless challenges and heated moments. Gerrard is, of course, too professional, and too dedicated to Liverpool's cause to use these final moments to settle old scores but it doesn't half feel like it. Thoughts of his finest moments in that famous shirt are clearly at the forefront of his mind as he prepares to wear it for the final time. Last week, Gerrard was asked by a BBC reporter whether his goal against Queens Park Rangers "was your best ever header?" He replied: "Istanbul wasn't bad." To which the reporter remarked: "I forget about that." "I don't," was Gerrard's instant response. The curtain falling on a celebrated career is inevitably emotional which might explain his outburst which actually left Chelsea fans occupying the moral high ground. It is, perhaps, slightly harsh to criticise Gerrard when only those who have been in his situation, taking corners as foam-flecked strangers a yard away berate him, his family and his faulty footing, can understand the pressure but he should take their caustic chants as compliments. Closing fast on his 35th birthday, a usually reflective character should note that rival fans rarely bother singing about poor opposition players. He has endured it before and received plenty here. Walking towards the Matthew Harding stand to take a first-half corner, Gerrard was greeted with countless hand gestures which would not be found in nearby Knightsbridge etiquette schools. When Liverpool's captain fell over at one point, deceived by a turn from the outstanding Cesc Fabregas, the Chelsea fans crowed "He slips when he wants", harking back to Gerrard's stumble at Anfield last season that allowed Demba Ba to score and effectively end Liverpool's title dream. Chelsea fans have long insulted the symbol of Liverpool because he rejected their overtures in 2004 and 2005, choosing to stay at Anfield, because of a decade-long duel with Frank Lampard and because of residual grief over the 2005 Champions League "ghost goal" semi-final. Spilling over into the national sphere, there has always been the issue over the England armband which the Shed and Matthew Harding ends felt belonged to John Terry. How fitting that Terry should score here, taking early control of the plotline, before Gerrard equalised, claiming the focus back. He refused to celebrate only his second goal in 40 games against Chelsea, seemingly because he wanted to get on with trying to secure all points but his withdrawal on 79 minutes was sportingly acknowledged by Chelsea fans. Jose Mourinho held his thumb up in appreciation of the crowd's salute, although moments later many launched back into the Gerrard "slip" song. At the final whistle, Mourinho embraced a player he called a "dear enemy", a powerhouse midfielder he tried to recruit for Inter Milan and Real Madrid as well as twice during his first Chelsea spell. Gerrard was finally in Mourinho's clutches, and then was gone, down into the tunnel, towards an inviting microphone. Maybe there was also frustration at the outcome shaping his words. Maybe he felt time's unforgiving passage with a young English central midfielder stepping into the fray and impressing. Ruben Loftus-Cheek did well on his full debut for Chelsea, making good interceptions, snaking out those long legs to nick the ball, shadowing Philippe Coutinho, and distributing the ball simply and accurately. All of his 27 passes found their intended destination. Maybe Gerrard was aggrieved that the draw all but condemned Liverpool to the Europa League, a fate that Chelsea fans certainly mentioned loudly. Liverpool are now six points and 14 goals adrift of fourth-placed Manchester United with two games remaining. Gerrard would have loved to have left for LA Galaxy with the satisfaction of having helped his beloved club into the Champions League but it is not to be. United, another team Gerrard has issues with, have surely secured Champions League football - the season's main mission accomplished for Louis van Gaal. Maybe it was simply a Chelsea v Liverpool thing. Amazingly, given the enmity between the sides, there were half-and-half Chelsea and Liverpool friendship scarves on offer outside Stamford Bridge for PS10, although the salesman admitted he was prepared to negotiate. Maybe it was the sight of Terry scoring, meaning that Chelsea defenders have now contributed 20 goals in all competitions this season. With Luis Suarez gone and Daniel Sturridge injured, Liverpool have laboured for goals and Gerrard is their top scorer with 12. Whatever his post-match dig, Gerrard began the afternoon in gracious mode, forming a guard of honour as Terry and the new champions emerged. There was no standing on ceremony by the champions. Fabregas lunged at Raheem Sterling, catching the Liverpool attacker on the ankle. Andre Marriner deemed Fabregas's dangerous challenge worthy only of yellow, laughable really given the velocity and venom.

