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THE TIMES

Vorm stars for Spurs but misses bus

Tottenham Hotspur 1

Rose 72

Liverpool 1

Milner 43 (pen)

Referee: B Madley Attendance: 31,211

As he stood clutching a bottle of champagne for his heroics, Michel Vorm may have been feeling hard done by as he watched the Tottenham Hotspur coach drive off without him on board. The goalkeeper sprinted from his line several times on Saturday to rescue his team but the last race of the day proved to be beyond him. He was offered a lift back to the training ground by the Spurs kitman, before remembering that his car was at White Hart Lane.

In the heat it was easy for him not to be thinking straight in what was his best display in a Tottenham shirt. He mopped up as a sweeper-keeper when Liverpool slid balls between the centre backs to expose Jan Vertonghen's lack of pace. "I want to see how far I ran because I have never been this tired after a game," Vorm said. "And I think I ran the most miles ever in a game. With the speed Liverpool have up front and us playing a high line, you know you have to be ready as a goalkeeper. I did not expect it to happen so many times. You practise to be ready to get to the balls behind the defence. I don't practise tackling."

The timing of his tackling was perfect. It had to be. Sadio Mane is no slouch. It was only Vorm's sixth league start in his third season and he knows he will return to the bench and play just domestic cup games once Hugo Lloris, 29, is fit again after the international break.

Tottenham are planning for life after both of them with Pau Lopez set to arrive initially on loan from Espanyol in a move that will become permanent for around PS5.5 million next summer, and the 21-year-old was wanted by Mauricio Pochettino before taking charge at Tottenham.

Pochettino was especially animated on the touchline when urging Vorm to roll the ball out rather than kick long when Tottenham were under the cosh in the first half. Turning over possession in similar circumstances cost Tottenham on occasions last season. The Argentinian jumped with clenched fists towards the crowd when his side equalised for what was an unlikely point, given their weariness without the control in central midfield of Mousa Dembele, whose six-match ban ends after the next game. Tottenham have taken 53 points from 23 league games since he started regularly in October and only nine points from the ten that he has missed.

Victor Wanyama's pairing with Eric Dier limits creativity, and Pochettino wants a quick attacking player to offer another dimension. A boost for Spurs is that Christian Eriksen is close to signing a new and improved deal, with Erik Lamela set to follow.

RATINGS Tottenham (4-3-2-1): M Vorm 8 -- K Walker 5 (sub: V Janssen, 28min 5), T Alderweireld 7, J Vertonghen 5, D Rose 5 -- E Dier 5, V Wanyama 5 -- E Lamela 5, D Alli 5, C Eriksen 6 (sub: H Winks, 90) -- H Kane 6 (sub: J Onomah, 83). Substitutes not used: L McGee, C Carter-Vickers, B Davies, Son Heung Min. Booked: Rose, Vertonghen, Alli.

Liverpool (4-2-3-1) S Mignolet 6 -- N Clyne 5, J Matip 7, D Lovren 5, J Milner 6 -- J Henderson 6, G Wijnaldum 6 -- A Lallana 5 (sub: K Stewart, 90), P Coutinho 7 (sub: D Origi, 69 5), S Mane 7 (sub: D Sturridge, 88) -- Firmino 8. Substitutes not used: A Manninger, M Grujic, A Moreno, L Leiva.

Booked: Lovren, Henderson, Matip, Mane, Coutinho.

the guardian

Tottenham and Danny Rose punish wasteful Liverpool to claim draw Jürgen Klopp leaned back in his chair, threw a glance to the skies, and wore the expression of a man who had just been told the last bus home had been cancelled. "Oh my God," he said, exhaling deeply. The information he was trying to take in actually concerned one of the decisive moments of Liverpool's 1-1 draw with Tottenham. It was a moment that might have turned one point into an excellent three.

With one of their crisp breaks Georginio Wijnaldum slipped the ball to Adam Lallana, who pushed the move onwards and the ball across goal for Sadio Mané to tap in. Up went the official's flag and the strike was disallowed for a very tight offside. "What can I say?" Klopp said. "It was a wonderful goal, huh? Brilliant play. It happens."

He sounded phlegmatic but looked slightly crestfallen. Despite the positives he can take from a complicated early season cluster of games all away from home, he made no bones about his disappointment that there were no more points on the board to show for it. "We have not the most easy starting programme. Four points from nine is not what I wanted but it's OK. That's our platform."

Tottenham's platform shows five points from nine but in terms of the team's energy levels and attacking zest there has to be more to come from Mauricio Pochettino's team. For much of this tussle they toiled, they endeavoured, but clear chances did not come easily. The attacking prowess of Harry Kane, Dele Alli and the newcomer Vincent Janssen is yet to really catch fire this season.

Pochettino didn't seem to mind too much if it's been a slow burner up until this point. "Last season Harry scored in game 10 and was top scorer. I would sign up again for that," he smiled.

Liverpool had more than enough chances to win, quite apart from the mysterious offside call. From the start the thrust of Mané and trickery of Philippe Coutinho tested Tottenham. They set about the challenge here with swift movement and energy.

With half-time approaching, Liverpool were handed a clear opportunity to turn their attacking promise into something concrete with a penalty. The referee Bobby Madley saw Érik Lamela catch Roberto Firmino at the edge of the box and pointed to the spot. It was down to James Milner, who had been filling in unfussily at left-back, to make the difference. He slammed his shot past Michel Vorm.

Tottenham needed a response, a shot of energy, of inspiration after the break. But it was Liverpool who restarted with more intent: Wijnaldum scooped over; the impressive Joël Matip skimmed a header off the top of the crossbar.

Pochettino's frustration was growing but he later credited his team's resolve for summoning enough pressure to equalise. Danny Rose escaped the general congestion and was allowed plenty of space to pick his spot when Eric Dier's cross was knocked towards him. Rose beat Simon Mignolet at the near post, releasing a wave of pent-up Tottenham angst. "I am very pleased with the reaction, the effort and character we showed because it wasn't easy," assessed Pochettino, who had to rebalance his team when Kyle Walker felt sick. Dier switched effortlessly to right-back, and the attack was rearranged.

They could have even won it with Toby Alderweireld's powerful header, which inspired the agile, twisting, save of the day from Mignolet.

