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THE TIMES

Coutinho key to big finish from Liverpool

Liverpool 3 Mane 8, Coutinho 31, Origi 60 Everton 1 Pennington 28
 Referee A Taylor Attendance 52,920

Everton were bewitched by the swivels of Philippe Coutinho's hips and the way that he dropped his shoulder, but it was the shake of the head that Jurgen Klopp picked up on. Only 16 minutes remained, the outcome of the 228th Merseyside derby having conformed once more to recent history, when Liverpool's No 10 spotted that his time on the pitch was up and could not help but display his irritation. Coutinho should not worry. Over the next seven weeks, Liverpool will try to squeeze every last drop out of a player back to his beguiling best in a goalscoring display. The diminutive Brazil forward has seldom been like this in recent weeks, cutting more of a frustrated figure for whom shots would fly into the stands, rather than the top corner as here, and who would end up scurrying down culs-de-sac instead of foraging in open spaces.

Klopp had seen Coutinho's cameo for Brazil in midweek -- in which he also scored -- as they became the first team to qualify for the World Cup in 2018 and wondered if his magician had rediscovered his verve.

By the hour mark, the answer was emphatic with Coutinho brilliantly adding to Sadio Mane's opener and then conjuring an assist for Divock Origi. Not everything about international week proved to the Liverpool manager's dislike.

"Everyone could see his reaction [to being substituted]," said Klopp. "He could have [carried on making] a difference with his genius passing and his speed, but we really need him and, after his trip and playing the games for Brazil, 70 minutes was enough. "It was a fantastic game from him.

Absolutely fantastic. In both directions -- offensive and defensive -- that was really good. I am happy, happy, happy about this. His reaction is a positive, he wants to play football and felt like he could, 20 minutes more in his legs for Wednesday."

When Liverpool's season faltered in January, wins suddenly becoming elusive, the focus largely fell on the impact of Mane's absence on Africa Cup of Nations duty, but the malaise also coincided with Coutinho struggling for rhythm after an ankle injury. Mane is likely to miss Wednesday's home game with Bournemouth after damaging his knee in a tackle with Leighton Baines, but left Anfield insisting he was "OK" and allaying fears of a lengthy lay-off. It was too soon for Klopp to contemplate how best to compensate for the loss of Mane, but he has Coutinho to soften the blow. "Yes, we missed his speed," said Klopp when asked if he had learnt anything from Mane's previous unavailability. "When I came in [to the press conference] I was not that happy because he was injured, but I did not think about all this. Now you have given me this mindset and I feel really bad. We can cope with his absence, but we don't have a one for one replacement."

There is Origi, of course, and Klopp name-checked Daniel Sturridge and teenagers Trent Alexander-Arnold, who replaced Coutinho and is a star in the making in a variety of positions, and Ben Woodburn as options.

As for Everton, Ronald Koeman's press conference felt like he was reading from a prepared script for the second time in 24 hours.

On Friday, the Everton manager had drafted an attack on Martin O'Neill, the Ireland manager, in their latest tete-a-tete over James McCarthy and, on Saturday, he borrowed lines from the sort of speech that his predecessor, Roberto Martinez, might have espoused when talking about "controlling" the game and how "proud" he was of his team.

The switch to a three-man rearguard, in which Matthew Pennington was drafted in for his first appearance of the season, was supposed to provide resilience with key personnel such as Morgan Schneiderlin missing.

Yet while Ross Barkley and Ashley Williams managed to leave their mark on their rivals by foul means, Everton were ineffective when it mattered most. The first goal set the tone: Idrissa Gueye and Tom Davies missing tackles as Mane surged untouched from deep and found the corner of Joel Robles's net.

That an equaliser from Pennington brought false hope should be of little surprise.

Everton have not won at Anfield since 1999 and triumphed in only one of the past 67 derbies in which they have fallen behind (Peter Beardsley orchestrating a comeback in 1992), but the issue is not psychological. Instead, it lies at the feet and the reality that, overall, they still lack quality. Romelu Lukaku managed one touch in the Liverpool penalty area and if workrate can fall under scrutiny, then his manager and teammates did not threaten to utilise his talents in this -- or previous games against familiar foes. He has now not had a single shot in any of Everton's last three derby defeats. The downside for Liverpool is a favour from their neighbours away to Manchester United tomorrow would be helpful.

On this evidence, they might prefer to pin their trust in Coutinho and co and back themselves to stay in the top four.

RATINGS

Liverpool (4-3-3): S Mignolet 7 -- N Clyne 6, J Matip 7, D Lovren 8, J Milner 6 -- L Leiva 8, E Can 8, G Wijnaldum 7 -- S Mane 7 (sub: D Origi 57min, 7), R Firmino 7 (sub: R Klavan 90), P Coutinho 8 (T Alexander-Arnold 74). Substitutes not used L Karius, A Moreno, B Woodburn, M Grujic. Booked Can.

Everton (3-5-2): J Robles 5 -- M Pennington 5 (sub: G Barry 67, 6), A Williams 5, P Jagielka 6 -- M Holgate 6, I Gueye 5, T Davies 5 (E Valencia 66, 6), R Barkley 5, L Baines 6 -- R Lukaku 5, D Calvert-Lewin 5 (K Mirallas 82). Substitutes not used M Stekelenburg, J Kenny, A Lookman, A Kone. Booked Davies, Barkley, Williams.

the guardian

Liverpool's Philippe Coutinho quick to send Everton to derby defeat
 Liverpool kept up their top-four hopes with a second victory of the season over Everton, who were unable to rise to the occasion or even show much of a hint of their recent league form. The sides found themselves depleted after the international break, but in Matthew Pennington and Dominic Calvert-Lewin Everton threw in two players with barely a dozen appearances between them and no experience of Anfield. Liverpool were in control from the start and, truth to tell, won without having to be at their best. Everton still await their first win on this ground since the turn of the century.

Both managers said they were proud of their players' efforts, even though Jürgen Klopp was obviously happier with the result than Ronald Koeman. Both thought their side had controlled the game, too, which clearly cannot have been the case, but Klopp was rightly enthusiastic about Liverpool's finishing while Koeman accepted that the home side had the edge in quality and experience. "We had four boys aged 22 or less," the Everton manager said. "I'm not afraid to put young players in, it is the only way they will gain experience, and they played in a way that I like to see Everton play."

Klopp paid a classy tribute to Séamus Coleman in his programme notes and though Everton were missing other players, notably Morgan Schneiderlin and Ramiro Funes Mori, it was the patched-up right side of the defence where the unlucky Irishman normally operates that Sadio Mané exploited to give Liverpool an early lead.

After evading a Tom Davies challenge Mané carried the ball across the edge of the Everton area and Mason Holgate and Pennington managed to get in each other's way in their attempts to close him down. The two defenders were also obscuring the view of Joel Robles, so that when Mané hit a crisp low shot through Pennington's legs an unsuspected goalkeeper was down too late to save it.

Robles did rather better in preventing Philippe Coutinho extending Liverpool's lead midway through the first half, leaping to get a strong hand to a goal-bound shot. Even then the ball looped up and over the goalkeeper and would have gone in but for Phil Jagielka tidying up on the line.

