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Liverpool so clinical as Everton limp into a crisis

Liverpool 4 Origi 43, Sakho 45 Everton 0
 Even Roberto Martinez, who can attach a silver lining to the darkest cloud, cannot put a positive spin on this. This was a calamitous night for Everton and their embattled manager as they were swept aside with embarrassing ease by a rampant Liverpool. To make matters worse, their defensive crisis deepened as Ramiro Funes Mori was sent off and John Stones injured before Saturday's FA Cup semi-final against Manchester United. Stones limped off on the hour, after goals from Divock Origi, Mamadou Sakho and Daniel Sturridge had put Liverpool in an unassailable position. Perhaps it was only a precautionary measure, with the Manchester United tie in mind, but Stones, Martinez and Everton will look back in horror at an evening when they needed things to go right and yet everything went wrong. There was collateral damage for Liverpool, too, with Origi departing on a stretcher early in the second half, the victim of a spiteful-looking stamp from Funes Mori. Jurgen Klopp will wonder if the injuries are mounting up, with Jordan Henderson and Emre Can on the treatment table, yet confidence is beginning to soar. This was Liverpool's fourth consecutive win and the third successive home match in which they have scored four. Newcastle United, up next, will not relish their trip to Anfield. Neither will Villarreal in the Europa League semi-final, second leg on May 5. Members of the Everton delegation made their way out -- whether to the boardroom or the exit, it was not clear -- at 3-0. With 16 minutes remaining, Philippe Coutinho made it 4-0 with a typical shot from the edge of the penalty area. By that stage, Stones and Funes Mori were in the dressing room, there were large numbers of empty seats in the away end and Martinez was looking extremely isolated on the touchline.

The half-time statistics showed that Liverpool had mustered 18 goal attempts to Everton's three. The 17th and 18th were the goals scored by Origi and Sakho respectively, but even before that there were one-on-one opportunities for Liverpool, when the visiting defence was carved open and Adam Lallana and Roberto Firmino failed to find a way past Joel Robles.

Everton were the better team for the opening 15 minutes, with Kevin Mirallas, Ross Barkley and Aaron Lennon finding the luxury of space in which to run at the home defence, but they struggled as soon as Liverpool got to grips with the game. Everton's attacks became more sporadic and, increasingly, it was Mirallas, Barkley, Lennon or Romelu Lukaku looking to do it all on his own. The interplay that Everton are often so good at simply was not there.

Klopp might have been alarmed by the number of last-ditch challenges required in the early stages: Lucas Leiva on Lennon after the winger dribbled into the penalty area, Sakho's clearance after a clever run from Barkley, an excellent tackle from Dejan Lovren on Lukaku when the forward was about to shoot. Last-ditch or not, though, those challenges were being made well -- and that has not always been the case with Liverpool in the past two seasons.

Even when Everton were at their liveliest, though, Liverpool were creating chances at the other end. Only six minutes had gone when Coutinho sent Lallana clear of the offside trap. The England player should have scored, but his shot was too casual and Robles got down well to save.

It was midway through the first half, after Lovren's challenge on Lukaku, that Leiva and the excellent James Milner began to control midfield. In the space of five minutes, Coutinho fizzed a shot over the crossbar, Lucas had an effort saved and Lallana sent a header inches wide from Nathaniel Clyne's cross. Firmino was sent clear by Milner, but, like Lallana earlier, he was denied by Robles. Lallana had another shot blocked by John Stones. There was something increasingly desperate about Everton's defending. Stones and Funes Mori had been coping fairly admirably to that point, but Everton's resistance was about to break. Two minutes before half-time, Milner was in what looked a harmless position near the right touchline, faced with Lennon, but he checked back and forth before sending an inswinging leftfoot cross towards the six-yard box. It looked to be Stones's ball, but the England defender was far too passive as Origi rose highest to send a header past Robles to open the scoring. Everton needed the half-time whistle to come before they suffered any further damage, but they were unable to see it through as Liverpool turned the screw. This time, after a corner was half-cleared, Milner charged around the outside and, again with his left foot, crossed towards the far post, where Sakho scored with a powerful header.

Two goals down, Martinez needed to do something to stabilise Everton. His solution -- surprisingly -- was to replace Gareth Barry with Muhamed Besic. It did not work. Robles had been tested again by Firmino before Everton's evening went from bad to worse five minutes into the second half, with Funes Mori shown a straight red card for an ugly stamp on Origi. Klopp looked unhappy when the challenge was made. When he saw that the damage, with the stretcher required, the Liverpool manager gestured indignantly towards the Everton bench.

The injury could hurt Liverpool, but Sturridge was quick to remind Klopp of his ability. Stones saw a casual pass intercepted by Leiva, who took his time before finding Sturridge, who beat Robles with ease to make it 3-0.

You wondered how many Liverpool might score against a back four of Bryan Oviedo, James McCarthy, Besic and Leighton Baines. They contented themselves to one more, by Coutinho. Not for the first time, Martinez looks to the Cup for salvation.