The fact it was only one vital stop meant something to Klopp in measuring his team's progress, as the keeper had been incredibly busy in the same fixture last year. "Simon saved our life last time. Today he had one brilliant save," Klopp said. Liverpool had late chances to clinch it themselves but it was not to be and the manager preached the possibilities he can see in his team, even if there is more polish to come. "This game showed again what we can do. We were really flexible and offensive and played football, had wonderful moments with passing and direction. I wish we would have won it but we have to accept the point and it's OK. That's what we have to show in each game."

Pochettino bade farewell to a large chunk of his players on international duty thankful to have avoided a nasty slip. He feels he is "months" away from having his squad where he wants it to be in order to truly compete. He is not the only manager who has lamented the difficulty in finding a sharp groove after a truncated, post-European Championship pre-season.

"This is not a perfect break," Pochettino says. "All the players involved [in the Euros] go again to the national team. It is difficult because some players are going, some will play, others no. We need maybe a few months to get all in the same level. It's crazy."

No doubt there is more to come from both Tottenham and Liverpool.

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Danny Rose rescues a point for Mauricio Pochettino's side after James Milner's penalty had put the visitors ahead

The outcome may have been the same but this time, as the Liverpool bus inched through the crane-scape and on to Tottenham High Road, Jurgen Klopp could feel the anguish of dropped points churning inside. 'It feels worse,' conceded Klopp, who began his career in England with a goalless draw in this fixture last October. 'Simon Mignolet saved our lives last time. This time he made one brilliant save.' This time, it was Michel Vorm performing heroics for Spurs with a series of saves and Danny Rose charging forward from left back to grab a late equaliser Mauricio Pochettino's team hardly deserved. Klopp was philosophical about the result but his true feelings wriggled free when he was informed Sadio Mane's 'goal', ruled offside, looked to be fair when scrutinised with the help of slow-motion replays. 'Not too cool,' he said, rocking back in his seat, hands on head, contemplating the ceiling. 'But it happened. It was a brilliant goal, no?'

In fairness, it was; a blistering counter-attack launched by Georginio Wijnaldum but a flag went up against Adam Lallana as he delivered a square pass to Mane, who lashed the ball into the net. That exhilarating passage of play epitomised Liverpool. They were explosive and destructive on the break, tearing through Spurs and yet unable to convert any of the many clear chances they created.

A first-half penalty confidently taken by James Milner was the only tangible reward for the pace and mobility which were tormenting Tottenham's back four. Not only were they fast and mobile, they were aggressive, too, pressing and competing to win the ball in advanced areas of the pitch. For a spell in the first half, Mane was exceptional, perhaps reducing his intensity when he was warned by referee Bobby Madley about a late challenge moments after being booked. Spurs, in contrast, were far from the fluent unit they were last season. Goals are proving elusive, Harry Kane has not scored in five games and yet they are scrapping and accumulating points. They have one more point than Liverpool after three games — and will be relieved to have taken one from this contest, having been outplayed for an hour. Tottenham could have slipped behind in the fifth minute when Christian Eriksen was hustled into a mistake and Roberto Firmino was slipped into the clear. A goal seemed certain when Firmino's pass found Philippe Coutinho but Vorm, in for the injured Hugo Lloris, stuck out his right leg and halted the shot on the line. It would be the first of several vital interventions by the Dutch goalkeeper in the first half.

He twisted in the air to claw out a cross deflected towards the top corner of his own goal by Toby Alderweireld, denied Coutinho at the near post and twice sprinted from goal to dispossess Mane with heart-in-mouth sliding tackles. Tottenham's defensive test was not helped when right back Kyle Walker went off feeling ill in the first half. Pochettino reshuffled, moving Eric Dier to right back, Dele Alli deeper into midfield and Kane into a support role behind Vincent Janssen, who came off the bench to lead the line but had no great impact. Spurs had almost reached the sanctuary of half-time when they slipped behind.

Dier was drawn inside by runners and Firmino spun out wide, collecting a pass and darting into the penalty area ahead of Erik Lamela, who caught his heel as he crossed the line. Referee Madley pointed to the spot and Milner sent Vorm the wrong way. The early pattern stretched into the second half. Wijnaldum fired over, Mane's effort was disallowed and Joel Matip beat Jan Vertonghen in the air from a Liverpool corner and glanced the bar with a header.

Finally Spurs stirred. Eriksen missed the target when he should have done better and Mignolet summoned a fabulous save to beat out a header by Alderweireld. Just 18 minutes remained when Rose struck. Dier drove forward to cross and Lamela's run created space for the left back, who arrived unmarked, took a touch and squeezed the ball past Mignolet.

Pochettino pumped his fists on the touchline and roared. In the absence of any rhythm, the spirit is strong, no doubt encouraged by a late winner against Crystal Palace on Spurs' previous outing and Liverpool's inability to keep a clean sheet. The final chance fell to the visitors. Wijnaldum's shot from 20 yards was partially blocked by Victor Wanyama and saved by Vorm. Liverpool screamed for a penalty, claiming Wanyama had handled, but nothing was given and, having started the season with three away games as building work is completed at Anfield, they go into the international break with four points. It is not a bad return from trips to Arsenal, Burnley and Spurs, and they can be encouraged by the energy in this performance, while concerned about wastefulness in front of goal and the absence of clean sheets. 'It is early,' said Klopp. 'It has not been the easiest start. Four points after three games was not what we wanted but this is our base and we have to build on it.'

TOTTENHAM (4-3-2-1): Vorm 8.5; Walker 6 (Janssen 28, 6), Alderweireld 6, Vertonghen 6, Rose 7; Dier 7, Wanyama 7.5; Eriksen 5 (Winks 90), Alli 6, Lamela 5; Kane 6 (Onomah 82) SUBS NOT USED: Son, McGee, Davies, Carter-Vickers
SCORER: Rose 72 BOOKED: Rose, Vertonghen, Alli MANAGER: Mauricio Pochettino 6

LIVERPOOL (4-3-3): Mignolet 7; Clyne 6, Matip 7, Lovren 7, Milner 7; Lallana 6 (Stewart 90), Henderson 7.5, Wijnaldum 6; Mane 8 (Sturridge 87), Firmino 7.5, Coutinho 6.5 (Origi 68, 6), SUBS NOT USED: Manninger, Grujic, Moreno, Lucas
SCORER: Milner 43 BOOKED: Mane, Coutinho, Lovren, Henderson, Matip

MANAGER: Jurgen Klopp 7

REFEREE: R Madley 6

The Daily Telegraph

The look that says Sturridge might have to move away
The look on Daniel Sturridge's face. The withering expression of the Liverpool substitute who has just realised Divock Origi is coming on ahead of him. You could write songs about it. Art scholars could devote entire careers to studying it. It is Van Gogh in one of his self-portraits, stern and disgusted, mounted against a background of swirling Tottenham fans. It is the Mona Lisa with a skinny beard and a nonplussed glower. It is the Girl with a Pearl Earring in a fluorescent yellow bib.