Everton were not being overrun, they were holding their own in midfield without managing to set Romelu Lukaku or Ross Barkley free up front. The Liverpool defence was coping well enough with Everton's limited attacking threat until the visitors equalised from a set piece, Pennington drilling home from close range for his first goal for the club after Jagielka had got his head to a Leighton Baines corner.

The Everton supporters tucked away in a corner of the Anfield Road end celebrated noisily, only to be silenced within a couple of minutes when Coutinho succeeded in what he had been trying to do earlier and sent a curling right-foot shot into Robles's top corner. As soon as the Liverpool forward got away from Idrissa Gueye it was clear he was going to try his luck and though Pennington and Ashley Williams recognised his intention neither was able to get to him quickly enough.

For a Merseyside derby the first half was unusually open and entertaining, though two Everton players went into the book before the interval. Davies mistimed a challenge on Mané, while Barkley, who had already been spoken to for a foul on Emre Can, went over the top after showing too much of the ball to Dejan Lovren, catching the defender on the ankle when he had no chance of retaining possession.

Barkley seemed in danger of allowing his frustration to get the better of him once again. He has previous against these opponents, though 22 men remained on the field and it was an innocuous looking collision between Baines and Mané that resulted in Liverpool having to make the first substitution. Mané hobbled off and Divock Origi came on, putting himself on the scoresheet with virtually his first touch. Such was the opportunity presented by the Everton defence, with Williams and Jagielka missing in the middle, that Origi could hardly miss. Invited to beat Robles from the edge of the area the substitute confidently did exactly that.

There were further bookings for Williams and Can but with the result not in doubt the rest of the game passed off relatively peacefully. It might have been different had Everton pulled a goal back, but when Holgate had the opportunity from a Baines cross he headed tamely over. Lukaku might have done better, though the story of Everton's afternoon was that Lukaku was hardly in the game.

Everton can always rely on their neighbours to put any hint of a revival into perspective. Cue (to the tune of For He's a Jolly Good Fellow) "You haven't won a trophy since 1995".

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Coutinho proves just the trick for resurgent Reds

THE man of the moment had no wish to reflect on his heroics, as he made a dash towards the exit.

'I'm sorry! I'm sorry!' Philippe Coutinho said, scurrying past the waiting television cameras and microphones before heading off to meet his family. Having evaded Everton's attentions for the 70 minutes he was on the pitch, it was a suitable way for the Brazilian's afternoon to finish.

It was also the only episode for which he had to apologise. Liverpool's magician did not want to share his thoughts about the spells he had cast on Everton, ripping their aspirations to threads in the process, but others were only too happy to discuss the majesty of his display.

'They (Coutinho and Roberto Firmino) had such a long, long flight back from Brazil,' Liverpool defender Dejan Lovren explained. 'They did not even train with us! It was just a little session (on Friday) but they are such quality players. They don't even need to train.' After a spell in the doldrums, when he struggled to have an impact and looked short of confidence, Coutinho roared back at the most opportune moment, strengthening Liverpool's hold on a top-four place as the finishing line creeps into view. His frustration at being substituted was obvious. 'He could have carried on making a difference with his genius passing and his speed,' said his manager, Jurgen Klopp.

'But it was a decision because we really need him and 70 minutes was absolutely enough after his trip and playing the games for Brazil. It was a fantastic game for him in both directions.' This has to be the start of something significant for Coutinho, who scored a fabulous second goal in Liverpool's 3-1 breeze and created the final goal for substitute Divock Origi with a ball that sliced Everton's defence in half.

Not long after he had made his excuses to the media and left, one of his teammates was also reticent to speak. Sadio Mane, whose eighth-minute strike had set the wheels in motion for Liverpool, walked gingerly along the same stretch of corridor.

Again there were only four words but these were significant. Mane insisted 'I'm not too bad' in an attempt to allay fears that the knee problem that had ended his afternoon after 57 minutes was not going to end his season. He will discover the results of a scan today. His participation in Wednesday's game against Bournemouth is under threat and it is for this reason Coutinho -- who earlier this year signed the biggest contract in Liverpool's history -- must take on the baton if they are to reclaim a place among Europe's elite.

Mane, whose speed and slaloming runs and energy gave Everton nightmares, has been absent eight times this season. Liverpool have lost five of those matches, their one win coming at Plymouth in the FA Cup.

Everton had high hopes of winning at Anfield for the first time since September 1999 but this display felt like a surrender and Ronald Koeman's comments about him being proud of the display were risible. 'It is always difficult, especially in your first derby at Anfield,' said Phil Jagielka, leaping to the defence of a team who had four derby debutants, including goalscorer Matthew Pennington. 'To get back at 1-1 we could have calmed things down but we were always chasing the game. Hopefully it is something those lads can learn.'

SUPER STAT: This was Everton's 11th trip to Anfield in April -- and they are yet to win.

LIVERPOOL (4-3-3): Mignolet 7; Clyne 6, Matip 7, Lovren 8, Milner 6.5; Can 6, Lucas 8, Wijnaldum 7; Mane 7 (Origo 57min, 6.5), Firmino 7 (Klavan 90), Coutinho 8.5 (Alexander-Arnold 74, 7). Subs not used: Karius, Grujic, Moreno, Woodburn. Booked: Can. Scorers: Mane 8, Coutinho 31, Origi 59.

EVERTON (3-4-1-2): Robles 5; Pennington 5, Williams 5.5, Jagielka 5.5; Holgate 6.5, Gueye 5, Davies 5.5 (Valencia 66, 4), Baines 6; Barkley 5; Calvert-Lewin 5.5 (Mirallas 82), Lukaku 4.5. Subs not used: Stekelenburg, Kenny, Lookman, Kone. Booked: Davies, Barkley, Williams. Scorer: Pennington 28.

Man of the match: Philippe Coutinho. Referee: Anthony Taylor 6.

The Daily Telegraph

Liverpool fear run-in against the strugglers

There was a curiously blasé mood around Anfield at the end of Jurgen Klopp's third consecutive Merseyside derby win, appreciative applause rather than hysteria ushering the victors from the pitch.

Perhaps it was the sheer predictability. Yet again Liverpool were warned that the neighbours were coming to bully them on their own turf. Yet again it never materialised.

Everton inflicted a few bruises - a couple of Liverpool players threatened to show off their scars after the game - but not enough where it mattered.

Maybe the nonchalance had more to do with the Kop trusting their side to perform on these occasions - an 18-year unbeaten streak in the Anfield derby tends to breed reassurance - but within minutes the foreboding had switched from those wearily departing the away end after seeing an all-too-familiar withering across Stanley Park to the home fans anxiously studying the remaining fixtures.

After completing safe passage against challengers planning for European football next season, Liverpool must begin a troubling run-in in which Klopp's side do not face any of the top seven in their remaining games. Instead, their eight fixtures include trying to defeat five clubs battling to avoid relegation.

It is a perilous proposition. Obviously a more confident fan base might consider the most difficult impediments to top-four status overcome, but this has been a disjointed campaign. Liverpool's Champions League ambitions have been elevated with impressive wins such as this against those with the same aspirations, but undermined by the Premier League's strugglers.