Liverpool (4-2-3-1): S MIGNOLET 6 -- N Clyne 7, D Lovren 7, M Sakho 8, A Moreno 6 -- J Milner 8 (sub: Ibe, 81min), L Leiva 7 -- A Lallana 7, R Firmino 7 (sub: J Allen,

66 6), P CouTinho 7 -- D Origi 7 (sub: D STURRIDGE, 54 7). Substitutes not used: D Ward, K Toure, B SmitH, K STEWART, J Ibe. Booked: Milner. Everton (4-2-3-1): J Robles 7 -- B Oviedo 4, J STONES 4 (sub: S Pienaar, 68 4), R Funes Mori 4, L Baines 5 -- J MCCARTHY 5, G Barry 5 (sub: M Besic, 46 4) -- K Mirallas 4, R Barkley 4 (sub: T Cleverley, 58 4), A Lennon 4 -- R Lukaku 4. Substitutes not used: T Howard, L Osman, G Deulofeu, O Niasse. Booked: Lennon. Sent off: Funes Mori. Referee: R Madley.

the guardian

Liverpool coast past 10-man Everton as Ramiro Funes Mori sees red
 Everton head to Wembley for the FA Cup semi-final on Saturday but whether Roberto Martinez clings on beyond that game is open to doubt. Part one of a defining week for the Everton manager was "disastrous" and "a feeling of embarrassment" -- his words. Liverpool accepted the invitation to inflict a humiliation.

Just when Martinez needed a show of character, purpose or resistance -- preferably a combination of all three -- his team imploded. Jon Woods, the deputy vice-chairman and most senior Everton director present in the absence of the chairman, Bill Kenwright, and majority shareholder, Farhad Moshiri, had seen enough of the shambles by the 60th minute and left his seat. The self-inflicted nature of a defeat that amounted to a duck-shoot for Liverpool ensured sympathy for Martinez was non-existent from both sets of supporters.

The in-form Divock Origi opened the scoring with his 10th goal of the season but was forced off on a stretcher as a consequence of a dreadful challenge by Ramiro Funes Mori. Mercifully Liverpool confirmed there was no break to the ankle but the Everton defender was rightly dismissed and misses the semi-final against Manchester United through suspension.

Illness prompted the departure of John Stones moments after he gifted Liverpool their third goal and, with Martinez inexplicably starting the derby without a defender on the bench, the 10 men played the final 37 minutes with the midfielders James McCarthy and Muhamed Besic in central defence. They may have to start there at Wembley unless Phil Jagielka recovers from a hamstringing injury. Mamadou Sakho, capitalising on yet more woeful defending, Daniel Sturridge and Philippe Coutinho added further punishment to the dishevelled Everton back-line. Origi's injury was the only stain on Jürgen Klopp's first taste of the Merseyside derby. The Liverpool manager spent most of the second half in fits of laughter and his admission that the second half lacked enjoyment because "there was no real fight any more" was as damning a verdict on Everton's night as it gets. It was difficult to recall by the final whistle, but Everton had actually started brightly. Then, with two crosses from the left foot of James Milner in the space of three minutes before the interval it was all over. Everton's attempts to deal with both were shambolic. Unfortunately for Martinez and seasoned observers of his team, it was no surprise and they were powerless to quell Liverpool's gathering momentum.

Gareth Barry was handed the captain's armband on the night he equalled David James' record of 571 Premier League starts and the 35-year-old was at the heart of the visitors' determined opening. It counted for little, however, as Ross Barkley failed to provide sufficient support for Romelu Lukaku, several promising counter-attacks did not trouble Simon Mignolet and Bryan Oviedo endured a woeful night as an emergency right-back. Barry also joined the injury list at the interval with a groin problem.

Liverpool's opener was a replica of Origi's recent goal against Stoke City. Milner swept a delightful cross to the back post where the striker rose above Stones to head home. The challenge from the central defender was non-existent and worse followed for the visitors with the final act of the half. Again, Everton cleared a set-piece only for the ball to return to the taker, Milner. He exchanged passes with Adam Lallana and broke to the by-line, crossing from the left for the unmarked Sakho to head into the roof of Joel Robles' goal.

Ultimately, being two goals down in the derby at half-time proved the least of Martinez's concerns. Within five minutes of the restart Everton were down to 10 men as a result of a disgraceful challenge by Funes Mori. There was no threat to the visiting goal as Origi collected Alberto Moreno's pass out near the right touchline but the Argentina defender came over the top, studs first, straight into the striker's ankle. The referee, Robert Madley, had no hesitation in showing a straight red card yet Funes Mori had the temerity to protest before walking off while pulling at his Everton crest in a misguided show of pride. An immediate three-match suspension will follow.

Ludicrously, despite his injury problems in defence and Callum Connolly's impressive debut against Southampton last Saturday, Martinez had no defenders on the bench. His last fit and available centre-half, Stones, went off with stomach cramps moments after playing a careless pass out of defence straight to Lucas Leiva.

Lucas accepted the invitation to return the ball through a gaping hole in the Everton rearguard for Origi's replacement, Sturridge, to slot his 50th goal for the club into the bottom corner. That was the cue for Woods to leave.

Liverpool's fourth arrived after a flowing move involving Nathaniel Clyne and Joe Allen ended with Coutinho firing a trademark finish into the far corner. The only surprise was the home side's failure to inflict further humiliation on Everton from 37 attempts on goal. Klopp's team coast on. Where Martinez's men go from here, even with Wembley beckoning, is anyone's guess.

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Liverpool rip Everton defence to shreds as Funes Mori sent off
 LIVERPOOL 4

Origi 42, Sakho 45, Sturridge 61, Coutinho 76
 EVERTON 0

HERE was a picture of two teams whose seasons are threatening to head in opposite directions. Liverpool are increasingly full of running as the days begin to lengthen. This is another crushing result to bring them momentum ahead of their Europa League semifinal next week. Nobody would wish to play Jurgen Klopp's team at the moment.

Everton, on the other hand, face an FA Cup semi-final with Manchester United on Saturday seemingly in the grip of the kind of confidence crisis that can cost managers their jobs.

Roberto Martinez's team have lost their attacking zeal and have forgotten how to defend, presuming they ever actually knew.