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Fabregas was soon inflicting more damage on Liverpool with his 18th Premier League assist of the season. He curled in a corner that dropped towards a melee of players, holding and baulking. Terry wanted the ball most, attacking it with strength and timing, beating Rickie Lambert to head it past Simon Mignolet. In registering his 39th Premier League goal, Terry broke David Unsworth's record for a defender in the division. Terry's path of celebration took him close to the Liverpool fans in the Shed and he sensibly turned away, although not before a missile whistled past. Antagonism could be heard and seen all over, especially when Gerrard was in possession. On the cusp of half-time, he scored. When Jordan Henderson lifted in a free-kick, Gerrard escaped John Obi Mikel to direct a downward header into the net for his first goal against Chelsea since October 2005. Gerrard and his team emerged first for the second half, and played well. A mazy run from Sterling ended with a cutback for Coutinho, who shot just wide. Gerrard was then substituted, giving the Chelsea fans their chance to clap him and then castigate him. Old hostilities resumed, continued by Gerrard after the final whistle.



Gerrard benefits from the champions' generous spirit.

The 185th goal of Steven Gerrard's Liverpool career was not one to put alongside all those last-gasp game-changers or sinew-straining interventions of old, but it was at least one last reminder of just how much he will be missed at the club he has served for so long. As Brendan Rodgers pointed out afterwards, his captain has scored the important goals in both Liverpool's previous games and now has just two more matches in the red No 8 shirt before he calls it a day at the only club of his life. Yesterday was remarkable for the ripple of applause around Stamford Bridge when Gerrard was substituted with 11 minutes left in a stadium that is consumed with baiting the Liverpool captain.

It was led by Jose Mourinho who has gone to his usual lengths this week to tell everyone how much he loves his "dear enemy" Gerrard, the generosity he is prepared to show when the title is in the bag and no one represents a threat any longer. He was at it again yesterday, describing a career in the MLS as an "El Dorado holiday" and leaving no one in any doubt that, as far as he was concerned, Gerrard was effectively retiring. Even so, the applause was a strange moment given the animosity between the two clubs' supporters which otherwise went on unchecked. It was hard to know what that gesture meant in the grand scheme of things and you got the feeling that there would have been much less of it if Chelsea were still involved in a title race. It was the last time Gerrard would go head-to-head with John Terry too, another former England captain and a player with whom his career has been entwined. Seven months younger than Gerrard, Terry is readying himself for another season as a Premier League captain and he scored again against Liverpool, making him the highest scoring defender in the league's 23-year history. In fact, he was arguably man of the match.

Terry's opening goal, a header after five minutes, was one thing but it was a brilliantly timed penalty-box tackle late in the game on the powerful Jordan Ibe which summarised the Chelsea captain's superb season.

Gerrard has now played his last game against one of the big clubs of English football and Liverpool have as good as lost that last Champions League place to Manchester United. They need a six-point and 14-goal swing to secure fourth place now and even the ever-optimistic Rodgers was in no mood to apply the power of positive thought when it came to the last two games of the season.

The Premier League season is slowly fizzling out and no amount of pre-game bells and whistles can change that mood. Not content with the pre-match guard of honour from Liverpool, Chelsea laid on a novelty blue carpet and the flame bursts that are de rigueur now at any match that feels a bit underwhelming in terms of atmosphere. There was a strange start to the game when Cesc Fabregas kicked Raheem Sterling on the ankle with the kind of tackle that might have been a red card at a different time in a different game to this off-key, slowed-down occasion. Andre Marriner got himself in a muddle, getting out a red card first for John Obi Mikel, then a yellow before he corrected himself and booked Fabregas.

Later, Rodgers would say that Fabregas should have been dismissed for the tackle in a press conference in which he was scarcely able to conceal his despondency at how the season is finishing for Liverpool. Mourinho made some effort not to rise to the bait saying that he did not want any more of the "theatre" that had followed the two sides' Capital One Cup semi-final. The Chelsea goal came soon after. Rickie Lambert was badly static and allowed Terry to jump over him and head the ball in direct from a Fabregas corner. It was another slow start for Liverpool which their manager would have cause to bemoan later on.