For Liverpool fans, of course, this is less a cause for humour than for puzzlement. Was their star striker displaying a fleeting and forgivable disappointment, or some graver discontent? Is he merely in a grump, or in the awakenings of an open revolt? Is the Mona Lisa scowling or not?

If act one was Sturridge's admission last week that he was "not happy" at being forced to play on the wing rather than up front, and act two was Jurgen Klopp claiming that Sturridge needed to play "flexible football", then this was act three. Had Liverpool been able to convert their fine display at White Hart Lane into a win, they might have been able to shrug off the ongoing Sturridge row as so much background noise. Instead Danny Rose equalised from close range, Liverpool spent 18 minutes striving for the winning goal they deserved, and their most potent goal threat spent 16 of them in a bib.

The first thing to be said is that there were sound footballing reasons for leaving Sturridge out of the starting XI. Against Tottenham, Klopp decided on a high-energy press to hassle Tottenham's back five. To pull off a system like that, you need forwards who can close down the opposition in lightning bursts. Players such as Sadio Mane, Philippe Coutinho and Roberto Firmino, who managed to turn over possession again and again. Sturridge, for all his qualities, is not that sort of striker.

"Sturridge is a wonderfully skilled player," Klopp admitted. "But I made the decision that the kind of defending [required] was too important."

Then, as Klopp alluded to himself, there is the issue of Sturridge's base fitness.

"He did not have a perfect pre-season," he said. "A few other players had more pre-season. They played together. They've trained together since the first day of pre-season so, of course, that's an advantage. Then, when it was still 1-0, we needed someone to come on for the counter-attack. That's Divock."

One of the more interesting bits of Klopp's interview with Gary Lineker for the BBC's Premier League Show last week was when he discussed the art of dropping a player. "The problem is with the talk," he explained. "The absolute truth is: you are not good enough. But I don't want to say this. It's clear, so you don't have to ask. If you are not in, you should be disappointed, but not too disappointed. Come on. It's life."

Here, in just a few words, is the difference between Klopp and Sturridge encapsulated. It is, fundamentally, a difference in outlook. For Klopp, football is too much fun to dwell on your setbacks for long. Hell, life is too much fun for all that.

For Sturridge, by contrast, the road to greatness is paved not with good times and belly laughs, but with grim, singular sacrifice and murderous ambition. It is the only way he knows of fulfilling his destiny.

These sorts of disputes do not necessarily have to be terminal. Here, by contrast, is another Liverpool player talking about his new role. "It is different. There are pluses and minuses to it. I am a Liverpool player, and what the manager asks me to do, I will do. If he thinks that is the best thing for the team, then I will do it."

Do we genuinely think that James Milner — a man who retains ambitions of anchoring the England midfield — is any happier playing at left-back than Sturridge is on the wing? Of course not. But there are ways of going about these things. And ultimately, it may require two men known for their brutal honesty to find a more diplomatic accommodation.

Liverpool's next game, against Leicester, is not for a fortnight. Time enough for Sturridge to get up to full speed, to get some minutes under his belt with England, to galvanise Liverpool's season by doing what he does best.

The alternative scenario? Liverpool fans do not take kindly to players who they think are putting their own problems before those of the club. And for some reason, they have always withheld from Sturridge the same unconditional love that they give so freely to Klopp. One thing is certain: if Sturridge does choose to pick a fight with a manager, in the court of Merseyside public opinion, there will only be one winner.

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NO MORE MISTER NICE GUY; Even Liverpool's 'Mr Boring' has talked tough - and demands Klopp brings out Kop's ruthless streak
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JAMES MILNER is convinced Liverpool can finish in the top four - as long as they can find their ruthless streak.

Jurgen Klopp's men have begun the season playing well enough, even if the results tell a different story with a win at Arsenal, a shock defeat at Burnley and a draw at Tottenham.

That suggests they have yet to find consistency, but Milner believes they simply have to be more clinical with their finishing.

They certainly created enough chances to win the game at White Hart Lane. In fact, he reckons they would have won all three games and be at the top of the Premier League if they were more deadly.

There may be a parody Twitter account called Boring James Milner, but the former England man got off the fence to predict a golden future at Anfield.

"I don't see why we can't make top four," he said.

"We have shown over the last year that we can beat anyone.

"But we need to beat the teams who aren't going to play against us, who sit back and defend.

"The Burnley game was a good performance and it was not like it was 50-50. We dominated the game, but we definitely need to improve and be more ruthless in front of goal. I like what I see the first three games, but we need to make sure that we get the results.

"We've had better performances and results against the top teams.

"It was the same again at Tottenham. We had chances. The pleasing thing is the performances and that we have started well. But it is a results business."

Milner has always had a reputation as a good, honest and dependable pro. But his willingness to slot in at leftback in place of the error-prone Alberto Moreno to tighten up Liverpool's defence has been remarkable.

Milner has of course retired from England duty and will spend the international break doing double sessions, working on his positioning and there is no moaning from him about playing out of position.

After seeing his first-half penalty (above) cancelled out by Danny Rose's late leveller, he said: "I am a Liverpool player and what the manager asks me to do I will do.

"If he thinks that is the best thing for the team, then I will it. I have to learn as fast as I can.

"Hopefully I can keep mistakes to a minimum and what I can for the team. But it is very different. I have played a lot on the left in my career and would rather play left-back than rightback. That does not affect me.

"It is about learning the position, playing there in training, watching videos after the game, realising the distances from the centre-half, being able to get out to the wide man quickly.

"It is a lot different to what it was five, six or seven years ago. A lot of time you are like a winger and on the front foot.

"So I could speak to other left-backs, but the way the manager wants his fullbacks to play is different to how other managers wants them to play."

But every manager must wish they had a Milner in the squad.

And Klopp is also thankful for the front three he started with at Tottenham because Sadio Mane, Philippe Coutinho and Roberto Firmino were terrific with their pace and movement.

You can see why England striker Daniel Sturridge cannot get in the line-up. They terrorised a Tottenham team who are supposed to be title challengers.

The Reds kept getting in behind the home defence, should have scored more and only a controversial offside flag denied Mane a second goal.

It was rough on Liverpool, but Klopp was philosophical about the point as he believes his players are making good strides.