Everton were wretched here and it was another difficult night for centre back John Stones. He struggled in the air and then disappeared with an injury following Liverpool's third goal.

It was an equally disastrous game for fellow defender Ramiro Funes Mori who was sent off for a shocking second-half stamp on Divock Origi. Liverpool were comfortably superior throughout, even if they did have to wait until the final moments of the first half to take a grip of the game with headers from Origi and Mamadou Sakho.

Klopp's team played with more energy and tempo, moved the ball quicker and had more hunger. Their third goal came from Daniel Sturridge just after the hour. Indeed Liverpool's only worry will be the fitness of Origi, taken off on a stretcher with an ankle injury in the wake of a challenge from Funes Mori that looked more malicious every time it appeared on TV.

Everton -- despite Martinez choosing a strong line-up -- have their attention directed towards Saturday's FA Cup semi that represents a final chance to save their season. Liverpool have their Europa League tie against Villarreal looming that could yet provide them with a passage to next season's Champions League.

Adam Lallana spurned the first chance in only the sixth minute -- shooting against goalkeeper Joel Robles' right knee after being played clear by Philippe Coutinho. That pretty much set the tone for the half.

If there wasn't quite the intensity we may have expected from a Liverpool-Everton shoot-out, there was some quality and much of it came from those in red.

Everton tried to play their football on the counter-attack and were not afraid to commit men forward in support of Romelu Lukaku when they had the chance.

One such move early on saw the Belgian Kevin Mirallas break to shoot over from 20 yards. And sometime later, Lukaku span away into space in the penalty area only to be stopped by a risky but well-timed tackle from Sakho.

On the whole, though, it was Liverpool who dictated the brisk tempo of the game. After missing his early chance, Lallana could not be accused of hiding. Often he was in the right place in the penalty area as Liverpool tried to open up their opposition but could not find the appropriate finish. In the 19th minute, he chose to head a deep ball back across goal in front of the Kop when he may have attempted to beat Robles himself.

Minutes later he turned to shoot, only for the ball to cannon back past him off Stones' leg.

Coutinho and fellow Brazilian Lucas both worried Robles with shots from distance before Lallana headed another good chance wide of the near post after reacting first to a cross from full back Nathaniel Clyne.

Coutinho then put a free-kick narrowly wide from a decent central position before Roberto Firmino -- as busy as ever -- wriggled free in the box only for Robles to make another smothering save. If this sounds like an onslaught, it was not. Liverpool were dominant without terrifying their neighbours.

A scoreless game at half time would have encouraged Everton but then James Milner did brilliantly to find space for a cross from the right. When Robles and Stones got caught beneath the ball, Origi rose to head in at the far post with more ease than those of a blue persuasion would have liked. Two minutes later, it grew worse.

This time the danger came from their inability to clear successive crosses and when Milner was allowed to reach the byline, his dinked cross was crashed in to the net by Sakho's forehead.

Desperate Everton defending saw Coutinho, Alberto Moreno and Joe Allen denied but by now it was a siege and in the 76th minute Coutinho found the bottom of the net from the edge of the area. A more one-sided Merseyside derby it is hard to recall.

LIVERPOOL (4-2-3-1): Mignolet 6.5, Clyne 7, Lovren 7, Sakho 8, Moreno 7, Lallana 7.5, Milner 8.5 (Ibe 80), Lucas 7, Coutinho 8, Firmino 7 (Allen 66, 6.5), Origi 7.5 (Sturridge 53, 7) Subs not used: Toure, Stewart, Smith, Ward Booked: Milner
 Goals: Origi, Sakho, Coutinho Manager: Jurgen Klopp - 7 EVERTON (4-2-3-1): Robles 6.5, Oviedo 5, Stones 5, (Pienaar 61, 6), Funes Mori 5.5, Baines 5, McCarthy 5, Barry 5 (Besic 45, 6), Lennon 5.5, Barkley 6 (Cleverley 57, 6), Mirallas 6, Lukaku 6 Subs not used: Niasse, Deulofeu, Osman, Howard Booked: Lennon
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The Daily Telegraph

Liverpool rout deepens the pressure on Martinez

Euphoria for Liverpool. Humiliation for Everton. Roberto Martinez wanted a "trigger" to change the story of his club's season. Were his team not in the FA Cup semi-final, the manager would be more concerned about his boardroom pulling one after this capitulation.

Regardless of what happens at Wembley this weekend, the beleaguered Spaniard will struggle to survive the memory of this.

The Kop even sang his name as they enjoyed the most emphatic of derby wins, most Everton fans deserting their seats long before the final whistle. The protests Martinez he wanted to quell will only intensify. The lack of fight, confidence and discipline in his side made this the grimmest of derby spectacles for half the city. Jurgen Klopp could celebrate winning his first Merseyside derby, although his hopes of banishing this fixture's reputation as the Premier League's dirtiest must wait.

Ramiro Funes Mori ensured that unwanted accolade remains intact, his extreme response to Everton's collapse being a horrific tackle on Liverpool's Divock Origi. Liverpool emphatically extended an undefeated home derby record that dates back to 1999, but it has come at a cost if their striker is badly injured. Origi had to be carried off on a stretcher, the only sour note in what became more of a duck shoot than a football match as Liverpool picked off their neighbours.

Everton were thankful it was only four.

Martinez had selected what resembled his strongest team in an effort to restore morale and compete in the league fixture that matters most to the club. But even accounting their being down to 10 men for 40 minutes as a result of Funes Mori's dismissal, there was a sense of abject surrender here.

Liverpool, in contrast, were as marvellous as they have been for a while under Klopp.