Mourinho made five changes from the team that beat Crystal Palace with Ruben Loftus-Cheek, the 19-year-old Lewisham lad from the Chelsea academy, promoted for his first league start. This is, of course, Mourinho's next challenge, bringing through a few of the kids from the all-conquering academy. But there will be no passengers with him. These kinds of games are precisely the sort of chances that will have to be seized by Loftus-Cheek and his peers.

Later, Mourinho said that he would give a chance to the Under-21s' Nathan Ake and Isaiah Brown in next weekend's game against West Bromwich Albion, with the West Midlands club having first developed Brown before he was signed by Chelsea. Against Sunderland at home on the last day of the season, Mourinho pledged to play his best side which does not bode well for Dick Advocaat's team if

they need points to survive then. Gerrard, playing holding midfield, did not have the happiest of times in the first half. There was an unfortunate tumble when he tried to tackle Fabregas and the usual frustrations trying to get Liverpool going. Then, from nowhere, he arrived at the back post to head in a Jordan Henderson free-kick having been completely unmarked when Mikel and Gary Cahill got mixed up. It was not the sort of goal that Chelsea, in full Mourinho mode, usually concede. Cahill, on for the injured Kurt Zouma, seemed to block the path of Mikel as he did a bad job of tracking Gerrard. There were no exuberant celebrations from Gerrard. It wasn't one of those goals. After half-time, there was a much better performance from Liverpool and they had the best of the second half, although too few chances created to win it. The best opportunity fell to Philippe Coutinho on 49 minutes when Sterling cut the ball back to the Brazilian, who missed the target. Chelsea struggled to create a threat in attack while their long-term injured striker Diego Costa amused himself by sitting among the fans in the east stand. Latterly, Rodgers brought on the teenagers Jerome Sinclair, 18, and Ibe, 19, the former of whom was Liverpool's youngest player of all time when he made his debut at 16 and six days in 2012. An indication, perhaps, of where the Liverpool manager's thoughts are for next season. The Champions League will not be a concern around.



THE BITTER END; Stevie finally scores but he won't be sad to see back of the Bridge

There was to be no last fairy tale. But a feisty farewell filled with bitterness and disappointment. Steven Gerrard left the pitch when he was substituted in the 79th minute to a standing ovation from both sets of fans which was the sort of goodbye befitting one of English football's all-time greats.

But Gerrard's very pointed dig post-match at the Chelsea fans for "turning up for once" showed any thoughts of kissing and making up are long gone. The rivalry between Gerrard and the west Londoners runs too deep and this was all too painful for any sugar coating to be applied to a hugely disappointing result. Incredibly, it was Gerrard's first-ever goal at Stamford Bridge which, down the years, has been the scene of so much drama for the Reds' captain. The match started with a guard of honour but finished honours even with a draw that was not enough to keep alive any realistic hope of Liverpool reaching the Champions League next season.

Gerrard gave everything but, while his mind is still willing, the legs are showing their age and the 34-year-old can no longer dominate games like he used to. And, make no mistake, this was a game that meant everything to Gerrard. The chants from the Chelsea fans about him slipping at Anfield a year ago clearly rile him. That fatal slip - when his mistake let in Demba Ba as Liverpool blew the title - will never be forgotten, not least by the Blues supporters who held up placards all around the ground to remind him.

It was cruel but not perhaps as painful as Gerrard and the rest of the Liverpool players having to applaud Chelsea's newly-crowned champions onto the pitch before the game. And that sort of humiliation must have been another motivating factor for Liverpool who knew it was win-or-bust to try to catch Manchester United in fourth place. They tried but just could not dig deep enough, even if their recovery from John Terry's early opener and second-half performance probably deserved all three points.

For Chelsea, it felt as if - with teenager Ruben Loftus-Cheek given a chance in midfield - they are winding down with the title in the bag. But their rivalry with Liverpool is such that they were never going to just stand aside. Perhaps that was illustrated by Cesc Fabregas' fierce challenge on Raheem Sterling (left) within the first minute. Referee Andre Marriner gave the Spaniard a yellow, Liverpool boss Brendan Rodgers claimed it should have been red. But while Sterling and Liverpool were still licking their wounds, Chelsea went ahead. Fabregas put over a right-wing corner, Rickie Lambert lost Terry in the penalty box and the Chelsea captain was left unmarked to power home a header. Gerrard was on the post but ended up on his backside as he tried to clear.