His reign began 10 months ago with a draw at Tottenham. Back then they were hanging on for a point. This time, they outplayed Tottenham.

The German said: "We must keep our natural strength. This is high-pressure defending, counterattacking football, all that stuff.

"To bring everything to the pitch in each game is a challenge.

"But we like to have this challenge so we are really optimistic about our approach.

"At the moment four points doesn't make it feel like everything is perfect. Of course it wasn't perfect, but we're still on a good path."

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Milner penalty cancelled out by Rose leveller

Liverpool had to settle for a share of the spoils after being pegged back by Tottenham in a frenetic Premier League clash at White Hart Lane. James Milner fired the Reds ahead from the penalty spot but Spurs rallied with Danny Rose restoring parity in the second half. Jurgen Klopp's men had their chances to win it late on but couldn't take them as they go into the international break with four points from a possible nine. Philippe Coutinho overcame a hamstring problem to take his place in the line up with Divock Origi dropping to the bench. The other change from the midweek EFL Cup win over Burton saw Gini Wijnaldum replace the injured Emre Can with Daniel Sturridge only named among the subs. Liverpool started brightly and should have made the breakthrough early on. Sadio Mane and Roberto Firmino linked up to pick out Coutinho. The Brazilian should have buried it but fired too close to Michel Vorm, who stuck out a leg to make the save. Christian Eriksen's free-kick was then pushed away by Simon Mignolet before Jordan Henderson made a vital covering tackle on Dele Alli. Liverpool defended well with Joel Matip shining on his Premier League debut alongside Dejan Lovren. Klopp's men also looked a real threat on the counter with Vorm twice racing off his line to deny the dangerous Mane. Midway through the first half Milner picked Kyle Walker's pocket and fed Coutinho, whose strike was deflected just over. Klopp was fuming when referee Bobby Madley then gave Jan Vertonghen a talking to rather than awarding a penalty after the defender grabbed hold of Matip's shirt as they awaited Henderson's corner. Spurs were forced into a reshuffle when Kyle Walker limped off with Vincent Janssen coming on up front, Ali dropping into midfield and Eric Dier going to right-back. Two minutes before the break Liverpool were in front. Firmino did brilliantly down the left as he burst past Erik Lamela, who clumsily brought him down. Milner stepped up to stick the penalty in the bottom corner. Spurs responded in the second half but Liverpool dug deep to thwart them and then countered at pace. They went close to extending their advantage when Matip's header clipped the bar. Mane then hammered home from Lallana's low cross but the celebrations were cut short by the offside flag. Tottenham cranked up the pressure with Eriksen and Lamela going close before Mignolet produced a stunning save to keep out Toby Alderweireld's header. However, with 18 minutes to go the Reds keeper was finally beaten. Dier's cross found its way to the unmarked Rose at the far post and he took a touch to steady himself before lashing it inside the near post. Neither team settled for a point as the breathless pace of the contest was maintained. Having earlier brought on Divock Origi for Coutinho, Klopp then introduced Daniel Sturridge for Mane. Liverpool could have won it late on. Penalty appeals were waved away after Wijnaldum's effort struck Alderweireld on the arm. Deep into stoppage time the Reds countered with Henderson squaring for Firmino, who played in Lallana. However, Alderweireld got back to ensure Spurs held on.

EveningStandard.

Danny Rose rescues White Hart Lane draw
 Danny Rose's late volley secured a 1-1 draw for Tottenham after a James Milner penalty threatened to see Liverpool leave White Hart Lane with all three points on Saturday. Milner's 43rd-minute spot kick - awarded after Erik Lamela had fouled Roberto Firmino - was a just reward for Liverpool's first-half efforts, with only a fine display from Michel Vorm keeping Jurgen Klopp's men at bay in the opening stages. But Rose did brilliantly to control an Eric Dier cross, which was flicked on by Lamela, before deftly volleying home under pressure 18 minutes from time. Vorm produced a stunning early stop with his foot to deny Philippe Coutinho from close range, and was off his line to sweep up the danger on numerous occasions as Spurs struggled to deal with Liverpool's pace on the counter. Mauricio Pochettino opted to leave striker Vincent Janssen on the bench and play Dele Alli behind lone striker Harry Kane, but was forced to introduce the Dutchman after Kyle Walker was forced off after 27 minutes due to illness. That change saw Eric Dier switch to right-back, and Liverpool took advantage as Firmino won the penalty after driving down the left flank and being clipped from behind by Lamela. Sadio Mane was a threat throughout and thought he had doubled Liverpool's lead soon after the break, but Philippe Coutinho was correctly flagged offside after teeing up the summer signing. Spurs improved in the second half, with Simon Mignolet makes two saves in quick succession from Christian Eriksen and Toby Alderweireld. Rose's strike after 72 minutes set up a potential grandstand finish, but neither side could capitalise as Liverpool shut up shop towards the end.

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Rose equaliser saves sub-par Tottenham following Milner penalty
Tottenham Hotspur and Liverpool are two teams with similar aspirations and comparable styles, unlikely to be separated by much at the far of the season, as distant as that now is. But they left White Hart Lane on Saturday afternoon with the same frustration of drawing a game they wanted more from. Liverpool were the better team and should have won it. Spurs should not have waited an hour to show up.

This was a compelling back and forth, with far more energy and incident than is often seen in these lunchtime matinee games. It was a match where Liverpool had by far the better chances, which they should have won by a distance after James Milner's first-half penalty put them ahead. Spurs barely got involved in for the first hour, far too sloppy and disjointed, desperately lacking Mousa Dembele. Their late surge earned them a Danny Rose equaliser, but there was more bad than good about this Tottenham performance.

Mauricio Pochettino warned this week that his players were still "a little bit behind" in their fitness work this season. Most of them only had two weeks of pre-season before opening weekend. The result is that this is a Spurs team still struggling to get up to speed. Against Everton and Crystal Palace they were poor in the first half and better in the second, and the same was true again here. It does not help that Spurs are having to start the season without their most important player. Michel Vorm is an able deputy for Hugo Lloris, but they have no real replacement for Dembele. He is the man who makes Mauricio Pochettino's system work, taking the ball, taking risks, taking men on, freeing up the space for the men in front of him to attack. Victor Wanyama is good at what he does but is not in the same technical league as Dembele, and it shows.