Klopp will require no briefing on the questions coming his way when Bournemouth arrive on Merseyside in midweek attempting to complete a league double. In truth, the anomaly between Liverpool's form against the top clubs (still unbeaten) and the rest probably has more to do with the timing of injuries coinciding with fixtures against the bottom-half sides, rather than a deeper psychological or tactical issue.

The absence of Adam Lallana and Jordan Henderson was not as telling against Everton as might have been expected before kick-off - deputy Lucas Leiva was outstanding in midfield - but should goalscorer Sadio Mane join the list of casualties, Klopp's squad would be ominously stretched. The striker had a scan on his knee yesterday and the results are anticipated today.

"We can cope with his absence but we don't have a one-for-one replacement," said Klopp. "That is the truth and hopefully Daniel Sturridge can be available. If he is injured that is not cool, and that is why I don't feel 100 per cent happy. We have three days to find the solution."

The return to form of Philippe Coutinho will help, and the post-season lament for Liverpool will focus on how much closer they would be to Chelsea at the top of the table had the Brazilian not been injured in November. He has been back on the team-sheet for a while, but this was the first reappearance of his early-season form.

Despite scoring an equaliser at the Kop end, youngster Matthew Pennington was in danger of being treated for vertigo in the Everton defence, Coutinho brilliantly hitting the second goal and teeing up Divock Origi for Liverpool's third. Regardless of Ronald Koeman's upbeat assessment, this was too similar to the David Moyes and Roberto Martinez incarnations of Everton at Anfield. Romelu Lukaku was isolated and Ross Barkley was fortunate to make it to half-time, given several rash challenges.

Lukaku and Barkley are two of Everton's best players, but it must be a worry for the duo - or maybe more for their agents - that they have so far failed to leave a positive imprint at the toughest away venues. A debate will be held at Goodison this summer as to whether keeping the players or banking in excess of PS100million would be preferable. Barkley and Lukaku believe they belong in the Champions League, but given their price tags it remains to be seen how many Champions League clubs would agree.

Liverpool, in contrast, are eight games away from returning to the competition. Nobody needs reminding more than Klopp that, while they are edging closer, given recent history the route does not get any easier from here.

Reds fare better v the best Barkley should have apologised, says Lovren
 Liverpool defender Dejan Lovren says Ross Barkley should have apologised for a late challenge on him on Saturday. "That is the only thing I do not like," said Lovren. "If you make a hard challenge than be open about it and say sorry or something. Don't talk to the referee and say it was not a foul."

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THE INDEPENDENT

Does anyone fancy some marking, Liverpool?

Ronnie Moran, whose life and work were celebrated at Anfield on Saturday, was part of a management team which obsessed about fixing weaknesses and hated to talk about winning, so it is reasonable to reflect on what there was to worry about in the victory which extends Everton's winless run at Anfield to 18 years. Jurgen Klopp was surprisingly frank about the problem. Set-pieces were "still a question for us to find a real answer for" he said. "You can really be sure we are on this and working on this with a lot of different things, but it is not our best skill of our skills."

Schalke's Bosnian left back Sead Kolasinac, out of contract this summer, has been tracked by Liverpool but a more radical solution may be needed. Saturday represented one of the most ineffectual Everton performances in all of those 18 years and yet Liverpool's embarrassment might easily have extended beyond the corner from which they conceded a painfully soft equaliser. There were times in the second half when their zonal marking was not fit for purpose. There was also that perennial sense you get with them that a standard cross into the box at any time can give any opponent cause for hope.

A free-kick early in the second half had already almost brought Everton at 2-2 before Mason Holgate was given the freedom of Liverpool to leap for a Leighton Baines cross, which he somehow conspired to head over. As the Liverpool Echo memorably put it: "Does anyone fancy some marking?" Moran, former left back and club captain, didn't go in for technical defensive tuition during the years when Bob Paisley's side brushed all others aside. The philosophy was that you didn't need to be told if you played for Liverpool. It certainly feels like the side needs a new defensive anchor in there to lead the line and sort out the mess.

Injuries have been a problem. This was only the 13th time that Klopp has been able to field Dejan Lovren and Joel Matip together this season and there have been over 20 different defensive combinations in all. One of Paisley's articles of faith was a central defensive pairing who knew each other. Yet there is no disguising the muddle. "The organisation was ok, but someone blocked Lucas," Klopp acknowledged. "One step, it is too quick and then Joel couldn't make this step because it became his space. At the end it was a good set piece."

By most indicators -- tackles, blocks and interceptions - Liverpool are the Premier League's sixth best side, though that is not good enough, of course, for a club seeking one of the precious Champions League places and who -- after Bournemouth's arrival this week - travel to Stoke City and West Bromwich: both of whom will look to exploit this weakness.

They will be without Sadio Mane for at least this midweek and Klopp's prickliness when asked how he would cope demonstrated what a concern this is, with the hope being that Daniel Sturridge might be able to step in.

"Yes we missed his speed," Klopp said of Mane. "When I came in I was not that happy because he was injured, but I did not think about all this. Know you have given me this mind set and I feel really bad. What should we do now? How can we find a solution to replace Sadio Mane -- I would really like it if you thought about your questions..."

Everton's injury problems for Tuesday's visit to Old Trafford are considerably worse, given what a scorching baptism of fire Saturday was for Matty Pennington in the depleted defence. The usually plain talking Koeman offered an exaggerated and frankly ridiculous post-match assessment of his side's "face to face" combat with the enemy and briefly threatened to end the press conference. It was presumably his means of protecting the youngsters he had thrown in and who had suffered.

They've started flying a '1999' banner at the Kop end and chant that year now, seizing on the psychological burden which is attaching itself to Everton's long years without a win. It's akin to the ticker at the Old Trafford Stretford End that taunted Manchester City about their lack of trophies. But United were busy winning championships while they were ridiculing the neighbours. Moran, the attack dog of Paisley's back room team, would have been to first remind the red fraternity that local honours are satisfying but national prizes carry the real significance. You need a serviceable defence to claim those.

DAILY MIRROR

MEAN, MOODY MAGNIFICENT; Magical Coutinho revives the spirit of Suarez with his swaggering arrogance as he ran the game single-handedly..and then showed his frustration at boss Klopp for being taken off

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WHAT makes a great player? WT Talent, sure; mental strength too. Desire. All good answers.

Yet it is that indefinable quality of belief, arrogance in a sense, that perhaps makes the biggest difference.

This was the ingredient Luis Suarez added while at Anfield, to elevate him from a top player into a truly great one.

With him, there was a moment against Everton where Suarez confirmed that special quality, when he was accused of diving by David Moyes... and celebrated an inevitable goal in the derby by diving at the feet of the Blues' manager. Now that is belief.

On Saturday, we may have just witnessed another of those moments, in another seminal game between the Mersey enemies, a pivotal moment when a very good player takes a step up towards a higher level.

It was Philippe Coutinho of course. His performance alone was something we've not quite seen from the Brazilian in a Liverpool shirt before; an ability and determination to take the game by the throat and squeeze the life out of his opponents.

Coutinho has produced many moments of brilliance in a red shirt, but few sustained matches of imperious control as he did here. Yet it wasn't even the performance which was potentially careertransforming, as impressive as it was in showing he is finally ready to dictate games. No. The most telling contribution came in the 73rd minute, after he'd taken Everton apart with a Samba slalom and genius finish, and then created a third goal for Divock Origi.