But, typically, it was Gerrard who led the fightback. Jordan Henderson's 44th-minute free-kick found the Liverpool captain unmarked at the far post and he headed powerfully into the net.

Suddenly it was game on. The visitors were always chasing a miracle to pip United to fourth but no one does that better than Gerrard. Philippe Coutinho, buzzing around the Chelsea box, caused problems as he fired into the side netting after 49 minutes and Liverpool bossed the second half with Martin Skrtel's neversay-die spirit epitomising their battling display.

When Gerrard was subbed 11 minutes from the end, it seemed as if Liverpool's last hope went with him. Coutinho's 89th-minute shot deflected off Gary Cahill and Thibaut Courtois recovered in time to make a fine save.

Gerrard's battle with Chelsea has been entertaining down the years but even Liverpool's skipper can no longer bridge the gap.

The Reds' season will end in disappointment outside of the top four and their failings this term mean Rodgers will have to overhaul his squad in the summer. But one player they will never be able to replace is Steven Gerrard.

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The sense of loss was two fold on a strange afternoon at Stamford Bridge. A spirited display against the champions couldn't prevent the last rites from being read on Liverpool's Champions League hopes. And the man who belatedly brought Brendan Rodgers' side to life won't be around much longer to lead the charge. After his late winner against Queens Park Rangers, Steven Gerrard once again took centre stage as his header cancelled out John Terry's opener. So much for leaving quietly. The closing weeks of Gerrard's glittering Anfield career are only serving to reinforce what a glaring void he will leave behind when he heads for Los Angeles Galaxy. With his 35th birthday on the horizon, he may lack the dynamism he boasted at his peak but he remains a top class performer in a squad desperately lacking genuine attacking quality. For all the talk of his diminishing role, he looks destined to end the season as the Reds' top scorer after claiming his 12th goal of the campaign.

When Liverpool are in need of inspiration, he remains their 'go-to man'. Others have yet to prove they are capable of stepping up to the plate and taking on that kind of responsibility. It was an uncomfortable day in the capital for Gerrard from the guard of honour to the torrent of abuse he was subjected to. Famous for their plastic flags, Chelsea fans have now taken to laminating yellow signs warning about the dangers of slipping. There was a belated show of respect when Gerrard departed to a standing ovation from all four sides of Stamford Bridge late on. But that moment of class lasted all of five seconds before the hosts began crowing about Demba Ba again. It's an odd place where supporters take more delight in someone else's misfortune than their own team's success.

Typically, the vitriol from the stands brought the best out of Gerrard, who silenced Stamford Bridge just before half-time when he coolly converted Jordan Henderson's free-kick at the far post. It was his first goal against Chelsea for 10 years and only his second in 40 appearances against the Londoners. But the celebrations were decidedly low key. Gerrard knew there was precious little for Liverpool to crow about. Having come so close to landing the Holy Grail 12 months ago, the Reds weren't even involved in the title race this time around. With no credible rival, it's been a procession for Jose Mourinho's side and with the Premier League trophy already secure Chelsea had no need to get out of second gear. Only one team had something still to fight for but Liverpool weren't able to secure the victory required to close the gap on Manchester United. Six points behind with two games remaining and with a vastly inferior goal difference, the Reds' season is effectively over. After a brief flirtation with the glamour of rubbing shoulders with Europe's elite, the backwaters of the Europa League beckon. The season's main target of a top-four finish has been missed and Liverpool only have themselves to blame. The fact they have lost out to such a mediocre United side makes that failure all the more galling. Last season the talk was of a shift in the balance of power between the two clubs after two decades of Liverpool being in their shadow.

Rodgers' side finished 20 points better off than United and looked well placed to kick on. However, that position of strength has been squandered.

After losing Luis Suarez, Liverpool needed to spend wisely but there has been little return on that £116million investment. The change in the pecking order this term has had much more to do with Liverpool's standards slipping than any great improvement down the East Lancs Road.

