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THE TIMES

Swaggering Liverpool go top with rout

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It is a year, almost to the day, since Jurgen Klopp complained of feeling all alone, isolated on the touchline while around him supporters streamed towards the exits. He finds himself on his own again today, although this new location will be rather more to his liking. Liverpool are resplendent at the summit of the Premier League and clear of their rivals after a scintillating performance that showcased their credentials and, at the same time, highlighted just how far they have come under the manager's command. The manner in which Watford were unpicked and contemptuously swatted aside owed much to the attacking might that Klopp has assembled -- Sadio Mane and Philippe Coutinho initiating the rout -- but said plenty more about their nerve and hunger. It is one thing knowing a place at the top of the standings is there to be taken and another executing the performance that enabled Liverpool's ascent to arrive with the sort of swagger that will have reverberated all the way to London, north and west, and the blue half of Manchester. Expectation and pressure will, of course, now stalk Klopp's side, but there is precious little evidence to suggest that they will wilt in the coming months. The contrast with 12 months ago is stark. The anniversary of Klopp's first defeat as Liverpool manager falls on Tuesday, a 2-1 reverse to Crystal Palace resulting in fans vacating their seats long before the final whistle to prompt the German's lament. These days, Anfield is alive to the possibilities that stretch out before their team and the chant of "Liverpool, Liverpool, top of the league" was bellowed out with belief. Such is the momentum that they have mustered in recent weeks it was not that victory was unexpected, but that this developed into such a onesided mismatch was more unforeseen.

Walter Mazzarri has instilled a level of organisation to Watford's ranks that meant they arrived having succumbed just once on their travels so far this season and having kept three successive clean sheets. Yet Liverpool clinically, brutally and systematically ripped the visiting team apart, creating gaps with their constant movement that left those in white dizzy before playing off instinct around the penalty area to devastating effect. Within half an hour the contest had been settled and Watford were fortunate the deficit only yawned at three at the interval. The difference between this Liverpool side and that which stumbled at the last in 2014, losing top spot on May 7 as Manchester City overtook them in the final furlong, is that the responsibility is now shared. They play as a collective rather than following the lead of an individual, as was the case when the imperious Luis Suarez was wreaking havoc on a weekly basis.

It is a reality emphasised by Klopp's side having now benefited from 13 scorers in 14 games this season, a list that would have been expanded by Lucas Leiva had he not been denied by an early save from Heurlho Gomes.

What was impressive, given the chance to put down a marker, was Liverpool's initial profligacy -- Coutinho slid a shot into the sidenetting having jinked inside Daryl Janmaat and Roberto Firmino took aim with the outside of his boot when his foot needed to go through the ball -- did not shake them from their stride.

There was no panic. Klopp's charges stuck to their principles, pass and move, pass and move, and two goals in three minutes soon soothed any remaining nerves.

The rat-a-tattat of strikes brought breathing space and succeeded where Manchester City and Arsenal had failed before them this weekend.

A short corner between Coutinho and James Milner allowed the former to deliver a cross from the left, but that it amounted to anything was all about Mane.

He was alert, where Janmaat was leaden-footed, moving to the ball before glancing an excellent header up and over Gomes to conjure the breakthrough and bring belated reward for Liverpool's eager intent. Mane's contribution here, and in previous games, will have cheered Michael Edwards, the club's new sporting director, who, along with his staff, had tracked the Senegalese forward since his time at Red Bull Salzburg. Their assessments aligned with that of Klopp when discussing about pushing for the player in the summer and he is proving everything that they hoped he would be. One became two before a groggy Watford could recover their senses. Mane, Firmino and Adam Lallana, whose fingerprints seemed to be over everything good his side attempted, were involved before Coutinho continued his rich vein of form by cutting inside and burying a shot through the legs of Younes Kaboul and beyond Gomes.

Gomes would take no further part, a knee injury meaning he was replaced by Costel Pantilimon in the aftermath of Coutinho's strike, yet Watford could have played them both at the same time to no avail. Liverpool's rampage continued at a pace and it should serve as some consolation to Mazzarri that this became the fifth time in 11 league games that Klopp witnessed his team score four or more. A long goal kick from Loris Karius was touched on by Firmino and Coutinho before Lallana provided further impetus with a measured centre that picked out Emre Can at the far post and his header, back across goal, was a delight.

The fourth arrived when Firmino dispatched Lallana's low centre in the 57th minute before the Brazilian turned creator, bamboozling Jose Holebas, to tee up Mane for his second of the game. There was time for Liverpool to concede their obligatory goal and a clean sheet to remain elusive. Karius was finally beaten by Janmaat's leftfoot shot into the corner from just inside the penalty area having earlier denied Etienne Capoue twice and Miguel Britos as the home side momentarily lifted their foot from the floor. Perfection is clearly still to be pursued. Even then Daniel Sturridge, introduced when Watford must have

thought their afternoon could not get any worse, struck the frame of the goal twice before his fierce shot was pushed out by Pantilimon for Georginio Wijnaldum to tap home his first goal for the club in stoppage time. That they were still wanting more, relentless in their approach, will have pleased Klopp the most.

RATINGS Liverpool (4-3-3): L Karius 7 -- N Clyne 7, J Matip 7, L Leiva 7, J Milner 7 -- J Henderson 7, A Lallana 8 (sub: D Sturridge, 71min), E Can 7 -- S Mane 8 (sub: G Wijnaldum, 63 6), R Firmino 7, P Coutinho 8 (sub: O Ejaria, 87). Substitutes not used: S Mignolet, R Klavan, A Moreno, D Origi. Booked: Wijnaldum. Watford (4-4-2): H Gomes 6 (sub: C Pantilimon, 33 6) -- D Janmaat 5, Y Kaboul 5, M Britos 5, J Holebas 5 -- N Amrabat 5, V Behrami 4 (sub: B Watson, 61 5), E Capoue 5, R Pereyra 4 (sub: C Zuniga, 86) -- T Deeney 5, O Ighalo 5. Substitutes not used: A Mariappa, J Sinclair, C Kabasele, A Guedioura. Booked: Holebas, Britos.

the guardian

Liverpool's Sadio Mané shows Watford no mercy to put Jürgen Klopp top

It is almost a year to the day since Jürgen Klopp stared in disbelief at Liverpool fans streaming out of Anfield before the end of a defeat by Crystal Palace. No one quits early any more. With his side top of the Premier League and turning on the style on a weekly basis, these are the days for Liverpool to savour.