With no Dembele Spurs struggled to string anything together in midfield, frequently going long through lack of ideas and giving the ball away. He brings the whole team together, and without him Spurs looked like an orchestra missing its conductor. It was no surprise, then, that Liverpool were the better team in the first half. They played brisk, sharp counter-attacking football, cutting Spurs open on the break and making all the best chances in the first half.

After just three minutes Liverpool should have scored when Roberto Firmino cut in from the right and crossed to Philippe Coutinho at the far post. Vorm saved brilliantly with his feet, showing as he did all afternoon that he is good enough to step into Lloris' role. Vorm saved against at the far post from Coutinho, from a Sadio Mane cross, while making two brilliant tackles on Mane outside of his box. Liverpool could get in behind Spurs almost every time they tried, and with three minutes left before the break they finally got the reward for their dominance.

Firmino darted in down the left, and Lamela was too eager to stop him and brought him down. Milner sent Vorm the wrong way from the spot. Spurs had to chase the game in the second half, and in doing so gifted Liverpool the chances to kill it. Joel Matip should have done better with a close-range header before Mane converted a brilliant counter-attack, only for it to be ruled out for a marginal offside call. This was the spell in which Liverpool could have sealed the three points but they did not, and Spurs finally grew back into the contest.

Tottenham's rhythm had been hit by the first-half replacement of an ill Kyle Walker with Vincent Janssen. This forced a reorganisation to 4-4-2 and it was only in the second half that the players adjusted to their new roles. Eric Dier was at right back, but he became increasingly dangerous in the second half. After an hour he crossed to Christian Eriksen, who shot weakly over the bar. Pochettino ran down the tunnel and thumped a door in frustration. The pressure was mounting, as Lamela had a free-kick tipped over and Toby Alderweireld was denied by a brilliant save. Eventually they broke though, as Lamela flicked on Dier's clever cross and Danny Rose darted in at the far post to slice the ball past Mignolet.

That goal gave Spurs 18 minutes to push for a win but, aside from another Alderweireld header, they never looked like doing so. Liverpool, in fact, had the best late openings on the break. They were the better team and should have won. They already look closer to being the side their manager wants them to be than Tottenham. Until Dembele returns, and the players sharpen up, Spurs are still some way away, even with this hard-earned point.

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Rose saves Spurs from the big press

Tottenham Hotspur 1 Rose 72

Liverpool 1 Milner 43 pen Att: 31,211

There was no ignoring the celebration from Mauricio Pochettino when the equaliser came, an unrepentantly joyous run down the touchline, a leap and a punch of the air in delight at one point rescued against a Liverpool team who had threatened to overrun his own side at times.

This was a match played at a psychotic pace, between two uber-pressing, highly conditioned groups of players determined to let the other team linger on the ball for no longer than necessary, and for a long time it seemed that Liverpool would seize the day. The first half belonged to them, they went in with the lead at half-time and for most of the game Jurgen Klopp's team seemed to be fulfilling their manager's vision for the future.

Liverpool look closer to the finished article, despite the injuries, and once again there was no place for Daniel Sturridge in the starting line-up. They are led by Roberto Firmino, the centre-forward who sets the tone with his chasing and strength, and who won the penalty from which left-back James Milner scored in the 43rd minute. Klopp pointed out that Spurs would always have chances and so it proved that Danny Rose scored with 18 minutes left.

Pochettino's team appeared less confident about their identity in the first half, although they showed the character to fight back from an unpromising position. They were fortunate too, especially when the referee Robert Madley erroneously disallowed Sadio Mane's second-half goal for offside after a great counter-attacking move on 55 minutes.

Spurs owed a lot to the persistence of Erik Lamela, who created their equaliser and may feel unlucky that he was adjudged to have clipped Firmino for the penalty when the replays showed the faint contact to be marginally outside the area. Dele Alli and Eric Dier also came back into the match after half-time and the quality that took Spurs to third place in the Premier League last season is still there, even if not everyone is performing.

Harry Kane was substituted before the end with the home side pursuing a winner and he seems to lack that sharpness which enabled him to turn the smallest opening into a goal last season. But there will be greater concerns about the level of Christian Eriksen, who struggled to have a meaningful effect. Kyle Walker had a desperate 25 minutes of misjudgements and lost tackles until he was withdrawn, apparently unwell, and we wait to see whether he is included in Sam Allardyce's first England squad today.

Sturridge came on eventually with a couple of minutes left to play although it is not hard to see why he does not make the cut in these games. Klopp expects his players to exert wave after wave of pressure, with Philippe Coutinho and Mane either side of Firmino, and behind them Adam Lallana and Georginio Wijnaldum. This is hard work and no-one is permitted to take a break.

"This game showed again what we can do and how we can play," Klopp said. "It wasn't only about pressing although we did that really well. We were really flexible and then we played football. We had wonderful moments of passing and direction. I wish we could have won but we will accept a point. No problem, it's Tottenham."

Walker's departure forced a major change for Spurs - Vincent Janssen came on to take Kane's role, Kane went back to No 10, Alli dropped back and Dier was free to take up the right-back position. It was down that channel which the penalty came for Liverpool, though the foul looked to be outside the area. Firmino got around the pursuing Lamela and on the byline he went down, with the slightest of contact. Milner's was a confident hit that sent Michel Vorm in the wrong direction.

"The problem was the organisation when we had the issue with Kyle Walker," Pochettino said. "The second half we had to take risks. They had some chances but we are very pleased with the performance and the effort from the players. We showed character today. It isn't easy when you face a team who play on the counter-attack and you have to take risks."

Liverpool were without the injured Ragnar Klavan and had Joel Matip alongside Dejan Lovren in the centre of defence and it was only after the hour that Spurs at last started to test them. Eriksen wafted a shot over when he should have done better. Lamela's freekick was pushed over the bar by Simon Mignolet and from the corner Toby Alderweireld went close with a header.

The equaliser came from the left foot of Rose, who when Dier's cross from the right broke to him, took his time and put the necessary slice on a shot, a "shank" he later said, which went just inside Mignolet's near post. Spurs had the better of it in the closing stages but Lallana had arguably the best chance.

Tottenham (4-2-3-1) Vorm 7; Walker 4 (Janssen 26), Alderweireld 6, Vertonghen 6, Rose 6; Dier 6, Wanyama 6; Lamela 6, Alli 6, Eriksen 5 (Winks 90); Kane 5 (Onomah 83). Subs McGee (g), Son, Davies, Carter-Vickers.

Booked Vertonghen, Alli, Rose Liverpool (4-3-3) Mignolet 6; Clyne 6, Matip 6, Lovren 6, Milner 6; Lallana 6 (Stewart 90), Henderson 6, Wijnaldum 6; Mane 7 (Sturridge 88), Firmino 7, Coutinho 6 (Origi 68).