The Reds' season floundered on the day they wilted against United at Anfield in March. Since then they have taken just eight points out of the last 21 on offer and crashed out of the FA Cup to Aston Villa. Rodgers believed 74 points would be required to land fourth spot but United only boast 68 and can already put their flip-flops on. The performance in the capital pretty much summed up Liverpool's campaign. The effort and commitment were there but there was no cutting edge. The Reds should have had the luxury of a numerical advantage for 89 minutes after Cesc Fabregas' shameful studs-up lunge on Raheem Sterling. But Andre Marriner bottled it and let him escape with a yellow. The referee later turned a blind eye when the Spaniard clearly pulled Sterling back by his shorts. In between Fabregas laid on the opening goal as his corner was headed home by Terry after another dose of shambolic set-piece defending from the Reds. Rickie Lambert, who struggled throughout, failed to get off the ground and was punished. For most of the first half Liverpool were a distant second best with Simon Mignolet keeping them in the game. However, they struck seconds before the break courtesy of Gerrard and from then on they were transformed.

In the second half there was a much greater show of urgency and a better tempo to their passing. Adam Lallana dragged wastefully wide before a great run from Sterling teed up Philippe Coutinho, who missed from 10 yards out. Chelsea had their moments on the counter-attack but the outstanding Martin Skrtel kept them out as he made vital blocks to thwart Willian and then Fabregas. Rodgers provided a glimpse of the future as he introduced two teenagers in the Reds' pursuit of a winner.

Jerome Sinclair made his Premier League debut in place of Lambert, while Jordan Ibe replaced Lallana. Both were positive and direct, and caused Chelsea problems with Ibe in particular having a field day against Felipe Luis. Liverpool have some exciting talents coming through but they need leaders around them in order to fulfil that potential.

The Reds could have won it late on but Henderson and Can failed to hit the target, while Thibaut Courtois recovered to claim Coutinho's deflected effort. Close but not close enough. It's been the story of Liverpool's season.

MATCH FACTS

Chelsea (4-2-3-1): Courtois, Ivanovic, Terry, Zouma (Cahill 35), Luis, Mikel, Loftus-Cheek (Matic 60), Willian, Fabregas, Hazard, Remy (Cuadrado 83).

Not used: Beeney, Ake, Drogba, Azpilicueta.

Liverpool (4-3-3): Mignolet, Can, Skrtel, Lovren, Johnson, Gerrard (Lucas 79), Henderson, Coutinho, Sterling, Lallana (Ibe 71), Lambert (Sinclair 68).

Not used: Ward, Toure, Moreno, Allen.

Referee: Andre Marriner Attendance: 41,547 Goals: Terry 5, Gerrard 44,

Bookings: Fabregas, Lallana, Remy, Skrtel, Lambert, Ivanovic, Mikel, Luis.

Man of the match: Martin Skrtel. A dominant display from the Liverpool centre-back.



Steven Gerrard equaliser not enough as Champions League dreams end at Stamford Bridge

Chelsea celebrated their Premier League title success with a 1-1 draw against Liverpool which all but ends the Reds' chance of qualifying for next season's Champions League.

Two former England captains scored headers at either end with John Terry giving the Blues a fifth-minute lead before Steven Gerrard equalised on the stroke of half-time.

The visitors are now six points behind fourth-placed Manchester United with a vastly inferior goal difference and just two games left to play after the spoils were shared on an afternoon which began with the visitors forming a guard of honour for the new champions.

Cesc Fabregas could easily have been sent off with the game less than 25 seconds old as the Spaniard lunged in recklessly on Raheem Sterling but referee Andre Marriner, after briefly flourishing his red card in error, opted for yellow instead. Fabregas took full advantage of Marriner's leniency just a few minutes later when supplying the corner which Terry headed home to overtake David Unsworth's mark of 38 goals, an achievement all the more impressive given he has never been Chelsea's regular penalty-taker.

Philippe Coutinho did his best to muster an immediate reply with two efforts, the first blocked by Kurt Zouma and the second requiring a good stop from Blues goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois.

Ruben Loftus-Cheek, the 19-year-old midfielder making his first Premier League start for the home side, acquitted himself promisingly enough in midfield while Fabregas could have received his marching orders for a second time for another foul on Sterling, this time pulling him back as he burst down Liverpool's right flank. Instead, Marriner allowed play to continue.