Steven Gerrard may have gone, but the scourge of the Liverpool captain continues for Everton. James Milner, the club's acting skipper, stepped forward to fill the breach. Much maligned, often ridiculed, never missing in action, Milner was his side's principal creative force, assisting both first-half goals - first for Origi and then Mamadou Sakho. Daniel Sturridge and Philippe Coutinho ensured the scoreline reflected the gulf in class.

There was a misleading rumour going around that nobody cared much for this derby. Everton have an FA Cup semi-final to occupy their time, it was suggested, while Klopp could be forgiven for viewing every fixture between now and the Europa League tie with Villarreal as a hazard.

If the timing of the match was unsuitable, there was no danger of passions not being ignited and both team sheets proved there would be no compromise to their approach.

Klopp made 10 changes to the side that beat Bournemouth, his players showing a healthy appetite for the high-intensity game he promised on arrival. Liverpool play 10 yards further up the pitch and 10mph quicker than they did at Goodison Park in October. For Everton, indoctrinated in Martinez's possession game from the back, there were warnings about what lay ahead long before Liverpool took control, with all the momentum was towards the Kop end. When the visitors could get Romelu Lukaku and Ross Barkley involved, they looked capable of causing problems - the Belgian striker was troubling Dejan Lovren in particular in the opening stages - but the team's vulnerabilities were evident.

Milner twice worked his way to the right wing, manoeuvring on to his right foot and delivering the perfect cross. Origi was first to benefit on 43 minutes, far more comfortably so than he should have been, as he shrugged off the challenge of John Stones to head beyond the helpless Robles.

This was his fifth goal in five games since being preferred to Sturridge. That decision seemed controversial at the time but the 21-year-old has justified Klopp's faith, adding poacher's goals to his all-round menace. How he will be missed if his injury is as serious as it looked.

Everton were holding on until half-time but they would succumb once more, Milner this time combining with Lallana on the left before again delivering when it mattered. Sakho, a cult hero on Merseyside for his winning goal against Dortmund, cemented that status by heading into the top corner from six yards. Martinez, already facing the most critical of appraisals, now faced the most daunting team talk of his Goodison career.

His response was to withdraw his best player of the first half, Gareth Barry. If Barry was not injured the decision could only have been the first concession to the semi-final. All the change brought was immediate deterioration as ill-discipline took hold.

Funes Mori's horrific tackle on Origi came in the 48th minute, a potential ankle-breaker which correctly earned him an instant dismissal from Robert Madley. By the time Barkley was withdrawn on 58 minutes it was clear Martinez had shifted his focus to Wembley. All the change did was invite a siege, Sturridge neatly striking the third on 61 minutes following Lucas's pass before Coutinho drilled the fourth from the edge of the penalty area.

Stones signalled he too needed to be removed. With Funes Mori suspended and Seamus Coleman absent with a hamstring problem, Martinez might have a patchwork quilt of a defence against Manchester United. Anything but a win will make his position precarious.

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Reds take bragging rights in dominant derby win

Everton had not won at Anfield since the last Millennium. Their sad run continues and the pressure on Roberto Mart-nez cooks.

For Everton, this was a crushing night. The result was secured in the minutes before half time and in the moments after, revealing, perhaps, a lot about the concentration, the fitness levels and the wider mentality of a bewildered team that might have to play Saturday's FA Cup semi final against Manchester United deprived of all their senior central defenders and Gareth Barry, who was substituted having suffered a groin strain.

With Everton two down at the break, a vicious stamp by Ramiro Funes Mori on Divock Origi was punished by a straight red card. The lack of fight in Everton before was as obvious as his recklessness. From 50 yards away in his technical area Jrgen Klopp spotted it and television replays revealed the German grimacing at the point of impact, which led the striker to being carried off on a stretcher. Klopp described Origi's fate as a "big shadow" on an otherwise excellent performance.

Mori, meanwhile, exited the pitch to the sound of Evertonian applause after he reacted to the punishment by beating the badge on his chest repeatedly, a sign he considered his action as a sort of warped honour. Seemingly, it slipped his mind that he will now miss the most important game of Everton's season.

Mori, indeed, appeared quite satisfied with himself and although Mart-nez insisted his intentions were not deliberately harmful, he admitted the Argentine had got "carried away with the emotion of the occasion."

Mart-nez's assessment of a "horrible, horrible experience" certainly could not be denied. The words "embarrassment" and "disastrous" were also used in his post-match analysis.

When it became 3-0, John Stones gestured that he was unable to continue because of stomach cramps and it meant that for the last 30 minutes, Everton had to play with James McCarthy and Muhamed Besic, two central midfielders, trying to play as defenders. In the centre of midfield, two wingers took their place.

Everton were all over the shop. Though Liverpool's advantage was increased, it was fortunate for Mart-nez that the hosts did not pursue the margin of victory which ends managerial reigns. From this low it will be a miracle if Everton finish their season with a second Wembley date.

The detail of the match was quite simply, a barrage of attacks from Liverpool that involved 41 shots. At the beginning, Everton's defence pressed high but after chances were missed by Adam Lallana and Roberto Firmino in front of the Kop from simple long balls, they retreated until the point of inevitability: where Liverpool finally made their control statistically relevant by seizing a merited lead.

For all of Liverpool's intricate interplay between Lallana, Firmino and Philippe Coutinho, it was the most basic of tactics that Everton could not deal with and on both occasions James Milner was the architect; his accuracy and power from crosses ensuring the presence of nearby Everton markers on Origi and then Mamadou Sakho were made irrelevant.