Watford were not simply the fifth of six visitors beaten at Anfield this season but the latest team to feel and suffer the punishing effect of the formidable attack constructed by Klopp. Walter Mazzarri's side came with a proud defensive record to protect. It was obliterated inside 45 minutes as Liverpool swarmed to the Premier League summit for the first time since May 2014 with the kind of performance that suggests they might enjoy the view for a good while yet. Doubts may well surround Liverpool's defensive ability at set pieces but there was not a soul inside Anfield who would complain at getting first place and one intense attacking display after another in exchange. Once again, the incomparable front trident of Sadio Mané, Philippe Coutinho and Roberto Firmino punctured holes in the opposition backline. All three were on the scoresheet and Liverpool were three up before the break as Watford wilted under relentless pressure. The only surprise was that the visitors' record of not conceding a Premier League goal stretched to five hours and 25 minutes as Liverpool had eight presentable chances to score before Mané commenced the onslaught with a cute header. The Senegal international scored the fifth, too, before being substituted to a standing ovation. "If we still had Suárez," the Kop sang, "he'd be on the bench." That may have been tongue in cheek but the tribute to Liverpool's collective power was merited. They have witnessed 13 different goalscorers in 14 matches this season and 10 in the Premier League alone.

Watford also lost Heurlho Gomes to what appeared a serious injury to the goalkeeper's right knee on a galling afternoon for the men from Vicarage Road. They would have been behind early had Firmino, Lucas Leiva -- deputising for the ill Dejan Lovren in central defence -- or Coutinho not missed clear openings. Confirming Liverpool's threat is not confined to the front three, Emre Can and James Milner also had sight of Gomes's goal before the dam burst.

Mané was involved in almost every Liverpool break in the first half. He broke the deadlock when Daryl Janmaat switched off at a short corner between Milner and Coutinho, enabling the former Southampton forward to steal a yard on the defender and steer the Brazilian's cross home with his head.

Three minutes later it was two as Nathaniel Clyne, Mané, Adam Lallana and Firmino combined to invite Coutinho to attack Watford's central defence.

Liverpool's No10 duly obliged, cutting on to his right and driving a powerful low shot through the legs of Younès Kaboul and into the centre of the visitors' goal. Gomes was unsighted but also beaten easily as his knee gave way while attempting to correct his body shape. The keeper was helped off in clear distress by two members of Watford's medical staff. "It was a very bad knock but we won't know how bad it is until he has been checked in the next days," said the defeated manager. Can put the game beyond Mazzarri's team before half-time when he read Lallana's deep cross to perfection and headed the ball back across Gomes's replacement, Costel Pantilimon, at the far post. It could have been four in the first half but for Pantilimon tipping away a Milner free-kick that looked destined for the top corner. Number four did arrive from another flowing move, Lallana sweeping a low cross along the six-yard box for Firmino to convert at close range, before the Brazilian turned provider to set up Mané's second of the game. Jordan Henderson released Firmino clear on the right after winning a clearance from Pantilimon, he looked up, surveyed his options and rolled a perfect ball on to Mané's run for the striker to beat the keeper convincingly.

To their credit, Watford did not take the hammering lying down and Loris Karius had to produce the first impressive saves of his Anfield career from Étienne Capoue and Miguel Britos before Janmaat, in acres of space inside the Liverpool area, steered a consolation into the far corner. But there was never any chance of Klopp's side easing off.

Daniel Sturridge twice struck the crossbar after coming on for Lallana and it was his shot, parried by Pantilimon, that enabled his fellow substitute Georginio Wijnaldum to score his first Liverpool goal from the rebound.

Six goals and at number one. Klopp surveys a new main stand when he turns around to check for any early leavers these days. There is also a different team in front of him and different belief around him. Liverpool will take some stopping.

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KLOPP'S SIXY FOOTBALL; Mane leads the charge as rampant Liverpool put down title marker

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HE doesn't want to talk about it. He'll roll his eyes or puff out his cheeks or pull one of those faces to try to change the subject. His players do the same when the notion is raised with them.

Jurgen Klopp doesn't want to discuss Liverpool's title credentials, but he may soon find that impossible to keep up. With each passing week, and every thumping victory, this team is doing nothing to discourage chatter that they will challenge for the big prize.

Here they were presented with an opportunity to lead the pack going into the latest international break. Here their critics wondered whether this would be the weekend when they took a false step and conceded the initiative to Manchester City, Chelsea or Arsenal.

Yet here they were in all their attacking splendour, ripping Watford to shreds with a sizzling performance that yielded six goals and might have produced double figures had it not been for the woodwork and some erratic finishing.

'Congratulations to Liverpool because I am very, very impressed,' said Watford manager Walter Mazzarri. 'It is not only their psychology and their tactical play but on their running, their pressing... they are really a great team.'

Nobody was in a hurry to argue. Watford arrived on Merseyside unbeaten in four matches, having not conceded a goal for 298 minutes. They had climbed to seventh with organisation and obduracy their key virtues, and were not going to come bearing gifts.

Klopp had envisaged a difficult afternoon but, instead, it turned into one of the best he has enjoyed since he was appointed 13 months ago, with Liverpool scoring six for the first time since they thrashed Aston Villa on Valentine's Day.

This was so much more impressive, though. This was a collaboration of red shirts swarming forward, spreading chaos on their way. On one side Philippe Coutinho was casting magic spells, on the other Sadio Mane was a persistent, pacy threat. Through the middle, Roberto Firmino spread fear.

Starting with Mane's glancing header from Coutinho's 27th-minute cross, Liverpool's attacking trident scored four and in the process moved their combined total for the season to 16. Is there a better front three in the Premier League at present? No.

What makes them so difficult to contain is their unpredictability. None has a set position, all have licence to drift into the areas where they can cause damage. Watford's defenders had no idea where they were going to go from one minute to the next so how could they contain them?

And to think there were some natives in the crowd who voiced their anxieties about the way Liverpool started. There were groans in the opening 20 minutes after Firmino, Lucas Leiva and Coutinho squandered acceptable chances.