Gleeful Chelsea supporters basking in success and sunshine went through their repertoire of songs, many of which were aimed at Gerrard after his slip against the Blues last season proved such a pivotal moment in the title race, but the departing Liverpool captain produced something of a riposte on the stroke of half-time.

Jordan Henderson swung over a free-kick from the byline and Gerrard evaded John Obi Mikel and headed the ball down into the ground past Courtois.

It was only his second goal in 40 games against Chelsea and one he refused to celebrate, perhaps given the occasion and Liverpool's remote prospects of securing Champions League football next season, when the 34-year-old will ply his trade with Los Angeles Galaxy in the United States.

Liverpool's influence in the game grew after the interval and Mourinho responded by withdrawing Loftus-Cheek for Nemanja Matic to give Chelsea greater control of proceedings.

Both sides continued to search for a winner but the game undoubtedly lost some of its intensity. Gerrard came off with 11 minutes remaining, initially to boos which then gave way to warm applause as the home supporters acknowledged the midfielder's fine career one last time.

Coutinho had a deflected shot saved by Courtois before Henderson fired a volley wide just but Brendan Rodgers' side could not find a winner.

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Liverpool's faint hopes of Champions League qualification were all but ended by their failure to win at Chelsea.

The Reds produced a spirited display against a Blues side lacking any real cutting edge without striker Diego Costa, but could not find a winner.

John Terry's header put the champions into the lead, but Steven Gerrard equalised when he nodded in at the far post on the stroke of half-time.

Liverpool had the better chances to win and Philippe Coutinho twice went close. But the playmaker's failure to find the net means Brendan Rodgers' side are six points behind fourth-placed Manchester United with two games left and an inferior goal difference, while Arsenal are assured of a Champions League spot.

The Reds were well organised at the back - with Gerrard marshalling the midfield well - while Raheem Sterling and Coutinho often flickered into life.

Chelsea, though, will feel they might have won and that Gerrard's goal should have been better defended as the veteran midfielder was allowed to peel away from his marker and head home unchallenged.

Equally, Liverpool will be annoyed that Terry managed to leap above Rickie Lambert to head home the goal which makes him the highest-scoring defender in Premier League history.

It was perhaps fitting that the two players who have epitomised the spirit and character of their respective clubs were on the scoresheet and shared the honours in their final meeting of a decade-long club rivalry.

Gerrard is leaving Liverpool for the United States in the summer, while Terry will play on, but there was also a glimpse into the future for both teams as the two managers took advantage of a chance to blood some fresh faces in the closing stages of this campaign.

Jose Mourinho handed a full Premier League debut to 19-year-old midfielder Reuben Loftus-Cheek, and the athletic youngster did not disappoint - a tidy performance underlined by the fact he did not give the ball away once when making his 27 passes.

Liverpool sent on 18-year-old striker Jerome Sinclair in the second half as they pressed for a winner, which they might have found in the closing stages when Coutinho's shot took a wicked deflection and almost wrong-footed Thibaut Courtois.

The Brazilian had earlier shot just wide after Sterling had dragged three Chelsea defenders across the box, while Willian should have done better when he exposed Glen Johnson in his unfamiliar left-back spot and twice tried his luck with angled shots.

Cesc Fabregas also fired over in the second half, but the Spaniard was lucky to still be on the pitch after hurting Sterling with a horribly late challenge inside 30 seconds of the match kicking off.

However, the early aggression did not materialise into any sort of sustained pressure and the match petered out into a draw - the biggest cheer in the second half being the reception afforded to Gerrard by both sets of fans as the former England skipper left the Stamford Bridge pitch for the final time late on.

Liverpool manager Brendan Rodgers:

"It was a poor challenge from Cesc Fabregas, he should've been sent off - out of control, diving, stretching.

"It was early in the game (but) it doesn't matter if it's early, beginning of the second half, end of the game. It was a bad challenge and he deserved a red card for it.

"We sit in fifth place and that's probably where we're at. If we want to make the next steps, we need to find some acquisitions in the summer to help us do that."