It came as his number was raised to haul him from the fray.

Coutinho is used to being subbed and usually trots willingly to the line. Not here.

He shot a death stare towards his manager, violently shook his head at Jurgen Klopp, lowered his glare and avoided any form of trademark Klopp embrace.

That anger and defiance spoke volumes. He knew we was conducting Liverpool's symphony, and was destroying Everton. He knew he was the best player and could have added further punishment.

For once, he was prepared to say it...the quiet, unassuming little midfielder finally finding his arrogance.

Afterwards, even Klopp was inclined to suggest it was an important moment - a star accused so often of being too passive, too timid, showing fire and fight.

The German said: "His reaction was positive, yes. Everyone could see he was upset at coming off.

"He could have carried on making a difference with his genius passing and his speed.

"But we really need him and 70 minutes was absolutely enough after his trip and playing the games for Brazil.

"I am happy, happy, happy though. It was a fantastic game from him, absolutely fantastic, in offensive and defensive." It could be the game where Coutinho put up his hand to be Liverpool's next talisman, to follow the path to the highest level Suarez plotted at Anfield.

It could be required too, with Sadio Mane limping off, and certain to miss Wednesday's game with Bournemouth, even if the winger later said he was okay. Mane had started the party, scoring an equally fine individual goal, and even after Everton briefly exploited Liverpool's discomfort with zonal marking to allow Matthew Pennington to score his first goal for the club from a set-piece, the home side were still in control.

While the quiet man Coutinho may have come of age, the same can not be said of Everton's glittering duo of Romelu Lukaku and Ross Barkley. Both seem to be angling for moves in the summer, but there seemed little evidence of the viability of that.

Indeed, if a top club were to create a shopping list from this game, Coutinho would top it, closely followed by the excellent Roberto Firmino.

Blues' boss Ronald Koeman said: "It is hard to go into a game like this with so many young players, but they all showed great belief and confidence.

"We have to look to bring these players through. It's really bright for the Everton's future."

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Klopp's men ensure derby victory remains as inevitable as death and taxes

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Jürgen Klopp approached the triumphant Kop to deliver a flurry of fist pumps. The beaming Liverpool boss knew that this glorious victory was about so much more than just Merseyside pride.

His depleted Reds line-up had taken a big step towards achieving their ambition of Champions League qualification. And they had done it in style.

Talk of an Everton revival and potentially leapfrogging the Reds was silenced. **Liverpool's** top-four push received the perfect shot in the arm while the Blues' lies in tatters.

Benjamin Franklin once said there were only two certainties in life: death and taxes. But Liverpool outshining their neighbours on derby day can't be far off being added to that list.

Everton's long wait for a first win at Anfield this millennium goes on. Kevin Campbell's place in pub trivia remains as secure as ever.

Yet again the high-stakes nature of this fixture brought out the best in Liverpool. Yet again the Blues folded under the pressure of the occasion.

But for the three first-half minutes that separated Philippe Coutinho restoring the Reds' lead after Matt Pennington had cancelled out Sadio Mane's opener, the outcome was never in doubt.

Divock Origi's emphatic finish settled proceedings as Klopp became the only Liverpool manager in history to win his first three derbies.

Forget Ronald Koeman's bizarre assessment about Everton controlling the game. The reality is they were comprehensively outclassed as Liverpool cashed in on the key personnel the visitors were missing.

But for referee Anthony Taylor's generosity, the margin of victory would surely have been greater. It will remain a mystery how Ross Barkley remained on the field after an X-rated lunge on Dejan Lovren before the break.

Thankfully, the Liverpool centre-back avoided serious injury but victory did come at a cost with Mane limping off with a knee problem in the second half.

"I'm okay," said the Senegal international as he walked gingerly through the mixed zone pulling a suitcase. A scan will determine the extent of the damage.

This wasn't a day for angry recriminations, it was a time for Kopites to bask in the glow of a performance brimming with desire and commitment in all departments. How better to honour the memory of the great Ronnie Moran.

'Mr Liverpool', who was remembered before kick-off with an emotional minute's applause and a mosaic which read 'Bugsy', would have nodded in approval at the sight of Klopp's men tearing into Everton with such a show of force.

The Reds made light of the absence of the injured Jordan Henderson and Adam Lallana.

Anfield's little magician finally rediscovered his wand. Coutinho was outstanding – this was the player who tormented defences back in the autumn prior to the ankle injury which derailed his season.

Klopp had warned the Blues that Coutinho had returned from international duty with a spring in his step after his midweek heroics against Paraguay but they were powerless to stop him from wreaking havoc.

His eighth goal of the campaign was a beauty and he then created the third for Origi before departing to thunderous applause.

If Coutinho was the star of the show then there was no shortage of highly impressive supporting roles.

No wonder Klopp reserved his biggest post-match embrace for Lucas Leiva. The long-serving Brazilian midfielder, who got his first taste of the derby a decade ago, emphatically repaid the manager's faith in picking him as Lallana's replacement.

Lucas was immense as he thundered into tackles, won his aerial battles and kept Liverpool on the front foot. He epitomised the kind of controlled aggression that Klopp had demanded.

Lucas clearly relished every second of it - how glad he must be that he spurned Inter Milan's advances back in January. Whatever the future holds for him this summer, he richly deserves an Anfield testimonial.

Ahead of him, Emre Can and Gini Wijnaldum ran themselves into the ground as they pressed relentlessly and forced the Blues to cough up possession.

Behind him, centre-backs Dejan Lovren and Joel Matip did brilliantly to nullify the threat of Romelu Lukaku, who never looked like adding to his 22-goal haul.

Lovren hadn't graced the Premier League since late January due to his injury troubles and had fallen below Ragnar Klavan in the pecking order.

But the Croatian defender grasped his opportunity to shine with Matip typically ice cool alongside him.

There was no sign of tired limbs after the international break as the Reds quickly stamped their authority on the contest.

The hosts led inside eight minutes as Mane started where he left off in the previous derby with that dramatic late winner at Goodison back in December.

The £30million man burst goalwards after a clever one-two with the tireless Roberto Firmino.

Mane shrugged off the attentions of Tom Davies and got away from Ashley

Williams before drilling low into the far corner. Anfield erupted.

Coutinho had helped create the space for Mane with his intelligent movement and the Brazilian's influence on the contest grew and grew. Belief was surging through his veins.

Liverpool's energised front three continued to prey on the inexperience of Pennington and the ageing limbs of Phil Jagielka.

Coutinho went close before the Reds conceded an equaliser against the run of play in infuriatingly familiar fashion.

Jagielka flicked on Leighton Baines' corner and Pennington slotted home his first goal for the Blues.

Liverpool's response was swift with Coutinho taking centre stage. He surged forward with real intent, turning away from Idrissa Gueye and Pennington before planting it expertly into the top corner.

Everton lost their heads. Barkley, who was lucky to avoid a card earlier for a horrible lunge on Can, then recklessly planted his studs on Lovren's ankle. Klopp was rightly incensed that Barkley escaped with a yellow.