The pessimists foresaw a scenario where Liverpool failed to score and then conceded at a set piece, with either Troy Deeney or Odion Ighalo inflicting the damage. What they ended up seeing was an attacking performance on a par with anything Liverpool conjured when Luis Suarez was at the club.

Once Mane had lifted the tension, Liverpool relaxed and the lead was doubled on the half-hour when Coutinho scuttled on to a pass from Firmino and used Watford defender Younes Kaboul as a shield, firing a drive through his legs that nestled in the corner of the Anfield Road net. Watford goalkeeper Heruleho Gomes was carried off with a serious knee injury and his replacement, Costel Pantilimon, arrived just as Liverpool were building up a head of steam.

Two became three on the stroke of half-time when Emre Can scored for the second game in succession, applying the emphatic finish to Adam Lallana's inviting cross. Within 12 minutes of the restart, Liverpool's fourth goal arrived when Firmino finished from another Lallana centre. No 5 was the most simple of the afternoon, Mane tapping in his second from a few yards after Firmino latched on to a wonderful pass from Jordan Henderson and turned Jose Holebas inside out before firing a ball to the Senegal international.

If there was a criticism to be aimed at Liverpool, it was the fact they allowed Watford to score through Daryl Janmaat during a sloppy 10-minute spell in which goalkeeper Loris Karius made two further good saves, the pick of which came from a bending Deeney shot. One Premier League clean sheet in 11 matches is a record that must be improved.

Klopp, however, would not quibble too much and after Daniel Sturridge rattled the bar with two efforts, Gini Wijnaldum, another substitute, pounced in the six-yard box to become Liverpool's 13th different goalscorer of the campaign and complete the demolition. In his programme notes, Klopp made a point to those on the outside who have been tipping Liverpool as title candidates, saying he had 'noticed people are singing nice songs about us at the moment'.

But he will also have noticed the song that came from The Kop in the 90th minute.

'Liverpool! Top of the league!' they hollered repeatedly. 'Liverpool, Liverpool! Top of the league!' How long will they stay there? Klopp might feel it is a pointless question, with so many twists and turns to come.

But on this evidence, Liverpool won't relinquish that position any time soon. Their potential -- and their credentials -- are there for all to see.

The Daily Telegraph

Liverpool rise to the summit with rampant display

The last time Liverpool went top of the Premier League their fans were in tears. There was only euphoria as they returned to the summit with an emphatic victory over Watford yesterday.

It has been an arduous journey in the two years since a draw at Crystal Palace put Liverpool a point clear of Manchester City in May 2014. That was when Dwight Gayle ended Brendan Rodgers's title hopes in a notorious 3-3 draw.

Only one player, Lucas Leiva, started that night and began in the side that put Liverpool back, temporarily at least, on their perch. So much has changed, as underlined by the compelling, destructive nature of this 6-1 win. This feels like uncharted territory for Liverpool in the Premier League era.

They have had a few title challenges in the last 26 years - three, maybe four at a stretch - but none similar to what is emerging this season; none that carried such credibility and authority in early November; none that possessed a side of such panache and fluency.

The most recent challenges that materialised in 2014 and 2009 evolved, a surge in the second half of a season offering hope in spring. In those campaigns they were chasing down superior teams before falling short. There was a sense of surprise more than belief. This feels different. It is different. Very different.

Suddenly, there is a prospect of Liverpool not only being front-runners but the side their rivals fear most. The Watford manager, Walter Mazzarri, declared Liverpool the best team they have faced so far - a significant compliment given his side have already played Arsenal and Chelsea. Arsenal's draw with Spurs presented the opportunity, but that made what followed for Liverpool more of a test. The pressure will only intensify as the expectations swell, so the response should not be underestimated.

Given the chance to go top going into the international break, Liverpool brutalised Watford, scoring three before half-time, and threatening far more before Sadio Mane headed Jurgen Klopp's side ahead on 27 minutes. That they had to settle for six was actually a travesty given the chances created.

They have now scored 30 goals in their 11 games, which is more than any previous Liverpool side at this stage of a Premier League season. To give that some perspective, Kenny Dalglish's league-title winning side of 1988, which many regard as the most lethal attacking unit in Anfield history, had scored only one more after 11 games.

Klopp's team have scored at least four in five of their fixtures so far, and most impressively look as though they are capable of doing so before half-time when they are in full stride. Philippe Coutinho and Emre Can ensured the points were secure before the interval on this occasion. If it was not for Heurelho Gomes, forced off injured just after the half-hour having worked overtime in the Watford goal to repel the assaults, the game would have been over within 20 minutes. But for his replacement Costel Pantilimon the hosts would have had 10.

Liverpool were fitter, faster, stronger. The visitors had nowhere to run, nowhere to hide. Thrillingly for the Kop, this is becoming a trend, and even after Roberto Firmino, Lucas, Coutinho and James Milner had missed easy chances there was a belief and patience the breakthrough would come.

It duly arrived thanks to a cleverly worked set-piece, Coutinho and Milner exchanging passes from a corner before Mane glanced the Brazilian's cross beyond Gomes.

Coutinho may have benefited from Gomes's discomfort when he added the second three minutes later, his powerful shot from the edge of the area was central enough to expect a fit keeper to make the save.

By the time Can headed the third just before the interval, Liverpool's move to the top was a formality. Firmino tapped in the fourth after an Adam Lallana cross on 57 minutes. Firmino fed Mane for the fifth on the hour as the visitors were seemingly ripped open at will.

To their credit, Watford did improve in the later stages, forcing keeper Loris Karius into action before Daryl Janmaat ensured a Liverpool clean sheet remains a rarity. If there remains one seed of doubt it is the lapses of concentration in defence, but to hear Klopp stating without a hint of irony that his side "could have played better when winning 5-0" summed up where Liverpool are at. Their drop in standard was brief and Georginio Wijnaldum scored his first goal for the club in injury-time.

A year ago Klopp was chastising his own fans for leaving the stadium too soon. You would not want to miss a second of what this enthralling side might do next. They may not win the title, but they are going to be part of the argument for the foreseeable future. "Liverpool top of the league," sang the Kop. It felt much better than last time. In fact, for those who have been waiting too long for a side capable of ending what will soon be a 27-year wait it felt as good as at any time since they last won this darn thing.