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Full time Match ends, Chelsea 1, Liverpool 1.
 90:00+4:15 Full time Second Half ends, Chelsea 1, Liverpool 1.
 90:00+3:32 Attempt missed. Emre Can (Liverpool right footed shot from the right side of the box is close, but misses to the right. Assisted by Raheem Sterling with a cross.
 90:00+1:49 Foul by Jordon Ibe (Liverpool).
 90:00+1:49 Willian (Chelsea wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 89:41 Attempt missed. Jordan Henderson (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is close, but misses to the left. Assisted by Jerome Sinclair.
 88:26 Attempt saved. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Emre Can.
 86:27 Raheem Sterling (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 86:27 Foul by Filipe Luis (Chelsea).
 83:39 Foul by Raheem Sterling (Liverpool).
 83:39 Juan Cuadrado (Chelsea wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 83:03 Substitution Substitution, Chelsea. Juan Cuadrado replaces Loïc Remy.
 81:35 Booking Filipe Luis (Chelsea is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.
 81:24 Jordon Ibe (Liverpool wins a free kick on the right wing.
 81:24 Foul by Filipe Luis (Chelsea).
 80:52 Attempt missed. Dejan Lovren (Liverpool left footed shot from the centre of the box is high and wide to the right. Assisted by Philippe Coutinho with a cross following a corner.
 80:25 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Thibaut Courtois.
 78:46 Substitution Substitution, Liverpool. Lucas Leiva replaces Steven Gerrard.
 78:05 Foul by Cesc Fàbregas (Chelsea).
 78:05 Jordon Ibe (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 76:45 Delay over. They are ready to continue.
 75:43 Delay in match Martin Skrtel (Liverpool because of an injury.
 75:20 Corner, Chelsea. Conceded by Martin Skrtel.
 75:18 Attempt blocked. Cesc Fàbregas (Chelsea left footed shot from the left side of the box is blocked. Assisted by Filipe Luis.
 74:00 Eden Hazard (Chelsea wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 74:00 Foul by Jordan Henderson (Liverpool).
 73:01 Attempt saved. Cesc Fàbregas (Chelsea left footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Willian.
 70:57 Substitution Substitution, Liverpool. Jordon Ibe replaces Adam Lallana.
 68:22 Cesc Fàbregas (Chelsea wins a free kick on the left wing.
 68:22 Foul by Emre Can (Liverpool).
 67:09 Substitution Substitution, Liverpool. Jerome Sinclair replaces Rickie Lambert.
 64:32 Attempt saved. Raheem Sterling (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is saved in the bottom right corner. Assisted by Martin Skrtel.
 63:54 Foul by Nemanja Matic (Chelsea).
 63:54 Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.
 63:13 Offside, Liverpool. Jordan Henderson tries a through ball, but Adam Lallana is caught offside.
 60:24 Attempt missed. Martin Skrtel (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is too high. Assisted by Adam Lallana with a cross.
 59:51 Substitution Substitution, Chelsea. Nemanja Matic replaces Ruben Loftus-Cheek.
 58:58 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Gary Cahill.
 58:57 Attempt blocked. Adam Lallana (Liverpool left footed shot from the centre of the box is blocked. Assisted by Raheem Sterling.
 57:42 Booking John Obi Mikel (Chelsea is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.
 57:30 Foul by John Obi Mikel (Chelsea).
 57:30 Raheem Sterling (Liverpool wins a free kick on the right wing.
 56:19 Corner, Chelsea. Conceded by Martin Skrtel.
 56:18 Attempt blocked. Willian (Chelsea right footed shot from a difficult angle on the right is blocked. Assisted by Loïc Remy.
 54:47 Attempt missed. Willian (Chelsea right footed shot from the right side of the box is close, but misses to the left. Assisted by Eden Hazard.
 52:53 Foul by Loïc Remy (Chelsea).
 52:53 Raheem Sterling (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 48:59 Foul by Branislav Ivanovic (Chelsea).
 48:59 Adam Lallana (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 48:26 Attempt missed. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is close, but misses to the left. Assisted by Raheem Sterling.
 46:55 Attempt missed. Adam Lallana (Liverpool right footed shot from the right side of the box misses to the left. Assisted by Jordan Henderson.
 45:56 Foul by Ruben Loftus-Cheek (Chelsea).
 45:56 Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.
 45:00 Second Half begins Chelsea 1, Liverpool 1.
 45:00+2:13 Half time First Half ends, Chelsea 1, Liverpool 1.
 44:41 John Obi Mikel (Chelsea wins a free kick in the attacking half.
 44:41 Foul by Rickie Lambert (Liverpool).
 43:46 Goal scored Goal! Goal! Chelsea 1, Liverpool 1. Steven Gerrard (Liverpool header from very close range to the bottom right corner. Assisted by Jordan Henderson with a cross following a set piece situation.
 42:59 Booking Branislav Ivanovic (Chelsea is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.
 42:54 Foul by Branislav Ivanovic (Chelsea).
 42:54 Adam Lallana (Liverpool wins a free kick on the left wing.
 41:57 Corner, Chelsea. Conceded by Emre Can.
 41:24 Offside, Liverpool. Martin Skrtel tries a through ball, but Rickie Lambert is caught offside.
 39:52 Foul by Loïc Remy (Chelsea).