That it was Origi's fifth goal in as many games and Sakho's second in two indicated Liverpool's form and confidence. Romelu Lukaku had tried to inspire Everton by examining Dejan Lovren's strength before Liverpool's domination became absolute. Yet his case was hopeless considering the limited support coming from behind.

Liverpool's third arrived when Lucas intercepted a loose Stones pass through the midfield and Daniel Sturridge, on for Origi, was well positioned to finish off the move. Thanks to Coutinho, Liverpool soon led by four.

For Everton, their suffering culminated when the assistant referee signalled seven minutes of injury time. By then, many of their supporters had already left.

Liverpool's victory was a cruise. Maybe never before had a Merseyside derby been decided so easily.

Mart-nez later had to field questions about his future. Surely the weekend will define what happens to him.



ROUT STANDING; Stylish Liverpool maul embarrassing Everton in a demolition derby

THE chant from the Kop was perhaps the most damning comment of a devastating night for Everton.

"Bobby Martinez", the gleeful Reds fans sang, inferring with cruel intent they rather enjoy the Spaniard being at the helm of a rudderless Toffees side that was taken apart at Anfield.

It was harrowing to see Roberto Martinez's grimly-set features register the shock of what he witnessed unfold on another triumphant night for Jurgen Klopp. Everton were a shambles, pure and simple, and Liverpool are simply too good now under the German, too confident and too vibrant, not to take delighted advantage.

The bare stats hardly tell the story, with the Reds offering a double strike just before the interval through Divock Origi and Mamadou Sakho to kill off the contest, and then two more in the second half.

Clearly under Klopp, there is to be no easing up.

Under Martinez, you wonder where Everton are heading.

They are in disarray just two days before the defining moment of their season, with a full-blown defensive crisis after Ramiro Funes Mori got himself sent off for a stamp on Origi, that saw the Liverpool striker stretchered off with an ankle injury.

Martinez has created a talented side with no direction or organisation. Lose against Manchester United in the FA Cup semi-final at the weekend - and who now can see them winning? - and he will be under massive pressure.

Origi's replacement Daniel Sturridge added a third for the Reds after fine work from Lucas, and then Philippe Coutinho rounded off the thrashing with the best goal of the evening.

If anything, though, Everton had the better of the frantic opening proceedings. But it didn't last, as the weight of history against them seemed to take its toll as the game settled. The Toffees entered the contest on their longest league winless run at Anfield in their history - 15 in total.

The fact they hadn't won a league game in their last six didn't auger well either. For the opening 20 minutes, though, that heavy sense of expectation seemed to be more a burden on the home side, as they switched off their passing range, and allowed both Kevin Mirallas and Romelu Lukaku to hit them on the break.

Only a brilliant tackle from Lucas prevented Mirallas from scoring in the opening minutes, and it took an equally brave - if rather more desperate - block from Sakho to deny Lukaku.

Mirallas had two shooting opportunities before the Reds settled, but he was wild and too anxious, and that mood seemed to seep into his side as Liverpool finally began to find their passing range.

It was Adam Lallana who was first to post notice of the carnage at the end of the half to come, when he was set free by Milner, but tried to slide the ball through the legs of Joel, and saw his shot saved.

Soon after, he had a free header at the near-post from Nathaniel Clyne's cross, and again maybe should have done better.

Roberto Firmino found himself in a similar position when James Milner set him free with a simple ball over the top, and again keeper Joel came to the rescue with a fine save.

But the theme of defensive shambles was well and truly set for the visitors.

It was no surprise then, when the back four went not just AWOL, but into full deserter mode, to allow Origi to open the scoring far too easily on 43 minutes, as a routine Milner cross floated to the back post and he got in front of the dreaming Bryan Oviedo and above John Stones to power a header home.

It only got worse for Everton. They switched off from a corner and, when Milner exchanged and, pcS passes with Lallana to cross to the six-yard box, Sakho was on his own. Six yards, no marker.

Then Funes Mori produced a ridiculous challenge on Origi to earn a straight red from Robert Madley.

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A derby? This was more like a training session for Klopp's rampant Reds

They would have been better off playing the 226th Merseyside derby at Melwood. Liverpool clinched an embarrassingly easy triumph over Everton in what turned into a glorified training session for Jurgen Klopp's side.

The Reds warmed up for next week's Europa League semi-final with Villarreal in style on another night for Kopites to savour.

A week after treating Anfield to one of the most remarkable European fightbacks in history, Liverpool routed their neighbours from across Stanley Park in sparkling fashion. There was a gulf in both class and spirit as Klopp enjoyed a dream first derby. At times it had the feel of a testimonial as Liverpool toyed with the broken Blues. Every pass was greeted with cries of 'ole' from the Kop.

For opposite number, Roberto Martinez, who admitted he faced a "defining week", this was a living nightmare as Liverpool put his side to the sword.

Having fielded his strongest line up in a desperate bid to build confidence ahead of Saturday's FA Cup semi-final with Manchester United at Wembley, there was nowhere for the beleaguered Blues boss to hide. They were a shambles.

'No win has quite been like this'

Everton have endured many chastening experiences at Anfield over the past 17 winless years but none quite like this. These are two clubs heading in very different directions. The only sour note for Liverpool was the sight of Divock Origi being stretchered off after Ramiro Funes Mori was rightly dismissed for a sickening stamp on his ankle just after the interval.

The sight of the brainless Blues centre-back then patting the badge on his chest as he walked off – seemingly proud of what he had done – was unpalatable in the extreme. By then the points were already secure. Origi had opened the floodgates with his fifth goal in as many games before Mamaodu Sakho's header made it 2-0. With a numerical advantage, it was a procession. Everton effectively threw in the towel. Daniel Sturridge, who replaced Origi, reached his half century for the club in just 87 appearances. In the post-War era only Albert Stubbins, Roger Hunt and Fernando Torres have reached that milestone quicker.