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THE INDEPENDENT

Reds issue firm title statement in hitting hapless Hornets for six

Prior to this stunning dismantling of Watford, Liverpool had not sat top of the Premier League since 7 May 2014. That was the morning after their Luis Suárez-inspired title challenge had received its final, fatal dent as they lost a three-goal lead in a 3-3 draw at Crystal Palace. By the end of the day, Manchester City had moved two points clear.

Anfield has witnessed so much change in the two and a half years since then, but it seems fair to suggest a fresh title challenge is now on the horizon. After all, the style with which Jurgen Klopp's side picked up the gauntlet thrown down by Chelsea – 5-0 winners over Everton on Saturday night – and grabbed the opportunity to climb above the Londoners at the summit by scoring six was a stunning statement from Jurgen Klopp's men.

Liverpool are a side showing an irresistible momentum. Watford had actually arrived at Anfield with three successive clean sheets behind them but were swept away by the speed and movement of Liverpool's play, spearheaded by the brilliant duo of Philippe Coutinho and Adam Lallana.

In the end the Merseysiders finished with five names on the scoresheet – Sadio Mané (twice), Coutinho Emre Can, Roberto Firmino and Georginio Wijnaldum all finding the net – and the biggest win of Klopp's reign. On an afternoon when they managed 17 shots on target, as well as two Daniel Sturridge strikes against the woodwork, it would have not been an injustice had they scored ten.

It was the fifth time Liverpool have scored four goals or more in the Premier League this season and the only blot on this outstanding performance was Daryl Janmaat's 75th-minute goal for Watford which denied Liverpool only a second clean sheet of the campaign.

The consequence of it all was that Klopp's men moved on to 26 points, a point clear of Chelsea – and encouragingly for those dreaming of Anfield's first championship since 1990, three points better off than at this stage of their near-miss campaign under Brendan Rodgers.

It was against Watford at Vicarage Road last December that Klopp suffered his heaviest defeat in England – a 3-0 reverse, as Troy Deeney and Odion Ighalo bullied the Liverpool back line – but here the roles were reversed, Watford rendered helpless by Liverpool's hungry, fluid and nimble-footed attack.

Even before the goal rush began they had been peppering the visitors' goal.

Firmino volleyed an early Lallana cross straight at Heurlho Gomes. Lucas Leiva failed to squeeze a shot past the goalkeeper following a Coutinho corner.

Liverpool were getting forward at such terrific pace that the chances kept coming. Coutinho ghosted away from Janmaat and shot into the sidenetting. The Liverpool No10 then slipped in Firmino but his compatriot scuffed his shot wide.

"The strange thing is we had the biggest chances before we started scoring," said Klopp. "We were really concentrated in the first half, it was really good."

The breakthrough came after 27 minutes, from a short corner routine after Gomes had saved at James Milner's feet. This Liverpool team might not yet have a star to match Suárez, the man who took them so close to the title in 2014, but Coutinho is getting there and it was his inswinging ball, following Milner's short delivery, that Mané glanced home.

The second goal showcased the incisiveness of the hosts' play. Mané's flick was picked up by Lallana before Firmino sped the ball on to Coutinho who, from the arc of the area, drilled the ball beneath the diving Gomes. That would be the last involvement from Gomes, who hobbled off with a damaged right knee moments later and left the stadium with the knee in a brace.

Within ten minutes Gomes's replacement, Costel Pantilimon, was picking the ball out of the net after Emre Can headed the third goal from Lallana's cross.

For all Liverpool's excellence, the visiting manager Walter Mazzari will not enjoy reviewing his team's defending. Firmino was unmarked in front of goal to tap in the fourth goal from Lallana's cutback after 57 minutes. The defending was no better when Firmino crossed for Mané to slot in the fifth.

Mazzari admitted the absence of defenders Sebastien Prodl and Craig Cathcart had not helped Watford but added: "Liverpool impressed me a lot. I knew they were strong tactically but today their running and pressing was incredibly good."

As Liverpool finally slowed down, Watford belatedly came to life, with Liverpool goalkeeper Loris Karius called into action to save well from both Etienne Capoue and Troy Deeney. Janmaat did beat him with a low strike from 15 yards but soon Liverpool were pouring forward again.

Substitute Sturridge struck the woodwork twice before Wijnaldum got his first goal for the club by slotting in the rebound after Pantilimon had parried yet another Sturridge effort. It means ten Liverpool players have now found the net in the Premier League this season. "It shows they all know where the goal is," said Klopp. They certainly do.

Liverpool (4231): Karius; Clyne, Matip, Lucas, Milner; Henderson, Can; Lallana (Sturridge 71), Mane (Wijnaldum 63), Coutinho (Ejaria 87); Firmino.

Subs: Mignolet, (gk) Origi, Moreno, Klavan.

Watford (442): Gomes (Pantilimon 33); Janmaat, Kaboul, Britos, Holebas; Amrabat, Behrami (Watson 61), Capoue, Pereyra (Zuniga 86); Deeney, Ighalo.

Subs: Mariappa, Guedioura, Sinclair, Kabasele.

Man of match: Coutinho

Match rating: 9/10

DAILY MIRROR

Anything Blue can do we can do better; FIVE-STAR CHELSEA ARE QUICKLY ECLIPSED AS KLOPP'S BOYS RUN RIOT

LIVERPOOL made an emphatic title statement with this simply stunning declaration of intent.

Jurgen Klopp's side took the benchmark set by Chelsea (right) a day previously, and raised the bar a notch higher as they tore a shellshocked Watford apart. Many observers wondered openly whether Stamford Bridge had witnessed the work of champions on Saturday evening, yet less than 24 hours later, the Reds offered a compelling response that oozed extravagant class and ruthless efficiency.

They could so easily have scored 10 at Anfield, and they did it not against bottom-dragging stragglers, but a Watford side that hadn't conceded a goal in their last three games, in five hours 25 minutes.

This was the same team that took Manchester United apart only a few weeks ago, and had risen to seventh in the table, yet the gulf between the sides was not just measured in league places, but light years.