There was a scare early in the second half when Ashley Williams got on the end of Barkley's free-kick but Simon Mignolet, who was rarely tested, clung on.

With Origi replacing the injured Mane, Liverpool continued to press in search of greater reward. It arrived on the hour mark.

It was in this fixture last season that Origi was cut down in the form of his life by Ramiro Funes Mori's shameful tackle. The young Belgian has been trying to get back to those heights ever since.

But he took a welcome leap in that direction with this lively cameo. Origi had only been on the pitch for three minutes when he latched on to Coutinho's pass and hammered his first league goal since December past Robles from the edge of the box.

There was much to admire about Origi's all-round display as he continued to put himself about.

Mignolet clawed away Mason Holgate's deflected effort before teenager Trent Alexander-Arnold was denied a dream goal by Robles' acrobatic save on his derby bow.

Klopp's slick Liverpool were worthy winners as Everton departed with that same old sinking feeling.

MAN OF THE MATCH. Philippe Coutinho. Back to his brilliant best.

LIVERPOOL (4-3-3): Mignolet, Clyne, Lovren, Matip, Milner, Lucas, Can, Wijnaldum, Coutinho (Alexander-Arnold 73), Mane (Origi 57), Firmino (Klavan 90). Subs: Karius, Moreno, Grujic, Woodburn. **BOOKING:** Can. **GOALS:** Mane 8, Coutinho 31, Origi 60.

EVERTON (3-4-3): Robles, Pennington (Barry 67), Williams, Jagielka, Holgate, Gueye, Davies (Valencia 67), Baines, Barkley, Calvert-Lewin (Mirallas 82), Lukaku. Subs: Stekelenburg, Kenny, Lookman, Kone. **BOOKINGS:** Davies, Barkley, Williams. **GOAL:** Pennington 28.

REFEREE: Anthony Taylor.

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Reds ease to derby win and leave Toffees feeling blue

It was not en masse but minute sixty and already, it was time for some individuals in the away end to make for the exit gangway and hit the wet tarmac of Anfield Road; chins nuzzled into breasts, hands in pockets.

It had been a Merseyside derby with fury, goals and a possible recovery making what would have been a brilliant story. But ultimately, it was the same old outcome for Everton, whose winless run at Anfield stretches into a nineteenth year. Three-one down, the early leavers considered the matter unsalvageable. They have been here so often.

Everton were not well-beaten here but they were beaten deservedly by a Liverpool team that in theory, should qualify for Champions League when you weigh up their current position in the league and the opponents they must face between now and the end of the season.

It was not a perfect afternoon, however. Sadio ManA[c]'s injury was agonising and the way he went down, the way he tried to carry on, the way he realised he could not by falling for a second time because of the pain in his leg suggested he might not appear for Liverpool in a while, adding to Jurgen Klopp's injury problems.

Klopp, indeed, had spent Friday mulling over the advantages of a tactical shift in light of Adam Lallana's absence through injury and the short amount of time he had to prepare for the game. The same thoughts must have crossed Ronald Koeman's mind considering three players that featured in their most recent victory over Hull City were not available after "the worst" international break in his career as a manager.

The upshot was, Klopp decided to stick with the formation he has used throughout the campaign while Koeman tried to hide the gaps across his team by deploying a back three. Perhaps the lack of preparation time available to the managers made it a better spectacle than it might have been otherwise. Perhaps it meant defensive strategies were not overthought and this led to a more open game. The first half was gloriously chaotic and not the type of derby anyone would have expected.

Liverpool led, Everton pegged them back but within a couple of minutes Liverpool were in front again. By half-time, Everton were in a nightmarish sort of position because it had seemed the day was going their way, having clawed themselves back into the contest following ManA[c]'s opener, which involved a sprint from deep and a calm left foot finish.

So, when a twenty-two-year-old locally born centre half scores his first goal for the club in only his third start -- when it's an equaliser and it's right in front of the Kop - you imagine the glow of the moment to last a little longer than it did. You imagine that this will be your day.

Instead, Liverpool's response was spectacular. Matthew Pennington, the scorer of Everton's goal after Liverpool's defenders failed to clear Leighton Baines's corner, afforded Philippe Coutinho too much space before he unloaded his curling shot in the top corner of the net. Earlier, Pennington was not punished when Coutinho was allowed to release a similar effort only for Joel Robles to save him but this time, the quality of the Coutinho's strike did not mask what had happened.

David Unsworth, who has been doing great things with Everton's Under-23 team this season, a team that sits comfortably at the top of its league, has been pushing Koeman to give Pennington his chance. Warrington born, Pennington was Coventry City's player of the season a few years ago but it would be unfair to judge him solely on his performance here: in Everton's most important game of the season, in a slightly unfamiliar position to the right of a defensive three and without Seamus Coleman to offer him protection. Not every opponent has Coutinho's hypnotic skill.

Liverpool scoring so soon could have sucked the life out of Everton's performance. It did not. But even with ManA[c]'s injury, Liverpool were in control. Their victory was secured by ManA[c]'s replacement, Divock Origi, who combined with Coutinho to send Robles the wrong way.

For Liverpool, all the need to do now is find a way to beat the lesser sides. For Everton, their atrocious twenty-first century history at Anfield continues.

Liverpool: A Mignolet, Clyne, Matip, Lovren, Milner, Can, Lucas, Wijnaldum, Mane (Origo 57), Firmino (Klavan 90), Coutinho (Alexander-Arnold 74).

Subs not used: Karius, Grujic, Moreno, Woodburn.

Everton: Robles, Pennington (Barry 67), Williams, Jagielka, Holgate, Davies (Valencia 66), Gueye, Baines, Barkley, Lukaku, Calvert-Lewin (Mirallas 82).

Subs not used: Stekelenburg, Kone, Lookman, Kenny.

Referee: A A Taylor (Greater Manchester)

Attendance: 52,920

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Liverpool give Everton a familiar case of the blues

Liverpool 3 Mane 8, Coutinho 31, Origi 60 Everton 1 Pennington 28 Att: 52,920 We came looking for maps of the future: to cast an eye over Ronald Koeman's strikingly young Everton side, to judge Liverpool's top-four credentials, to watch the first derby in the shadow of Anfield's sparkling new Main Stand. Instead, the 228th Merseyside derby was relentlessly pursued by vestiges of the past: old frailties, old neuroses, a reassuringly old story. Everton's 18-year wait for a win here continues.

There were few answers on offer here, not even for Liverpool, who saw a highly satisfactory afternoon tarnished by an injury to Sadio Mane and the fleeting reappearance of their set-piece mania. "Nearly everything was perfect," Jurgen Klopp said afterwards, but in truth Liverpool were good rather than great.

In any case, Klopp's reading of the game was more realistic than Koeman's. It has not been the happiest of weeks for Koeman, who has lost key players through injury and become engaged in a curious feud with Ireland manager Martin O'Neill. Perhaps losing this crucial derby was the final befuddlement. There could have been few other explanations for his claim that Everton had "controlled the game". The game was certainly controlled, but it was not Everton controlling it.