Sturridge also claimed the final touch on Philippe Coutinho's strike which completing the scoring. With Origi set to miss the tie with Villarreal, Sturridge's importance to Liverpool grows still further. The good news is that he's operating close to the peak of his powers. Such was the Reds' dominance that in truth they should have eclipsed the record 6-0 win they inflicted on Everton back in 1935. Only the heroics of Joel Robles spared Martinez from an unwanted slice of history. It was a night which had actually started uneasily for Klopp with the Reds slow out of the traps. For 20 minutes Everton were first to everything and the manager grew increasingly irate on the touchline. Adam Lallana should have settled the nerves after being released by Coutinho's pass but his finish was weak.

That opportunity came from an awful clearance by Bryan Oviedo and the Blues full-back, playing out of position on the right, was a glaring weak link throughout. There were moments of concern as Kevin Mirallas twice surged into space on the counter but to the Reds' relief he was wasteful.

Once again when questions were asked, Liverpool's centre-backs stood firm. Dejan Lovren, the hero against Dortmund a week ago, dealt expertly with the hulking frame of Romelu Lukaku. He simply refused to be bullied by the Blues' 25-goal marksman. When Lukaku did find space in the penalty box it took a goal-saving tackle from the outstanding Sakho to deny him.

The Belgium international was just about to pull the trigger as Sakho extended his long right limb and nipped it away from him. Anfield roared its approval and belatedly Liverpool woke up. They upped the tempo and started to move the ball at pace. Suddenly, Everton couldn't live with them.

Lallana, Coutinho and Roberto Firmino buzzed around with intent and the chances kept on coming. Lucas Leiva's 20-yarder was beaten away by Robles before Lallana nodded just wide. Everton continued to be ripped apart with remarkable ease. Firmino's control was classy as he plucked Milner's lofted pass out of the night's sky but Robles stuck out a leg and kept it out.

Finally, two minutes before the break the pressure told. Origi had been quiet up to that stage but he came alive to punish the Blues.

Milner got it back off Firmino and from close to the spot where he swung in the cross for Lovren's dramatic winner six days earlier, he produced another pin-point delivery. Origi soared above John Stones to send a header past Robles.

Liverpool went for the jugular and in first-half stoppage time they doubled their account. Once again Milner was the creator as he bagged his 14th assist of an increasingly impressive first season with the Reds.

The stand-in captain played a one-two with Lallana and his cross put it on a plate for Sakho, who cemented his Kop idol status.

Having waited 28 months for one goal, the Reds centre-back gleefully nodded home his second in the space of a week before racing into the welcoming arms of substitute Kolo Toure. Everton's resolve was broken and Funes Mori's act of cowardice early in the second half only served to spur Klopp's men on. There was a collective desire to make the visitors pay.

With Sturridge on for Origi there was no let-up. The England international needed just seven minutes to make it 3-0. Lucas was alert to cut out Stones' pass and released Sturridge, who finished in style for his 10 goal of the campaign.

Everton's response from the kick-off was to lash it straight out of play. Anfield greeted that with ironic cheers and the away end began to empty.

'Someone give Simon a deckchair'

The final half hour was effectively a training session – attack against defence. Someone should have fetched poor Simon Mignolet a deckchair. A Liverpool keeper has never had a quieter derby. Joe Allen replaced Firmino and Jordan Ibe followed for the tireless Milner. Coutinho, Alberto Moreno and Nathaniel Clyne all went close before the fourth finally arrived 14 minutes from time.

Clyne and Allen combined to tee up Coutinho, who swept it past Robles via a touch off Sturridge from the edge of the box. It was party time on the Kop. 'We want five,' was followed by cries of 'attack, attack, attack'. Liverpool should have rubbed salt into gaping rounds but somehow Everton escaped further damage.

What a difference to last October and that grim 1-1 draw at Goodison.

Liverpool have been transformed and they've left their neighbours behind.

MATCH FACTS

Liverpool: Mignolet, Clyne, Lovren, Sakho, Moreno, Lucas, Milner (Ibe 81), Lallana, Firmino (Allen 66), Coutinho, Origi (Sturridge 54).

Not used: Ward, Toure, Stewart, Smith

Everton: Robles, Oviedo, Baines, Stones, Funes Mori, McCarthy, Barry (Besic 45),

Lennon, Barkley (Cleverley 58), Mirallas, Lukaku

Not used: Howard, Niasse, Deulofeu, Osman, Pienaar.

Referee: Robert Madley

Attendance: 43,854

Goals: Origi 43, Sakho 25, Sturridge 61, Coutinho 76

Bookings: Milner, Lennon

Red cards: Funes Mori

Man of the match: Mamadou Sakho. Made his mark at both ends.

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Liverpool stretched their unbeaten run against Everton at Anfield to 17 years with an eye-catching performance in Jurgen Klopp's first Merseyside derby. The Reds impressed against the lacklustre Toffees who also had Ramiro Funes Mori sent off.

Divock Origi headed his side into the lead, with Mamadou Sakho scoring a second. Daniel Sturridge drove in a third before Philippe Coutinho's curled finish completed an emphatic win.

The result keeps Liverpool in with an outside chance of a top-four finish. They are seventh on 54 points, six points behind Arsenal in fourth while Everton are 11th on 41 points.

Everton have not won at Anfield since 1999 and, in truth, they never looked like getting anything from their latest visit.

The Reds looked more organised from the outset, attacked with pace and in numbers, and only a couple of good saves from Joel Robles prevented the hosts from taking the lead much earlier than the 43rd minute.