Ominously, Klopp spoke of his side learning and getting better afterwards, yet in terms of their attacking options, fluidity of movement and sheer bewildering passing symphonies, this was close to perfect.

In fact, perhaps the only thing missing was a deadeye, clinical vision in front of goal.

Before Sadio Mane opened the scoring on 27 minutes, it is no exaggeration to suggest Liverpool could have been five ahead, with Roberto Firmino, Philippe Coutinho twice, Lucas and James Milner all spurning glorious chances.

Mane showed them how it was done with a fine glancing header from Coutinho's cross, but if the African started the rout, then the victory was firmly made in Brazil.

Coutinho and Firmino seem to have been having a personal duel in recent weeks to confirm which of them is the best player in the Premier League, and after this artful combination between them, it is still impossible to say.

Coutinho's ability to cut in from the left with his delicate, mesmerising touch and jinking movement is extravagant, as witnessed when he performed the feat to perfection to add a second three minutes later.

But if he was the executor of Watford, then it was Firmino who was architect of their destruction, with his ability to not only create space and create chances, but also to dictate the tempo of the game.

The third came just before the break, with the visitors thoroughly deflated when their keeper Heurlho Gomes was carried off after injuring himself trying to keep out Coutinho.

Emre Can tapped in from the inspirational Adam Lallana's brilliant cross.

Michael Oliver But if that seemed to be the game done and dusted, then Liverpool had different ideas by picking up the breathless pace after the break to score two more immediately.

Jordan Henderson and Lallana combined to give Firmino a tap-in, then the Brazilian repaid the compliment for Mane. In between, keeper Loris Karius produced a couple of good saves as the Reds eased off a little.

It allowed Watford a late goal as Daryl Janmaat ran into the box and finished well. But even then the home side were not done, with sub Daniel Sturridge twice hitting the bar and saw two great saves from Costel Pantilimon before Georginio Wijnaldum completed the rout with his first goal for the Reds.

At the end, they played Nothing's Going To Stop Us Now over the tannoy, and if that is a little presumptuous, then you still wouldn't be too keen to put your fortune on betting against it.

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Joy of six as Reds romp to Premier League summit

[Liverpool](#) outlined their title credentials as the Reds moved top of the Premier League with a stunning 6-1 demolition of Watford.

Sadio Mane's double was accompanied by goals from Philippe Coutinho, Emre Can, Roberto Firmino and Gini Wijnaldum as Jurgen Klopp's side ran rampant.

Even Daryl Janmaat's consolation to make it 5-1 could not dampen the mood around a joyous Anfield as Liverpool moved a point clear of Chelsea.

Klopp made two changes from the win over Crystal Palace last week, with James Milner replacing Alberto Moreno at left-back as expected.

Dejan Lovren's illness forced the German's hand, however, with Lucas coming in to replace the Croatian.

Knowing a win would send the Reds top, the home side struggled to gain control in a nervous opening 15 minutes – but soon burst to life with Lucas and Coutinho both missing good chances, with Mane the main instigator.

It was Mane who opened the scoring after 27 minutes, as Liverpool finally made their dominance count. Milner returned a short Coutinho corner back to the Brazilian, whose whipped ball into the box invited the winger to nod home.

Watford were reeling, and three minutes later, fell further behind. This time, Roberto Firmino would offer Coutinho the ball, with the no10 taking a terrific touch to bring it on to his stronger right foot. From the edge of the area, he pinged one into Heurlho Gomes' bottom right-hand corner.

Gomes' efforts to save that strike saw him taken off injured, but his replacement Costel Pantilimon could do little about Emre Can's third just before half-time, nodding home at the near post to convert a precise Adam Lallana ball.

If the visitors had hoped the half-time whistle would bring respite, those hopes were proved misguided within 12 minutes of the restart.

The Reds recycled possession from a clear free-kick into the danger zone and eventually sprung Lallana free, whose ball across the face of goal was tapped in by Firmino.

Firmino then turned provider on the hour mark, outworking and outmuscling Jose Holebas, allowing him to tee up Mane for his second.

Klopp took the opportunity to freshen things up from the bench, but that saw Liverpool lose a little momentum, with Watford staging a mini-revival.

The Reds were indebted to Loris Karius for a string of fine saves, most notably from Etienne Capoue, but was beaten by a low effort from Janmaat.

Daniel Sturridge, on as a substitute, would hit the woodwork twice but there was still time for Liverpool to put further gloss on the scoreline.

Wijnaldum, off the bench, tapped home a Sturridge effort in stoppage time to send the Kop home singing.

Watford Observer

Watford suffer six goal thumping as Liverpool run riot to go top of the Premier League

A rampant Liverpool hammered Watford 6-1 as the Hornets' four game unbeaten Premier League run came to an emphatic end at Anfield. First half goals from Sadio Mane, the superlative inducing Phillippe Coutinho and Emre Can put Liverpool in control at the break. Roberto Firmino got in on the act after the restart before Mane added his second and Darryl Janmaat pegged one back for the Hornets with his first goal for the club. Georginio Wijnaldum put the finishing touches on the result at the death as he prodded home to condemn Watford to their joint biggest Premier League defeat. Liverpool dominated from start to finish and could well have won by a greater margin in a victory which takes them to the summit of the table. Watford were defensively fraail and drop to eighth after Manchester United's 3-1 vicotry over Swansea.

With the international break taking place next week, Watford will look to lift themselves in time for the visit of champions Leicester on Saturday November 19. The task facing the Hornets upon arrival at Anfield was a daunting one as they came up against a Liverpool side which hadn't lost at home since January 26.

Walter Mazzarri's hopes were diminished further by Liverpool's imperious form, which has seen them lose just one league game this season and emerge as genuine title contenders.

The Italian made one change from the side which secured a 1-0 win over Hull City last week as summer signing Janmaat came in for Sebastian Prodl. Liverpool started like a side aware of the significance taking all three points would have as a fluid front three of Coutinho, Firmino and Mane proved difficult to marshal.

While Liverpool were undoubtedly in the ascendency a volley straight into the arms of Heurlho Gomes from Firmino was all they mustered in the opening 10 minutes. The Brazilian was called into far more strenuous work in the 17th minute after Etienne Capoue allowed Lucas to escape at a corner kick. Having controlled the deep delivery at the back post the stand in centre-back fired at goal from six yards only to be denied by Gomes as he slung himself to his right.