39:52 Steven Gerrard (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 38:24 Foul by Gary Cahill (Chelsea).
 38:24 Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 37:28 Eden Hazard (Chelsea wins a free kick on the left wing.
 37:28 Foul by Emre Can (Liverpool).
 36:43 Attempt blocked. Loïc Remy (Chelsea left footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Cesc Fàbregas.
 34:26 Substitution Substitution, Chelsea. Gary Cahill replaces Kurt Zouma because of an injury.
 34:17 Delay over. They are ready to continue.
 33:24 Delay in match Kurt Zouma (Chelsea because of an injury.
 31:07 Corner, Chelsea. Conceded by Simon Mignolet.
 30:44 Corner, Chelsea. Conceded by Emre Can.
 28:15 Booking Rickie Lambert (Liverpool is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.
 28:00 Thibaut Courtois (Chelsea wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 28:00 Foul by Rickie Lambert (Liverpool).
 27:07 Attempt saved. Cesc Fàbregas (Chelsea right footed shot from the right side of the box is saved in the bottom right corner. Assisted by Willian.
 25:11 Booking Martin Skrtel (Liverpool is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.
 25:07 Loïc Remy (Chelsea wins a free kick on the left wing.
 25:07 Foul by Martin Skrtel (Liverpool).
 22:31 Offside, Chelsea. Thibaut Courtois tries a through ball, but Loïc Remy is caught offside.
 22:02 Offside, Liverpool. Steven Gerrard tries a through ball, but Rickie Lambert is caught offside.
 19:53 Booking Adam Lallana (Liverpool is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.
 19:43 Branislav Ivanovic (Chelsea wins a free kick on the right wing.
 19:43 Foul by Adam Lallana (Liverpool).
 18:45 Ruben Loftus-Cheek (Chelsea wins a free kick on the right wing.
 18:45 Foul by Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool).
 15:06 Attempt missed. Raheem Sterling (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box misses to the left. Assisted by Emre Can.
 13:46 Foul by John Obi Mikel (Chelsea).
 13:46 Raheem Sterling (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.
 13:27 Eden Hazard (Chelsea wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 13:27 Foul by Steven Gerrard (Liverpool).
 13:20 Attempt saved. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from the left side of the box is saved in the bottom left corner. Assisted by Adam Lallana.
 12:45 Attempt missed. Glen Johnson (Liverpool right footed shot from the left side of the six yard box is close, but misses to the left. Assisted by Jordan Henderson.
 9:58 Attempt blocked. Cesc Fàbregas (Chelsea right footed shot from the left side of the box is blocked. Assisted by Eden Hazard.
 6:36 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Filipe Luis.
 6:34 Attempt blocked. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked.
 6:32 Attempt blocked. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Steven Gerrard with a cross.
 6:01 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by John Terry.
 4:51 Goal scored Goal! Goal! Chelsea 1, Liverpool 0. John Terry (Chelsea header from the centre of the box to the bottom right corner. Assisted by Cesc Fàbregas with a cross following a corner.
 4:12 Corner, Chelsea. Conceded by Martin Skrtel.
 3:17 Foul by Ruben Loftus-Cheek (Chelsea).
 3:17 Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 2:19 Delay over. They are ready to continue.
 1:19 Delay in match Raheem Sterling (Liverpool because of an injury.
 1:02 Booking Cesc Fàbregas (Chelsea is shown the yellow card.
 0:00 First Half begins.
 0:00 Lineups are announced and players are warming up.