The sending-off of Funes Moris, after he stood on Origi's ankle, arguably ended any hopes of an Everton fightback but there had been little to suggest that was ever on the cards.

Liverpool finished with 37 shots on goal, 13 of those on target, while all three of Everton's efforts were wide.

This was the 226th Merseyside derby and one of the most one-sided but it did come at a cost for Liverpool as Klopp confirmed Origi had twisted his ankle.

Pressure mounting on Martinez?

The first Merseyside derby this season proved to be the final game in charge for Klopp's predecessor Brendan Rodgers.

Pressure had been mounting on the 43-year-old after a disappointing start to the season in which the Reds had won just three of their opening 10 games and, after a 1-1 draw at Goodison on 4 October, he was sacked.

The situation Rodgers found himself in before his departure mirrored Roberto Martinez's going into this game. The Everton boss was under pressure to get a positive result on Wednesday, having overseen just three wins in the 10 games prior to the trip to Anfield.

That pressure now shifts to Everton's next game, with Martinez needing to pick up his players for an FA Cup semi-final with Manchester United at Wembley on Saturday.

Klopp's magic touch

Since Klopp arrived at Liverpool shortly after Rodgers' departure, the transformation of some of the club's once-out-of-favour players has been impressive.

Origi was sent out on loan to Lille last year and failed to shine as he was named in L'Equipe's worst Ligue 1 team of the season, while Sakho found himself a peripheral figure at Liverpool in the latter stages of Rodgers' reign.

Both, though, have become important parts of a Liverpool side that have now won four straight games in all competitions - including last week's impressive victory over Borussia Dortmund in the Europa League.

Just as on that night, both Origi and Sakho scored against Everton while Lucas Levia, who almost left the club at the start of this season, provided the assist for Sturridge's goal.

On top of that, Klopp was able to make nine changes from the side that beat Bournemouth 2-1 at the weekend. The former Dortmund boss has found a way to get the best out of the players in his squad.

What they said

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp: "It was really difficult for Everton: red card, injuries, good opponent.

"The second half changed completely with the red card and then the next change when John Stones had to come off that was really not easy for Everton.

"There was no real fight any more. That is not usual. There have been a lot more intensive derbies for sure and there will be a lot more intensive derbies."

Man of the match - James Milner

The stats you need to know

There have now been 21 red cards in the Merseyside derby in Premier League history, more than any other fixture (14 Everton, 7 Liverpool).

Daniel Sturridge has scored more goals in the Premier League against Everton than against any other team (6).

Divock Origi has scored five times in his past five games for Liverpool (all competitions).

James Milner has recorded 11 assists in 2016 in all competitions, three more than any other Premier League player.

Liverpool have won back-to-back games at Anfield in the Premier League for the first time since May 2015.

Liverpool are unbeaten in the past 11 Premier League Merseyside derbies (W4 D7 L0).

Everton's two heaviest Premier League Merseyside derby defeats have both been under Roberto Martinez and both at Anfield (4-0 in January 2014)

What next?

Liverpool host relegation-threatened Newcastle on Saturday while Everton play Manchester United in the FA Cup semi-finals.

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Match ends, Liverpool 4, Everton 0.
 90'+8' Second Half ends, Liverpool 4, Everton 0.
 90'+7' Foul by Alberto Moreno (Liverpool).
 90'+7' Aaron Lennon (Everton wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 90'+7' Attempt saved. Daniel Sturridge (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is saved in the top left corner. Assisted by Philippe Coutinho.
 90'+6' Offside, Liverpool. Adam Lallana tries a through ball, but Daniel Sturridge is caught offside.
 90'+4' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Joel Robles.
 90'+3' Attempt missed. Lucas Leiva (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is close, but misses to the left. Assisted by Alberto Moreno.
 90'+2' Attempt missed. Nathaniel Clyne (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is too high. Assisted by Adam Lallana with a through ball.
 90'+1' Attempt saved. Jordan Ibe (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Nathaniel Clyne.
 90' Foul by Jordan Ibe (Liverpool).
 90' Bryan Oviedo (Everton wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 87' Joe Allen (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 87' Foul by Steven Pienaar (Everton).
 86' Attempt missed. Alberto Moreno (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is too high. Assisted by Philippe Coutinho following a corner.
 85' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Leighton Baines.
 84' Attempt missed. Alberto Moreno (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is high and wide to the left. Assisted by Adam Lallana following a corner.
 83' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Leighton Baines.
 82' Hand ball by Bryan Oviedo (Everton).
 81' Substitution, Liverpool. Jordan Ibe replaces James Milner.
 78' Attempt saved. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the bottom left corner. Assisted by Lucas Leiva.
 76' Goal! Liverpool 4, Everton 0. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box to the bottom right corner. Assisted by Joe Allen.
 75' Attempt missed. Daniel Sturridge (Liverpool header from the centre of the box misses to the right. Assisted by James Milner with a cross.
 74' Attempt missed. Nathaniel Clyne (Liverpool right footed shot from the right side of the box is too high. Assisted by Philippe Coutinho.
 73' Attempt blocked. Joe Allen (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is blocked. Assisted by James Milner with a cross.
 72' Offside, Liverpool. Joe Allen tries a through ball, but Daniel Sturridge is caught offside.
 72' Attempt missed. Joe Allen (Liverpool header from the centre of the box misses to the right. Assisted by Alberto Moreno.
 72' Attempt missed. Alberto Moreno (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box misses to the right. Assisted by Adam Lallana.
 70' Attempt missed. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is too high. Assisted by James Milner following a set piece situation.
 70' Joe Allen (Liverpool wins a free kick on the right wing.
 70' Foul by Leighton Baines (Everton).
 69' Attempt saved. Alberto Moreno (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is saved in the top centre of the goal. Assisted by Daniel Sturridge.
 69' Attempt blocked. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Nathaniel Clyne with a cross.
 66' Substitution, Liverpool. Joe Allen replaces Roberto Firmino.
 65' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Bryan Oviedo.
 65' Attempt blocked. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is blocked. Assisted by James Milner with a cross.
 64' Foul by Lucas Leiva (Liverpool).
 64' Muhamed Besic (Everton wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 62' Substitution, Everton. Steven Pienaar replaces John Stones because of an injury.
 61' Goal! Liverpool 3, Everton 0. Daniel Sturridge (Liverpool left footed shot from the centre of the box to the bottom left corner. Assisted by Lucas Leiva with a through ball.
 60' Attempt saved. Daniel Sturridge (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is saved in the top right corner. Assisted by Adam Lallana.
 58' Substitution, Everton. Tom Cleverley replaces Ross Barkley.
 57' Offside, Everton. James McCarthy tries a through ball, but Romelu Lukaku is caught offside.
 54' Delay over. They are ready to continue.
 54' Substitution, Liverpool. Daniel Sturridge replaces Divock Origi because of an injury.
 51' Delay in match Divock Origi (Liverpool because of an injury.
 50' Ramiro Funes Mori (Everton is shown the red card.
 49' Divock Origi (Liverpool wins a free kick on the right wing.
 49' Foul by Ramiro Funes Mori (Everton).
 48' Alberto Moreno (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 48' Foul by Bryan Oviedo (Everton).
 Second Half begins Liverpool 2, Everton 0.
 45' Substitution, Everton. Muhamed Besic replaces Gareth Barry.
 45'+4' First Half ends, Liverpool 2, Everton 0.
 45'+2' Goal! Liverpool 2, Everton 0. Mamadou Sakho (Liverpool header from very close range to the top right corner. Assisted by James Milner with a cross following a corner.
 45'+2' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Bryan Oviedo.
 45' Mamadou Sakho (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 45' Foul by Kevin Mirallas (Everton).
 43' Goal! Liverpool 1, Everton 0. Divock Origi (Liverpool header from the centre of the box to the bottom left corner. Assisted by James Milner with a cross.
 43' Attempt blocked. Nathaniel Clyne (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by James Milner.