Jurgen Klopp's side were beginning to move up through the gears, however, as their attacking triumvirate started to impose themselves. Coutinho was tormentor in chief and a delightful first touch took him inside the over-committed Janmaat on the left wing before he fired just wide of the near upright. The Hornets were already hanging on and their resilience gave way with 27 minutes on the clock. Again Liverpool's number 10 was at the heart of things after exchanging a short corner with James Milner and crossing invitingly from the left.

The flight of the cross ensured Mane needed only a glancing header to send the ball beyond Gomes and give the hosts a lead their play deserved.

On current form Coutinho has to be a candidate for the Player of the Year accolade and the diminutive Brazilian added to Watford's woes on the half hour. Again he escaped the attentions of Janmaat with too much ease, stepping inside the Dutchman some 20 yards from goal, before setting himself to strike.

The sheer power of his effort took the ball beyond Gomes, who injured himself in trying to make the save and had to be replaced by Costel Pantilimon, and fizzed into the bottom left corner. Watford offered next to nothing in the opening half and the game was all but ended as a contest two minutes before the interval.

The ease with which the goal was created will be a cause for concern for Mazzarri after Miguel Britos challenged anaemically for a high ball and Coutinho shifted a pass wide to Adam Lallana. The former Southampton man's deep cross from the right hung invitingly for Can who arrived unchecked from midfield to head beyond Pantilimon at the back post. A 3-0 scoreline at the break did little to flatter Liverpool after an utterly dominant half in which they could easily have scored more. Unsurprisingly the intensity which has informed every aspect of Liverpool's play this season continued after the restart and they soon found their rhythm.

Watford's worries increased further in the 57th minute and again their defending was found lacking. Having only half cleared their lines from free kick, the ball was worked into Lallana in the inside right channel and he was given complete freedom to drill a low cross across the six yard box.

With the Watford centre-backs turned an unmarked Firmino tapped in to make it four before turning provider for the fifth moments later.

The fleet footed attacking midfielder is hardly renowned for his strength, but brushed past Jose Holebas to chase down an apparent loss cause. After retaining possession, he slipped a delicate ball between the defender's legs to pick out Mane who swept home his second.

The Liverpool fifth seemed to stir Watford and their best spell of the game followed with Capoue stinging the hands of Karius with a placed strike from the edge of the box. Liverpool's number one could do little to prevent the Hornets grabbing a consolation strike with 15 minutes to play after Amrabat and Janmaat combined well down the left. The Watford winger slipped a pass into his compatriot and the right-back placed a low shot across Karius and into the far corner. That was as good as it got for the traveling Hornets fans and Wijnaldum finished off the rout in the 90th minute. The Dutchman reacted quickest after Pantilimon had saved from Daniel Sturridge and tapped into an empty net to add further insult on a torrid day for the Hornets.

Liverpool: Karius; Clyne, Lucas, Matip, Milner, Henderson (C), Lallana (Sturridge 70), Can, Coutinho (Ejaria 87), Firmino, Mane (Wijnaldum 63)

Subs not used: Mignolet; Klaven, Moreno, Origi

Watford: Gomes (Pantilimon 33); Janmaat (Zuniga 87), Kaboul, Britos, Holebas, Amrabat, Behrami (Watson 61), Capoue, Pereyra, Deeney (C), Ighalo

Subs not used: Mariappa, Guedioura, Sinclair, Kabasele

Referee: Michael Oliver

Bookings: Holebas (foul on Mane 57), Britos (foul on Coutinho 80)

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Liverpool went top of the Premier League for the first time under manager Jurgen Klopp with an emphatic victory over Watford at Anfield.

Sadio Mane's acrobatic header finally put the Reds ahead after a host of missed chances, before Philippe Coutinho drilled in a second from 20 yards three minutes later.

Adam Lallana crossed for Emre Can to nod home before half-time and underline the home side's clear superiority - and the story was much the same after the break.

Watford were abject and Liverpool masterful as Roberto Firmino tapped in a Lallana cut-back before the Brazilian turned provider and Mane slotted in a fifth amid slack defending.

Georginio Wijnaldum completed the scoring in the 91st minute with his first goal for the club, after substitute Daniel Sturridge had struck the bar twice.

It is the fifth time Liverpool have scored four goals or more in the league this season, and made them the top flight's highest scorers with 30 goals from their 11 matches.

But Watford's consolation through Daryl Janmaat means Klopp's side have only kept one clean sheet in the league this season.

Pressure? What pressure?

After Manchester City **slipped up at home to Middlesbrough** and **Arsenal were held by Tottenham**, Liverpool's players knew victory would send them a point clear of Chelsea at the top of the league.

If there was pressure following the Blues' statement win - they **defeated Everton 5-0** on Saturday - Liverpool certainly did not show any signs of suffering from it.

Rarely will the home fans have seen their side perform so dominantly. The fluid play of Coutinho, Lallana, Mane and Firmino carved out chance after chance, and while Watford were at times sloppy in possession, there was little they might have done better to resist Liverpool's 28 attempts on goal.

With the speed of the home side's passing and the slick interchanging of positions in attack, Watford simply could not live with Liverpool. Five different players scored in a ruthless performance full of confidence, rhythm and flair.

So who needs a striker?

Sturridge was without a goal in his past nine league games and, having come on to replace the excellent Lallana, the England international played as if he had a point to prove.

But no matter what he did, the ball just would not go in.

Twice he struck the woodwork, once with a fierce left-footed drive that crashed against the bar as he drove in on goal from the left, later with a dipping strike from outside the box that Costel Pantilimon brilliantly tipped on to the bar.

Sturridge should then have done better when cutting on to his left and firing straight at the keeper, but Klopp will have been impressed with his forward's performance in the 20 minutes he was allowed.

The German was clearly very angry about one thing though - how Watford's Janmaat was allowed to ghost into the box and slot home Nordin Amrabat's pass.

Even with his side coasting towards victory Klopp was barking instructions to his players. The message seemed to be: more pressure high up the pitch, more movement off the ball in possession. They were the key attributes in this impressive win.

Man of the match - Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool)

Even though he missed what Klopp might have described as a perfect goal just before he was taken off to a standing ovation with three minutes to play, Coutinho was the outstanding performer in a stellar cast.