"If you see the stats, it's really close," Koeman argued, but a more accurate measure of Liverpool's supremacy was the 80 minutes of this game they spent in the lead. In front of the watching James Bond actor Daniel Craig, Liverpool were shaken by Everton's surprise equaliser and stirred by Philippe Coutinho's scintillating response, but once they took a grip of this game they never loosened it. From first whistle to last, there was a gaucheness to Everton, a lack of composure that was perhaps best summed up by Ross Barkley in midfield. The suspicion persists that Barkley is one of those players who does not actually dribble the ball, but simply miscontrols it again and again. It is what makes him so prone to the dangerously late challenge, and amid the frequent misplaced passes Barkley was lucky to stay on the pitch after at least three bad tackles in the first half. He will reflect on this - or should, at any rate - as another big game he has failed to dominate.

Barkley could do a lot worse than study his opposite number. Coutinho has been in indifferent form since returning from injury in January, but here he was superb: scoring the second goal, making the third and creating havoc in the Everton defence. He may have returned, but not until yesterday did it really feel like he was back. But for all Coutinho's quality, Everton proved useful accomplices.

"Master tactician," was O'Neill's taunt of Koeman in midweek, and while Koeman's 3-4-3 offered decent counterplay down the flanks, the main problem with it is that unless you can call on an N'Golo Kante, it occasionally leaves you short of numbers in midfield.

Liverpool were allowed far too much space to play in their own half, and by the time Mane, Coutinho and Roberto Firmino start running at you, it is often too late. So it proved seven minutes in, when Mane won the ball just beyond halfway and shrugged off Tom Davies like a cloak. Ahead, Coutinho made the run, but it is doubtful if Mane even saw him. His eyes were on the far corner, and the left-footed shot that would find it with unerring accuracy.

Everton were thus forced to chase the game from an early stage, and with neither the pace to hurt Liverpool on the break, nor the quality to break them down, they struggled. Romelu Lukaku was a spectator as attack after attack broke down. But pump the ball into the area, and Liverpool will always give you a chance. On the half-hour, Everton equalised from a Leighton Baines free-kick: Phil Jagielka getting the header in, academy defender Matt Pennington tucking home the rebound for his first Premier League goal.

It would be the high-point of Everton's afternoon. Three minutes later, Coutinho picked the ball up 40 yards out - again, completely unchallenged - and started running. A wonderful drop of the shoulder sent Pennington to Lime Street station. By the time he returned, Coutinho had curled the ball deliciously around Joel Robles. Lukaku saw a little more of the ball in the second half, and Mane's departure after a worrying ankle injury drained a little juice from the game. But the odd mistimed tackle still kept Anthony Taylor's right arm busy enough; Ashley Williams was lucky to escape after a nasty challenge on Emre Can.

Afterwards, Klopp offered a veiled criticism of Everton's physicality. "If you saw something, write about it," he said. "My teams are always top of the fair play [league], because I think aggressiveness means to hurt yourself." Koeman pointed the finger at Liverpool assistant manager Zeljko Brusic, taking issue with his harassment of the fourth official. "You have to behave yourself a little more," Koeman chided. "Making that show, I don't like that." By then, however, Everton's hill had become an Alp. Williams was hopelessly turned by substitute Divock Origi, who placed the ball past Robles. Liverpool were knocking the ball around with impunity, their fans' chants of "1999" echoing all the way across Stanley Park. That was the year Everton last won here. They certainly know their history around these parts, and for now at least, nothing changes.

Liverpool (4-1-2-3) Mignolet 7; Clyne 6, Matip 8, Lovren 7, Milner 7; Lucas 7; Can 7, Wijnaldum 7; Mane 7 (Origo 57), Firmino 7 (Klavan 90), Coutinho 8 (Alexander-Arnold 74). Subs Karius (g), Moreno, Grujic, Woodburn. Booked Can. Everton (3-4-2-1) Robles 5; Pennington 6 (Barry 67), Williams 5, Jagielka 6; Holgate 6, Davies 5 (Valencia 66), Gueye 7, Baines 7; Barkley 5, Calvert-Lewin 5 (Mirallas 82); Lukaku 6. Subs Stekelenburg (g), Kenny, Lookman, Kone.

Booked Barkley, Davies, Williams. Referee A Taylor (Cheshire).

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Coutinho the magic man

LIVERPOOL 3 Mane 8, Coutinho 31, Origi 60 EVERTON 1 Pennington 28 Football correspondent At Anfield For Liverpool's first goal he just didn't move at all but, benefit of the doubt, perhaps he was unsighted. Second goal he also stood rooted although, as Ronald Koeman said, the finish by Philippe Coutinho was gorgeous. But was there any excuse with Liverpool's third? After Mason Holgate, pressured on the touchline, coughed up possession, Coutinho began yet another bewitching run from deep, checked past Idrissa Gueye and slipped the cutest pass through to Divock Origi. Origi put his foot through the ball with the carefree clarity substitutes often have when just arrived on the pitch.

A good shot. But it was straight down the middle and Joel Robles, for a third time in the match, simply watched as a ball sailed into his net. Was this some bizarre homage to Alan Rough? Or an impression of a dad in the back garden, letting the kids score? Either way it rather typified Everton. They didn't lay a glove on Liverpool, not when it counted. They did score an equaliser. Their tackling, at times, was gruesome. There was plenty running about, not least from the four kids in a starting line-up reshaped by injuries, but did that matter when Coutinho had so much space, between the lines, to play in? When the offerings from Ross Barkley and Romelu Lukaku were so pitiful, given their reputations? When the equaliser was followed almost immediately by conceding again? When Robles was playing statuses? Liverpool didn't care. Their home unbeaten streak in Mersey derbies will now extend into an 18th season and victory left both the local and national pecking order clearer. Everton surely can't make it now, whereas a top-four place is Liverpool's to lose. Given the benign fixtures they have left, Liverpool can aim to make extra sure of Champions League football by targeting at least third (in the unlikely event of Leicester winning the Champions League, fourth won't qualify -- should Manchester United also win the Europa League). There was the good news of Sadio Mane walking freely and expressing optimism as he left the stadium: Mane went off after jarring his knee but may even be fit in time to face Bournemouth here on Wednesday.

The Senegalese, not for the first time, was Liverpool's catalyst, scoring a dazzling opener. Koeman went three at the back, with defensive wing-backs, in hope of curbing Jurgen Klopp's front three but Mane, Coutinho and Roberto Firmino kept escaping into midfield with none of the back unit following them. Gueye and Tom Davies, who also had the thrusts of Georginio Wijnaldum and Emre Can to deal with, were overloaded. After eight minutes Mane came deep, played a one-two with Firmino to skirt round Davies, and drove at pace towards Everton's box. Ashley Williams couldn't get on terms, his colleagues backed off, and Mane veered in one direction while hitting a disguised shot in the other. Past the frozen Robles it rolled and, at the far post, crept in.

The biggest contrast was between the No 10s. If Barkley played like a spiteful child, lucky to remain on the pitch after three bookable tackles in the opening 40 minutes, Coutinho played like the mature leader of his team. Age wasn't the difference (Barkley is 23, Coutinho 24), game intelligence seemed to be.