42' Aaron Lennon (Everton is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.
 41' James Milner (Liverpool wins a free kick on the right wing.
 41' Foul by Aaron Lennon (Everton).
 41' Foul by Lucas Leiva (Liverpool).
 41' Ross Barkley (Everton wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 39' Attempt saved. Divock Origi (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the bottom right corner. Assisted by Philippe Coutinho.
 39' Divock Origi (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.
 39' Foul by Gareth Barry (Everton).
 36' Corner, Everton. Conceded by Alberto Moreno.
 33' Attempt blocked. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked.
 33' Attempt blocked. Dejan Lovren (Liverpool left footed shot from the centre of the box is blocked.
 32' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by James McCarthy.
 32' Attempt blocked. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from the left side of the box is blocked.
 32' Attempt blocked. Adam Lallana (Liverpool left footed shot from the left side of the box is blocked. Assisted by Lucas Leiva.
 31' Attempt blocked. Ross Barkley (Everton right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by James McCarthy.
 30' Attempt saved. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the bottom left corner. Assisted by James Milner.
 29' Attempt missed. Dejan Lovren (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box misses to the left. Assisted by Mamadou Sakho following a corner.
 28' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Bryan Oviedo.
 28' Attempt missed. Mamadou Sakho (Liverpool header from the centre of the box misses to the right following a corner.
 28' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Ramiro Funes Mori.
 27' Attempt missed. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is close, but misses to the left from a direct free kick.
 26' Adam Lallana (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.
 26' Foul by Ramiro Funes Mori (Everton).
 25' Roberto Firmino (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.
 25' Foul by James McCarthy (Everton).
 24' Attempt missed. Adam Lallana (Liverpool header from the centre of the box is close, but misses to the right. Assisted by Nathaniel Clyne with a cross.
 24' Attempt saved. Lucas Leiva (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the bottom left corner. Assisted by Philippe Coutinho.
 23' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by John Stones.
 23' Attempt blocked. Adam Lallana (Liverpool left footed shot from the left side of the box is blocked. Assisted by Alberto Moreno.
 21' Attempt missed. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is close, but misses the top left corner. Assisted by Roberto Firmino.
 19' Attempt missed. Kevin Mirallas (Everton right footed shot from outside the box is high and wide to the right. Assisted by Gareth Barry.
 16' Foul by Adam Lallana (Liverpool).
 16' Ross Barkley (Everton wins a free kick on the right wing.
 12' Attempt missed. Kevin Mirallas (Everton right footed shot from outside the box is too high following a fast break.
 8' James Milner (Liverpool is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.
 8' Foul by James Milner (Liverpool).
 8' Leighton Baines (Everton wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 6' Attempt blocked. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool left footed shot from the centre of the box is blocked. Assisted by Adam Lallana.
 6' Attempt saved. Adam Lallana (Liverpool left footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Philippe Coutinho.
 4' Foul by James Milner (Liverpool).
 4' Gareth Barry (Everton wins a free kick on the left wing.
 3' Foul by James Milner (Liverpool).
 3' Ross Barkley (Everton wins a free kick in the attacking half.
 1' Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.
 1' Foul by Bryan Oviedo (Everton).
 First Half begins.
 Lineups are announced and players are warming up.