Subs Manning (g), Grujic, Moreno, Lucas. Booked Mane, Coutinho, Lovren, Henderson, Matip Referee R Madley (West Yorkshire)

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Rose punishes Liverpool

WHAT was this, the "distance covered" derby? Press v counter-press v counter-counter press? Stalemate of the fittest?

For a third time in three encounters, a Mauricio Pochettino side met a Jurgen Klopp one and players ran themselves silly, tore at each other for 90+ minutes, and finished mutually breathless and winless.

They are played three, drawn three since Klopp came to England and if this Tottenham ever face that Liverpool in a cup tie, all the money would be on extratime. Perhaps they could take such a contest not to penalties but a tie-break based on the GPS stats.

The sheer conditioning and commitment of combatants was not all there was to marvel at in a hectic 1-1. There were shards of quality and intelligence too. Sadio Mane was electric, even if he let himself down when Danny Rose equalised James Milner's penalty, and Eric Dier showed his extraordinary versatility by influencing the game from right-back after an injury to Kyle Walker.

Both goalkeepers were brilliant: Simon Mignolet staying on his line to make outstanding stops and Michel Vorm rushing from his box, a sweeperkeeper extraordinaire, to keep thwarting Liverpoolcounterinconsistency attacks. Was 1-1 fair? Liverpool, overall the better, left the more frustrated -- though in a key second-half spell Tottenham had enough pressure to win the game too.

Pochettino celebrated Rose's strike by running up the touchline and fist-pumping in front of his fans and Klopp was just as manic and keyed up.

The first moment anyone appeared to rest was when Klopp lounged back in his post-match press conference chair, stared at the ceiling theatrically, and exhaled "oh my God, what can I say?" He was reacting to being told a disallowed Mane goal was probably not offside. The decision came in the 55th minute when Dier made his only mistake and lost possession. Liverpool broke and Georginio Wijnaldum played Adam Lallana clear, Lallana centred and Mane volleyed high into the net.

Replays showed Lallana to be level with Rose when flagged and this moment added to the Liverpoolmanager's regret. Following last week's defeat to Burnley, it has not been the start the German envisaged after Liverpool's opening-day win at Arsenal.

"Four points from nine is not what we wanted," said Klopp, and his angst is down to the his team still show. "I could not have imagined I'd feel a bit disappointed to take a point against Tottenham," he said. "This game showed again what we can do. We were flexible and offensive and had wonderful moments with passing and direction. I wish we would have won it."

Spurs missed suspended Mousa Dembele, whose composure and skill could have been invaluable in a game which demanded players controlled and moved the ball under great pressure and at great speed. Harry Kane caused Dejan Lovren problems in early jousts but got sucked into a physical contest won by the Croatian and was better when he moved deep, but was still not at his best and substituted by Josh Onomah. Pochettino joked that Kane's slow start to 2016-17 was positive.

"Last season he scored [his first goal] in game 10 and was top scorer. I sign up again for that," he said. His pleasure surely lay in the tactical switch that brought his team level. Noticing Milner tiring, Spurs began playing long passes behind Liverpool's left-back and Dier had the intelligence of positioning to exploit him.

Toby Alderweireld's lofted ball found Dier hugging the touchline in the 72nd minute. With Milner sucked inside, Dier cut back on to his left foot and curled in a cross. Erik Lamela dragged Clyne with him and got a touch on the ball. It landed with Rose and his sliced shot beat Mignolet just inside his post.

That was 1-1. Spurs were in their ascendant period, during which Mignolet touched over a Lamela free kick and made a fine reflex save from Alderweireld's header at a corner. Christian Eriksen, from Dier's pass, should have equalised sooner but lofted his shot.

Liverpool pursued victory with greater intent in the closing moments and Wijnaldum might have had a penalty when his shot struck Alderweireld's arm. Alderweireld made a magnificent interception to foil Lallana in stoppage time, on a flashing Liverpool break. Spurs couldn't live with those in the first half: maybe for the first time a Pochettino team found itself outrun. Klopp's tactic was to try to release Mane with early passes and the forward kept veering in from the right to chase through balls. Only Vorm's bold forays saved Spurs.

Phillipe Coutinho missed when Roberto Firmino squared to him, when Mane chipped to him, when he cut inside from Milner's pass and with several long-range shots.

Liverpool's one decisive moment was from the spot. With Spurs stretched by the visitors' speed, Lamela got the wrong side of Firmino and clipped him. Klopp could not watch the spot kick, but Milner converted with a calmness that in this match was the exception not the norm.

Tottenham: Vorm 8, Walker 5 (Janssen 28min, 6), Alderweireld 7, Vertonghen 6, Rose 7, Dier 8, Wanyama 6, Lamela 5, Alli 7, Eriksen 6 (Winks 90+3min 5), Kane 5 (Onomah 83min, 5) Liverpool: Mignolet 8, Clyne 7, Matip 6, Lovren 7, Milner 6, Wijnaldum 6, Henderson 7, Lallana 6 (Stewart 90+3min, 5), Mane 7 (Sturridge 88min, 5), Firmino 6, Coutinho 5 (Origi 69min, 5)

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Danny Rose's second-half strike gave Tottenham a point after Liverpool looked on course for a second successive away win in north London.

Liverpool beat Arsenal 4-3 at Emirates Stadium on the opening weekend of the Premier League season and were in control through James Milner's penalty, scored just before the break after Erik Lamela fouled Philippe Coutinho.

Tottenham goalkeeper Michel Vorm had earlier saved brilliantly from Coutinho, and Joel Matip had glanced a header off the bar, as Liverpool tried to make the most of their superiority. Mauricio Pochettino's side finally roused themselves and after Liverpool keeper Simon Mignolet saved superbly from Toby Alderweireld's header, Rose arrived at the far post to take Eric Dier's cross under control and drive in a low finish to earn Spurs a point. Liverpool also had a goal ruled out after a controversial offside decision against Sadio Mane.

Jurgen Klopp's reign as Liverpool manager started at White Hart Lane last October in a game that ended in a draw - the result may have been the same here but this is much more like the German's side.

Liverpool still have a maddening streak of inconsistency that sees them deliver results such as the 2-0 defeat at Burnley last week but this performance, and the opening weekend win at Arsenal, are significant signposts for the future.

Here, Liverpool will feel they should have had the three points wrapped up before Spurs finally showed some of their true form to come back and get a point.