The Brazilian skied wildly over after Nathaniel Clyne launched himself into an interception on the halfway line, played a one-two with Firmino and cut back from the edge of the area.

That finish was lacking but of the minds and feet at work in front of the weary Watford defence, his were by far the quickest.

The stats you need to know

Sadio Mane has scored five goals in his five Premier League appearances at Anfield for Liverpool.

Philippe Coutinho has had a hand in eight goals in his past seven league appearances for Liverpool (three goals, five assists).

Roberto Firmino has scored five times and assisted three goals in his past seven league games for Liverpool.

Watford have conceded more goals today v Liverpool than they had in their past six PL games combined (5).

Adam Lallana has five league assists this season, with only Kevin de Bruyne providing more (6).

This is Watford's joint-heaviest defeat in the Premier League, matched by a 5-0 loss to Wimbledon in December 1999.

Analysis

BBC Sport chief football writer Phil McNulty

Liverpool have hit the Premier League summit and there can be no doubt whatsoever - Jurgen Klopp's team are real live title contenders.

The fact that there were five different goalscorers in Sunday's 6-1 win against Watford at Anfield sums up the strength and potency of a Liverpool side that has hit a red hot streak since that surprise 2-0 loss at Burnley in their second game.

Sadio Mane, Philippe Coutinho, Roberto Firmino and Adam Lallana have the pace, movement and threat to pose a danger to any side while captain Jordan Henderson has been a revelation this season.

Yes, questions remain about the quality of their defence and new goalkeeper Loris Karius but this current Liverpool teams carries a level of menace that has echoes of the Luis Suarez-inspired side that almost won the title in 2013/14.

And one more factor in the title equation.

Liverpool have already played title rivals Arsenal, Spurs and Chelsea away from home, claiming seven points with victories at Emirates Stadium and Stamford Bridge. No wonder confidence is high at Anfield.

Former Blackburn striker Chris Sutton on BBC Radio 5 live

It was a stunning display from Liverpool. It could have ended up double figures.

They blew Watford away, and have blown away most teams this season.

They look like they're going to go close. The fact they have no European football and can recover between matches will help, too.

Former Liverpool keeper Chris Kirkland

There is a different feeling now at Anfield. The expectation is back and the players are proving that is justified with their performances - week in, week out.

Former Leicester midfielder Robbie Savage

Liverpool, wow. The movement in those front players was incredible. They could have scored 10.

What they said

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp, speaking to BBC Sport: "When the result gives you the impression that it is easy there is a lot of hard work behind that. The result is wonderful and the performance is terrific.

"But Chelsea yesterday were not bad, Manchester City against Barcelona not bad, Arsenal great movement and Tottenham - oh my god. We need to be good.

"Good results and performances help confidence. We will send the players all around the world and hopefully they come back healthy for the big challenge of Southampton.

"There is nothing to celebrate in the moment - this is our responsibility to play well when you put on the red of Liverpool. It is all good until now."

Watford manager Walter Mazzarri: "You can lose at the home of Liverpool but we should not have lost like that.

"It has been a lesson for the future. This game has taught me many things, like the 2-0 defeat by Burnley.

"We will get better for next time and we will see a different performance after the international break."

On the injury suffered by keeper Heurelho Gomes, who was replaced by Pantilimon: "It is his knee, but I am not sure yet [how serious]. I am not sure if it's a twist or just a knock."

What's next?

Liverpool visit Southampton after the international break, on Saturday, 19 November. Watford host Leicester on the same day.

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Match ends, Liverpool 6, Watford 1.

90'+4' Second Half ends, Liverpool 6, Watford 1.

90'+3' Attempt blocked. James Milner (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Georginio Wijnaldum.

90'+2' Attempt blocked. Troy Deeney (Watford right footed shot from the centre of the box is blocked. Assisted by Juan Zuñiga with a headed pass.

90'+1' Goal! Liverpool 6, Watford 1. Georginio Wijnaldum (Liverpool left footed shot from the centre of the box to the bottom left corner following a corner.

90'+1' Attempt saved. Daniel Sturridge (Liverpool left footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the bottom left corner. Assisted by Roberto Firmino.

90' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Costel Pantilimon.

90' Attempt saved. Daniel Sturridge (Liverpool right footed shot from a difficult angle on the right is saved in the bottom right corner. Assisted by Jordan Henderson.

90' Offside, Watford. Nordin Amrabat tries a through ball, but Troy Deeney is caught offside.

89' Hand ball by Daniel Sturridge (Liverpool.

88' Georginio Wijnaldum (Liverpool is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.

88' Foul by Georginio Wijnaldum (Liverpool.

88' Juan Zuñiga (Watford wins a free kick in the defensive half.

88' Attempt saved. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool left footed shot from the left side of the box is saved in the bottom right corner.

88' Attempt saved. Daniel Sturridge (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is saved in the top left corner. Assisted by Georginio Wijnaldum.

87' Substitution, Liverpool. Ovie Ejaria replaces Philippe Coutinho.

86' Substitution, Watford. Juan Zuñiga replaces Roberto Pereyra.

86' Attempt missed. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is too high. Assisted by Nathaniel Clyne.

83' Lucas Leiva (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.

83' Foul by Odion Ighalo (Watford.

82' Foul by Georginio Wijnaldum (Liverpool.

82' Younes Kaboul (Watford wins a free kick in the defensive half.

81' Attempt saved. Daniel Sturridge (Liverpool left footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the bottom left corner. Assisted by Jordan Henderson.

80' Miguel Britos (Watford is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.

79' Emre Can (Liverpool wins a free kick on the right wing.

79' Foul by Miguel Britos (Watford.

78' Daniel Sturridge (Liverpool hits the bar with a left footed shot from the left side of the box. Assisted by Philippe Coutinho.

77' Attempt saved. Odion Ighalo (Watford right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the bottom left corner. Assisted by Etienne Capoue.

76' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Miguel Britos.

75' Goal! Liverpool 5, Watford 1. Daryl Janmaat (Watford left footed shot from the centre of the box to the bottom left corner. Assisted by Nordin Amrabat.

73' Attempt saved. Etienne Capoue (Watford right footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Troy Deeney with a through ball.