Coutinho's sense of where the space was on the pitch was impeccable, as was his judgment whether to pass, dribble or shoot. Liverpool flew him and Firmino back from Brazil duty on a PS120,000 private jet to give Klopp an extra day working with them and the expense was justified. Liverpool were smooth, well-oiled, all the parts working together and, for once, it was not just their attacking players who impressed. In for Adam Lallana, and probably playing his last derby, Lucas was influential; Joel Matip brought the ball out well and Dejan Lovren handled Lukaku in the air. Simon Mignolet made good saves, notably when touching away Holgate's deflected shot late on -- though Holgate should have converted, with a header, when Leighton Baines returned the ball into the box with a cross. Yet even on a good day defensively, Klopp's men are vulnerable at set-plays and conceded softly at a corner. Phil Jagielka flicked on, Williams arrived ahead of Lovren and a ball-watching Firmino, and when Williams' touch broke to him, youth Matthew Pennington passed home a finish. Pennington, playing his first game of the season, was the 16th different player to score for Everton this season -- no team has had more -- but his afternoon finished unhappily, subbed by Koeman when he reverted to a back four in the 67th minute. This shored Everton up, but Coutinho -- who departed a few minutes later - had already done his work. Three minutes after Everton's equaliser, he took the game away from them. Once more, it involved him dropping off to find the ball. From just inside Everton's half he ran, going past Gueye easily, before checking onto his right foot when he reached the box and curling the ball elegantly past Senior Static, Joel.

Barkley's booking eventually came, for stamping on Lovren's ankle, while Davies was cautioned for nailing Mane. Barkley finally managed to do something right late on with a good pass to Holgate, but Milner blocked Holgate's centre.

Star man: Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool) Yellow cards: Liverpool: Can Everton: Williams, Davies, Barkley Referee: A Taylor Attendance: 52,920 Liverpool: Mignolet 7, Clyne 8, Matip 7, Lovren 7, Milner 7, Can 7, Lucas 8, Wijnaldum 7, Mane 7 (Origi 57min, 6), Firmino 6 (Klavan 90min, 5), Coutinho 8 (Alexander-Arnold 74min, 7) Substitutes: Karius, Grujic, Moreno, Woodburn Everton: Robles 3, Jagielka 6, Williams 5, Pennington 5 (Barry 67min, 5), Baines 6, Gueye 7, Davies 6 (Valencia 66min, 5), Holgate 5, Barkley 3, Calvert-Lewin 5 (Mirallas 82min, 5), Lukaku 4 Substitutes: Stekelenburg, Lookman, Kenny, Kone

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Liverpool enhanced their prospects of a top-four place by beating derby rivals Everton, whose own hopes of breaking into the battle for a Champions League qualification spot were severely damaged by the defeat.

Sadio Mane gave the hosts an early lead when he played a one-two with Roberto Firmino and finished off an angled run with a shot into the far corner.

A Philippe Coutinho shot was palmed up by Toffees keeper Joel Robles and headed off the line by Phil Jagielka before the visitors equalised.

Jagielka flicked on a corner at the near post and, after Ashley Williams got a touch, Matthew Pennington arrived to slot in his first Everton goal on his first appearance of the season.

However, the match was level for just two minutes and 57 seconds before Coutinho beat two players and curled a shot into the top corner, and he then set up substitute Divock Origi - on for the injured Mane - to power in Liverpool's third. The result leaves the Reds six points clear of fifth-placed Manchester United - who have two games in hand - while Everton are seven points off the top four having played more matches than their rivals.

Liverpool hired a private jet to bring Coutinho and fellow Brazil international Firmino back after their country's win over Paraguay in midweek and will feel the move was worth it after the forward returned to form in style.

Coutinho has struggled since recovering from an ankle injury in January but provided an assist as well as his goal as the Reds extended their unbeaten run against their Merseyside neighbours to 14 games in all competitions.

The 24-year-old was a picture of feints, shimmies and attacking runs at the Blues defence, and might have scored earlier if Robles and Jagielka had not combined to deny him.

Mane, who scored the winner in the reverse fixture, set the Reds on their way with his 13th goal of the season - but an injury in the second half will be a concern for Liverpool boss Jurgen Klopp, who is already without attacking midfielder Adam Lallana for up to a month.

Senegal winger Mane, Liverpool's top scorer this season, hurt himself trying to win the ball off Leighton Baines and, when he tried to put weight on his leg after treatment, collapsed.

There was a pre-match tribute to former Liverpool captain, coach and caretaker manager Ronnie Moran, who died in March at the age of 83, with a minute's applause and a Buggy mosaic, in reference to his nickname, on the Kop. Where was Romelu Lukaku?

Everton striker Romelu Lukaku has been accused of going missing in the big games, despite being the Premier League's top scorer with 21 goals this season.

The Belgium international may have scored against top-four sides Manchester City and Tottenham during the present campaign, but he gave his critics further fuel after an ineffective display at Anfield.

He did not have his only touch in the Liverpool area until the 70th minute and he also failed to have a shot - on or off target - on the opposition goal.

"On today's showing, what you saw was a striker who didn't do enough to keep himself on the pitch," BBC Sport pundit Jason Roberts told Final Score.

"In these games where you need him to do a little bit more of the dogged work, he didn't offer that to his team. His head went down and that was the story of Everton."

Midfielder Ross Barkley is also a key player for the Goodison Park club. However, he was also disappointing as he tested referee Anthony Taylor's patience with challenges on James Milner and Emre Can, before being booked for a late tackle on Dejan Lovren.

Everton have not won at Anfield since September 1999 and they did little to alter the view that they have a psychological barrier at the home of their neighbours. Even having gone into the match with one defeat in 12 league games and four clean sheets in their past five games, they could not stop their hosts doing the double over them this season.

However, there were mitigating circumstances with injuries to defenders Seamus Coleman and Ramiro Funes Mori forcing manager Ronald Koeman to replace them with right wing-back Mason Holgate, 20, and centre-back Pennington, 22. Pennington did have the joy of scoring but was also caught out for Coutinho's goal as Liverpool widened the gap between the two teams to nine points.

Man of the match - Philippe Coutinho

What they said:

Liverpool manager Klopp on Barkley's challenge on Lovren: "I'm still a kind of a guest in this country. How can I decide what is OK and what is not OK?"

"My opinion is that the players should leave the pitch healthy and fit but not injured.

"It's not my job to judge it. If you saw something, say it. If not, be quiet."

Liverpool 3-1 Everton: Liverpool manager Klopp hails 'really good' win

Everton boss Koeman: "Maybe one or two tackles were a little too much. It's football, a derby.

"From both sides I saw tackles that were maybe more than a yellow. According to the bench of Liverpool - I don't mean the manager - the referee should have shown eight red cards."

Klopp record - the stats you need to know

Klopp is the first Liverpool manager to win his first three league Merseyside derbies against Everton.

Mane has scored in both Merseyside derbies this season, the first player to do that since Luis Suarez and Daniel Sturridge in 2013-14.

Mane has now been involved in 18 league goals this season (13 goals, five assists), his best return in a Premier League campaign.

Pennington became the fifth player - following Duncan Ferguson, John Arne Riise, Raul Meireles and Steven Naismith - to score his first Premier League goal in a Merseyside derby.

Only Olivier Giroud (seven) has scored more goals as a substitute than Divock Origi's six since the Belgium international's Premier League debut in September 2015.