Liverpool played with more energy and urgency for the first hour, pressurising Spurs as Klopp demands, and had a volley from Sadio Mane not been disallowed for offside the home side may well have struggled to secure a point.

Klopp urged on in typically animated fashion and it was only a lack of a killer touch from his side that prevented another victory.

Klopp was able to give summer signing Matip a taste of Premier League life as he wrestled with Vincent Janssen, while the pace and goal threat of Mane gives Liverpool an extra dimension - although he sailed very close to the wind after getting a yellow card in the first half.

It was another day of frustration for Daniel Sturridge, however, restricted to a three-minute appearance as a substitute as the clock ran down.

As Match Of The Day pundit Martin Keown said, Liverpool remain a work in progress - but this showed they are making strides forward after Klopp made his bow here last season.

Spurs struggling to spark

Tottenham have laboured so far this season, even though they still remain unbeaten after three Premier League games.

They were second best to Liverpool for an hour and there was as much relief as celebration around White Hart Lane when Rose drove in that equaliser.

Harry Kane made a slow start last season so there is no cause for concern but he struggled again and was substituted even though Spurs were trying to force a winner after getting back in the game. Burly summer signing Janssen will take time to adapt and while Victor Wanyama, bought from Southampton, is an effective destructive force rather than a creator. One significant statistic proves how much Spurs miss the injured Moussa Dembele - Kane has scored 24 goals in 27 games playing with him and one in 12 without him.

Spurs have plenty of room for improvement - and they have the quality, determination and the manager to be back to their best sooner rather than later.

Man of the match - James Milner (Liverpool)

What they said:

Tottenham boss Mauricio Pochettino: "It was a game that if you look at the stats it was 50-50. Liverpool are a team who want to play and win titles and I think we are in the same way. It was a fair result."

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp: "When you take a point at Tottenham for 99% of teams it would be a good thing but we saw the game different. We played a very good away game against a very strong side. We showed we can be good. We played football and defended really good."

What's next?

After the international break Tottenham travel to Stoke City on Saturday, 10 September hoping for a similar result to the emphatic 4-0 victory they secured at the Britannia Stadium last season. With Liverpool's redevelopment of Anfield nearing completion, Klopp's side will play their first home fixture of the season against Premier League champions Leicester City in the tea-time kick-off on the same day.

The stats you need to know

James Milner has scored in 42 Premier League games without losing. Only Darius Vassell (46 games) has scored in more without defeat.

Milner has scored against Spurs with three different clubs (Aston Villa, Newcastle and Liverpool). Tottenham scored their first goal against Liverpool at White Hart Lane in 416 minutes of Premier League football - their previous goal was by Gareth Bale in November 2012.

Liverpool are without an away Premier League clean sheet in eight games, their longest run since November 2006. Danny Rose has scored six of his eight Premier League goals at White Hart Lane, including each of the last five.

Harry Kane has played 10 Premier League games in the month of August without scoring a single goal. Referee Robert Madley has now awarded 15 penalties in the Premier League since the start of last season, only Mike Dean (16) has awarded more. This fixture has now seen the joint-most penalties taken in Premier League history (20, level with Everton v Newcastle).

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Match ends, Tottenham Hotspur 1, Liverpool 1.
90'+4' Second Half ends, Tottenham Hotspur 1, Liverpool 1.
90'+4' Joel Matip (Liverpool is shown the yellow card.
90'+4' Substitution, Liverpool. Kevin Stewart replaces Adam Lallana.
90'+3' Substitution, Tottenham Hotspur. Harry Winks replaces Christian Eriksen.
90'+3' Offside, Tottenham Hotspur. Dele Alli tries a through ball, but Josh Onomah is caught offside.
90'+2' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Toby Alderweireld.
90'+2' Attempt blocked. Adam Lallana (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is blocked. Assisted by Roberto Firmino.
90' Attempt blocked. Georginio Wijnaldum (Liverpool right footed shot from the left side of the box is blocked. Assisted by Roberto Firmino.
89' Attempt missed. Victor Wanyama (Tottenham Hotspur right footed shot from outside the box misses to the right. Assisted by Erik Lamela.
88' Substitution, Liverpool. Daniel Sturridge replaces Sadio Mané.
85' Jordan Henderson (Liverpool is shown the yellow card.
85' Foul by Jordan Henderson (Liverpool).
85' Dele Alli (Tottenham Hotspur wins a free kick in the defensive half.
85' Attempt missed. Toby Alderweireld (Tottenham Hotspur header from the centre of the box is too high. Assisted by Christian Eriksen with a cross following a corner.
84' Corner, Tottenham Hotspur. Conceded by James Milner.
83' Offside, Tottenham Hotspur. Jan Vertonghen tries a through ball, but Eric Dier is caught offside.
83' Substitution, Tottenham Hotspur. Josh Onomah replaces Harry Kane.
80' Attempt missed. Nathaniel Clyne (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box misses to the left. Assisted by Adam Lallana.
80' Attempt blocked. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool right footed shot from the left side of the box is blocked. Assisted by Adam Lallana.
79' Foul by Roberto Firmino (Liverpool).
79' Harry Kane (Tottenham Hotspur wins a free kick in the defensive half.
77' Dele Alli (Tottenham Hotspur is shown the yellow card.
77' Dejan Lovren (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
77' Foul by Vincent Janssen (Tottenham Hotspur).
74' Foul by Jordan Henderson (Liverpool).
74' Dele Alli (Tottenham Hotspur wins a free kick in the defensive half.
73' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Jan Vertonghen.
72' Goal! Tottenham Hotspur 1, Liverpool 1. Danny Rose (Tottenham Hotspur left footed shot from the left side of the box to the bottom left corner. Assisted by Erik Lamela with a headed pass.
70' Offside, Liverpool. Nathaniel Clyne tries a through ball, but Divock Origi is caught offside.
69' Substitution, Liverpool. Divock Origi replaces Philippe Coutinho.
68' Foul by Roberto Firmino (Liverpool).
68' Dele Alli (Tottenham Hotspur wins a free kick in the defensive half.
64' Corner, Tottenham Hotspur. Conceded by Simon Mignolet.
64' Attempt saved. Toby Alderweireld (Tottenham Hotspur header from the centre of the box is saved in the bottom left corner. Assisted by Christian Eriksen with a cross.
64' Corner, Tottenham Hotspur. Conceded by Simon Mignolet.
64' Attempt saved. Erik Lamela (Tottenham Hotspur left footed shot from a difficult angle and long range on the right is saved in the top centre of the goal.
63' Dejan Lovren (Liverpool is shown the yellow card.
63' Foul by Dejan Lovren (Liverpool).
63' Vincent Janssen (Tottenham Hotspur wins a free kick on the right wing.
62' Attempt missed. Christian Eriksen (Tottenham Hotspur left footed shot from the centre of the box is too high. Assisted by Eric Dier.
57' Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
57' Foul by Toby Alderweireld (Tottenham Hotspur).
56' Offside, Liverpool. Georginio Wijnaldum tries a through ball, but Adam Lallana is caught offside.
55' Foul by Jordan Henderson (Liverpool).
55' Dele Alli (Tottenham Hotspur wins a free kick in the attacking half.
54' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Danny Rose.
54' Attempt blocked. Nathaniel Clyne (Liverpool right footed shot from the right side of the box is blocked. Assisted by Philippe Coutinho.
53' Joel Matip (Liverpool hits the bar with a header from very close range. Assisted by James Milner with a cross following a corner.
52' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Eric Dier.
51' Jan Vertonghen (Tottenham Hotspur is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.
51' Sadio Mané (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.
51' Foul by Jan Vertonghen (Tottenham Hotspur).
51' Attempt missed. Christian Eriksen (Tottenham Hotspur right footed shot from outside the box misses to the left. Assisted by Victor Wanyama.
49' Dejan Lovren (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
49' Foul by Dele Alli (Tottenham Hotspur).
49' Offside, Liverpool. Sadio Mané tries a through ball, but Adam Lallana is caught offside.
48' Delay over. They are ready to continue.
48' Delay in match Danny Rose (Tottenham Hotspur because of an injury.
47' Attempt missed. Georginio Wijnaldum (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is close, but misses the top left corner. Assisted by Roberto Firmino.
46' Georginio Wijnaldum (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
46' Foul by Vincent Janssen (Tottenham Hotspur).
Second Half begins Tottenham Hotspur 0, Liverpool 1.
45'+4' First Half ends, Tottenham Hotspur 0, Liverpool 1.
45'+3' Corner, Tottenham Hotspur. Conceded by James Milner.