71' Substitution, Liverpool. Daniel Sturridge replaces Adam Lallana.

69' Corner, Watford. Conceded by Loris Karius.

69' Attempt saved. Miguel Britos (Watford left footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the bottom right corner. Assisted by José Holebas with a cross.

68' Corner, Watford. Conceded by James Milner.

68' Attempt saved. Etienne Capoue (Watford right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the bottom right corner.

67' Corner, Watford. Conceded by Lucas Leiva.

67' Foul by Lucas Leiva (Liverpool.

67' Troy Deeney (Watford wins a free kick in the attacking half.

63' Substitution, Liverpool. Georginio Wijnaldum replaces Sadio Mané.

61' Substitution, Watford. Ben Watson replaces Valon Behrami.

60' Goal! Liverpool 5, Watford 0. Sadio Mané (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box to the centre of the goal. Assisted by Roberto Firmino.

57' Goal! Liverpool 4, Watford 0. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool right footed shot from very close range to the centre of the goal. Assisted by Adam Lallana with a cross following a set piece situation.

56' José Holebas (Watford is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.

56' Sadio Mané (Liverpool wins a free kick on the right wing.

56' Foul by José Holebas (Watford.

55' Roberto Firmino (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.

55' Foul by Miguel Britos (Watford.

53' Attempt missed. Jordan Henderson (Liverpool right footed shot from the left side of the box is high and wide to the right.

52' Foul by Emre Can (Liverpool.

52' Odion Ighalo (Watford wins a free kick in the defensive half.

52' Attempt saved. Daryl Janmaat (Watford right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Odion Ighalo.

50' Emre Can (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.

50' Foul by Etienne Capoue (Watford.

48' Attempt missed. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is close, but misses to the right. Assisted by Sadio Mané.

46' Foul by Emre Can (Liverpool.

46' Etienne Capoue (Watford wins a free kick in the attacking half.

Second Half begins Liverpool 3, Watford 0.

45'+4' First Half ends, Liverpool 3, Watford 0.

45' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Costel Pantilimon.

45' Attempt saved. James Milner (Liverpool right footed shot from a difficult angle and long range on the left is saved in the top left corner.

45' James Milner (Liverpool wins a free kick on the left wing.

45' Foul by Nordin Amrabat (Watford.

44' Attempt saved. Etienne Capoue (Watford left footed shot from outside the box is saved in the bottom right corner. Assisted by Nordin Amrabat.

43' Goal! Liverpool 3, Watford 0. Emre Can (Liverpool header from the centre of the box to the bottom right corner. Assisted by Adam Lallana with a cross.

42' Attempt missed. Nordin Amrabat (Watford left footed shot from outside the box is high and wide to the left following a set piece situation.

41' Foul by Sadio Mané (Liverpool.

41' Roberto Pereyra (Watford wins a free kick on the left wing.

39' Foul by Roberto Firmino (Liverpool.

39' Miguel Britos (Watford wins a free kick in the defensive half.

38' Offside, Watford. Etienne Capoue tries a through ball, but Troy Deeney is caught offside.

37' Foul by Sadio Mané (Liverpool.

37' Odion Ighalo (Watford wins a free kick in the defensive half.

37' Attempt missed. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool header from the centre of the box misses to the left. Assisted by Adam Lallana with a cross.

35' Foul by Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool.

35' Nordin Amrabat (Watford wins a free kick on the right wing.

33' Lucas Leiva (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.

33' Foul by Odion Ighalo (Watford.

33' Substitution, Watford. Costel Pantilimon replaces Heurlho Gomes because of an injury.

33' Delay over. They are ready to continue.

31' Delay in match Heurlho Gomes (Watford because of an injury.

30' Goal! Liverpool 2, Watford 0. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box to the centre of the goal. Assisted by Roberto Firmino.

27' Goal! Liverpool 1, Watford 0. Sadio Mané (Liverpool header from the centre of the box to the top right corner. Assisted by Philippe Coutinho with a cross following a corner.

26' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Miguel Britos.

26' Attempt saved. James Milner (Liverpool left footed shot from the left side of the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Emre Can.

25' Attempt saved. Sadio Mané (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Nathaniel Clyne.

24' Attempt missed. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is close, but misses to the right. Assisted by Philippe Coutinho.

22' Attempt saved. James Milner (Liverpool left footed shot from the left side of the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Philippe Coutinho.

21' Attempt blocked. Emre Can (Liverpool left footed shot from the centre of the box is blocked.

21' Foul by Jordan Henderson (Liverpool.

21' Etienne Capoue (Watford wins a free kick on the right wing.

20' Attempt missed. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is close, but misses to the left. Assisted by Sadio Mané.

18' Offside, Liverpool. Roberto Firmino tries a through ball, but Philippe Coutinho is caught offside.

17' Foul by Emre Can (Liverpool.

17' Nordin Amrabat (Watford wins a free kick on the right wing.

17' Sadio Mané (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.

17' Foul by Roberto Pereyra (Watford.

16' Attempt saved. Lucas Leiva (Liverpool right footed shot from the left side of the six yard box is saved in the bottom left corner. Assisted by Roberto Firmino.

16' Attempt missed. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool header from the centre of the box misses to the left. Assisted by Philippe Coutinho with a cross following a corner.

16' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by José Holebas.

14' Foul by Sadio Mané (Liverpool.

14' Valon Behrami (Watford wins a free kick in the defensive half.

12' Attempt missed. Lucas Leiva (Liverpool header from the centre of the box misses to the right. Assisted by James Milner with a cross following a set piece situation.

12' Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool wins a free kick on the left wing.

12' Foul by Nordin Amrabat (Watford.

9' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Younes Kaboul.

8' Attempt saved. Nordin Amrabat (Watford left footed shot from outside the box is saved in the top centre of the goal.

7' Attempt saved. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Adam Lallana with a cross.

5' Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.

5' Foul by Daryl Janmaat (Watford.

3' Attempt missed. Miguel Britos (Watford left footed shot from more than 35 yards misses to the right.

2' Foul by Emre Can (Liverpool.

2' Troy Deeney (Watford wins a free kick in the defensive half.

First Half begins.

Lineups are announced and players are warming up.