What next?

There is a fast turnaround in the top flight with a midweek programme in which Everton visit Manchester United on Tuesday for a 20:00 BST kick-off and Liverpool host Bournemouth on Wednesday, also at 20:00.

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Match ends, Liverpool 3, Everton 1.
 90'+5' Second Half ends, Liverpool 3, Everton 1.
 90'+1' Delay over. They are ready to continue.
 90' Substitution, Liverpool. Ragnar Klavan replaces Roberto Firmino.
 90' Delay in match Ashley Williams (Everton because of an injury).
 87' Attempt missed. Kevin Mirallas (Everton right footed shot from the centre of the box is too high. Assisted by Idrissa Gueye.
 86' Dejan Lovren (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 86' Foul by Romelu Lukaku (Everton).
 85' Foul by Lucas Leiva (Liverpool).
 85' Enner Valencia (Everton wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 85' Attempt saved. Trent Alexander-Arnold (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Georginio Wijnaldum.
 83' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Mason Holgate.
 82' Divock Origi (Liverpool wins a free kick on the left wing.
 82' Foul by Idrissa Gueye (Everton).
 82' Substitution, Everton. Kevin Mirallas replaces Dominic Calvert-Lewin.
 78' Offside, Liverpool. James Milner tries a through ball, but Roberto Firmino is caught offside.
 76' Attempt saved. Trent Alexander-Arnold (Liverpool right footed shot from the right side of the box is saved in the top left corner. Assisted by Emre Can.
 75' Gareth Barry (Everton wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 75' Foul by Roberto Firmino (Liverpool).
 74' Substitution, Liverpool. Trent Alexander-Arnold replaces Philippe Coutinho.
 73' Attempt blocked. Ross Barkley (Everton left footed shot from outside the box is blocked.
 72' Hand ball by James Milner (Liverpool).
 70' Attempt missed. Mason Holgate (Everton header from the centre of the box is too high. Assisted by Leighton Baines with a cross.
 69' Attempt saved. Mason Holgate (Everton right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the centre of the goal.
 68' Emre Can (Liverpool is shown the yellow card.
 68' Foul by Emre Can (Liverpool).
 68' Idrissa Gueye (Everton wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 67' Substitution, Everton. Gareth Barry replaces Matthew Pennington.
 66' Substitution, Everton. Enner Valencia replaces Tom Davies.
 65' Delay over. They are ready to continue.
 63' Delay in match Emre Can (Liverpool because of an injury).
 62' Ashley Williams (Everton is shown the yellow card for a bad foul).
 62' Emre Can (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.
 62' Foul by Ashley Williams (Everton).
 60' Goal! Liverpool 3, Everton 1. Divock Origi (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box to the top left corner. Assisted by Philippe Coutinho.
 59' Attempt missed. Divock Origi (Liverpool right footed shot from a difficult angle and long range on the left misses to the right. Assisted by Philippe Coutinho.
 57' Substitution, Liverpool. Divock Origi replaces Sadio Mané because of an injury.
 56' Attempt saved. Ross Barkley (Everton left footed shot from outside the box is saved in the bottom right corner. Assisted by Romelu Lukaku.
 55' Foul by Emre Can (Liverpool).
 55' Tom Davies (Everton wins a free kick in the attacking half.
 55' Delay over. They are ready to continue.
 53' Delay in match Sadio Mané (Liverpool because of an injury).
 53' Foul by Roberto Firmino (Liverpool).
 53' Phil Jagielka (Everton wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 51' Foul by Emre Can (Liverpool).
 51' Ross Barkley (Everton wins a free kick in the attacking half.
 49' Corner, Everton. Conceded by Lucas Leiva.
 49' Attempt blocked. Emre Can (Liverpool right footed shot from the left side of the box is blocked. Assisted by Roberto Firmino.
 48' Attempt saved. Ashley Williams (Everton right footed shot from the right side of the six yard box is saved in the bottom right corner. Assisted by Ross Barkley with a cross.
 47' Foul by Nathaniel Clyne (Liverpool).
 47' Dominic Calvert-Lewin (Everton wins a free kick in the attacking half.
 Second Half begins Liverpool 2, Everton 1.
 45'+3' First Half ends, Liverpool 2, Everton 1.
 45'+3' Foul by Emre Can (Liverpool).
 45'+3' Phil Jagielka (Everton wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 45'+1' Foul by Emre Can (Liverpool).
 45'+1' Idrissa Gueye (Everton wins a free kick on the right wing.
 42' Foul by Lucas Leiva (Liverpool).
 42' Mason Holgate (Everton wins a free kick on the right wing.
 40' Ross Barkley (Everton is shown the yellow card.
 39' Dejan Lovren (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 39' Foul by Ross Barkley (Everton).
 39' Foul by Roberto Firmino (Liverpool).
 39' Idrissa Gueye (Everton wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 37' Hand ball by Ross Barkley (Everton).
 34' Foul by Sadio Mané (Liverpool).
 34' Joel Robles (Everton wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 34' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Matthew Pennington.
 33' Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 33' Foul by Idrissa Gueye (Everton).
 31' Goal! Liverpool 2, Everton 1. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from the left side of the box to the top right corner. Assisted by Lucas Leiva.
 31' Attempt blocked. Emre Can (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is

blocked.
 28' Goal! Liverpool 1, Everton 1. Matthew Pennington (Everton right footed shot from very close range to the centre of the goal. Assisted by Ashley Williams following a corner.
 28' Corner, Everton. Conceded by Nathaniel Clyne.
 28' Foul by Lucas Leiva (Liverpool).
 28' Tom Davies (Everton wins a free kick in the attacking half.
 26' Tom Davies (Everton is shown the yellow card for a bad foul).
 26' Sadio Mané (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 26' Foul by Tom Davies (Everton).
 26' Attempt blocked. Leighton Baines (Everton left footed shot from outside the box is blocked.
 25' Foul by Emre Can (Liverpool).
 25' Ross Barkley (Everton wins a free kick in the attacking half.
 22' Attempt missed. Phil Jagielka (Everton header from the centre of the box is high and wide to the left. Assisted by Leighton Baines with a cross following a corner.
 22' Corner, Everton. Conceded by Joel Matip.
 19' Attempt blocked. Philippe Coutinho (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is blocked. Assisted by Emre Can.
 11' Attempt blocked. Emre Can (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Philippe Coutinho.
 10' Offside, Everton. Mason Holgate tries a through ball, but Dominic Calvert-Lewin is caught offside.
 8' Goal! Liverpool 1, Everton 0. Sadio Mané (Liverpool left footed shot from the centre of the box to the bottom right corner. Assisted by Roberto Firmino.
 7' Emre Can (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.
 7' Foul by Idrissa Gueye (Everton).
 6' Foul by Ross Barkley (Everton).
 6' Emre Can (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.
 4' Leighton Baines (Everton wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 4' Foul by Nathaniel Clyne (Liverpool).
 2' Leighton Baines (Everton wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 2' Foul by Nathaniel Clyne (Liverpool).
 1' Foul by Ross Barkley (Everton).
 1' James Milner (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 First Half begins.
 Lineups are announced and players are warming up.