45'+2' Foul by Joel Matip (Liverpool).
45'+2' Harry Kane (Tottenham Hotspur wins a free kick in the defensive half.
45'+1' Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool is shown the yellow card.
45'+1' Foul by Dejan Lovren (Liverpool).
45'+1' Harry Kane (Tottenham Hotspur wins a free kick in the defensive half.
43' Goal! Tottenham Hotspur 0, Liverpool 1. James Milner (Liverpool converts the penalty with a right footed shot to the bottom left corner.
42' Penalty Liverpool. Roberto Firmino draws a foul in the penalty area.
42' Penalty conceded by Erik Lamela (Tottenham Hotspur after a foul in the penalty area.
42' Roberto Firmino (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
42' Foul by Toby Alderweireld (Tottenham Hotspur).
40' Offside, Liverpool. Philippe Coutinho tries a through ball, but Sadio Mané is caught offside.
37' Foul by Roberto Firmino (Liverpool).
37' Dele Alli (Tottenham Hotspur wins a free kick in the defensive half.
34' Foul by Sadio Mané (Liverpool).
34' Danny Rose (Tottenham Hotspur wins a free kick in the defensive half.
34' Foul by Nathaniel Clyne (Liverpool).
34' Jan Vertonghen (Tottenham Hotspur wins a free kick in the defensive half.
32' Sadio Mané (Liverpool is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.
32' Foul by Sadio Mané (Liverpool).
32' Dele Alli (Tottenham Hotspur wins a free kick in the defensive half.
30' Attempt blocked. Dele Alli (Tottenham Hotspur right footed shot from the centre of the box is blocked. Assisted by Erik Lamela.
29' Danny Rose (Tottenham Hotspur is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.
29' Roberto Firmino (Liverpool wins a free kick on the right wing.
29' Foul by Danny Rose (Tottenham Hotspur).
28' Sadio Mané (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.
28' Foul by Danny Rose (Tottenham Hotspur).
28' Foul by Dejan Lovren (Liverpool).
28' Vincent Janssen (Tottenham Hotspur wins a free kick on the right wing.
28' Substitution, Tottenham Hotspur. Vincent Janssen replaces Kyle Walker because of an injury.
28' Delay over. They are ready to continue.
26' Delay in match Kyle Walker (Tottenham Hotspur because of an injury).
26' Attempt saved. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool left footed shot from the left side of the box is saved in the bottom left corner. Assisted by Sadio Mané.
24' Offside, Liverpool. James Milner tries a through ball, but Sadio Mané is caught offside.
23' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Kyle Walker.
23' Attempt blocked. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from the left side of the box is blocked. Assisted by James Milner.
21' Foul by Dejan Lovren (Liverpool).
21' Dele Alli (Tottenham Hotspur wins a free kick on the left wing.
20' Dejan Lovren (Liverpool wins a free kick on the left wing.
20' Foul by Harry Kane (Tottenham Hotspur).
19' Foul by Jordan Henderson (Liverpool).
19' Harry Kane (Tottenham Hotspur wins a free kick in the attacking half.
18' Attempt missed. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box misses to the right. Assisted by Roberto Firmino.
13' Offside, Liverpool. Sadio Mané tries a through ball, but Philippe Coutinho is caught offside.
13' Attempt blocked. Sadio Mané (Liverpool right footed shot from the right side of the box is blocked. Assisted by Georginio Wijnaldum.
13' Attempt missed. Dele Alli (Tottenham Hotspur left footed shot from outside the box is high and wide to the left.
11' Erik Lamela (Tottenham Hotspur wins a free kick in the defensive half.
11' Foul by Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool).
10' Foul by Jan Vertonghen (Tottenham Hotspur).
10' Sadio Mané (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.
8' Attempt blocked. Toby Alderweireld (Tottenham Hotspur right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Victor Wanyama.
6' Corner, Tottenham Hotspur. Conceded by Georginio Wijnaldum.
6' Attempt saved. Christian Eriksen (Tottenham Hotspur right footed shot from a difficult angle and long range on the left is saved in the top right corner.
5' Danny Rose (Tottenham Hotspur wins a free kick on the left wing.
5' Foul by Sadio Mané (Liverpool).
5' Attempt saved. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the bottom left corner. Assisted by Roberto Firmino.
First Half begins.
Lineups are announced and players are warming up.