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We need to stay angry, insists Klopp
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Another opponent was swatted aside and a little more momentum mustered, but Jürgen Klopp was waiting with the answer for anyone left wondering who can prevent Liverpool from realising their ambitions over the coming weeks. It should serve as a sense of comfort to some, however, that he views the greatest threat to his side as being from within.

The Liverpool manager's press briefing was peppered with praise for the manner in which West Ham United had been trampled underfoot and then laced with warnings for his players not to lose their edge in the mistaken belief that objectives in the Premier League and Champions League will simply fall into place. The camaraderie that Klopp has carefully nurtured, and the growing connection between those in the stands and those on the pitch, can feel like he is creating a movement.

Yet too much back-slapping can, he said, lead to teams becoming "completely soft" and his happiness at this result, one that took Liverpool's goals tally to 103 for the campaign, would give way to thoughts of anger in what amounted to a pre-emptive strike.

"At the beginning of the season you don't have a lot of laughter in the dressing room, it's not like 'laughs' all the time," he said. "Now we know so much about each other, now we like each other, now we have better times with each other in private and on the football pitch.

"Now when we eat it's like, 'Come on, please, settle'. We are in a good moment, they are fantastic guys, they all like each other, a few jokes. Keep this going without getting soft.

"Now we need to stay angry with the rest of the world. We need to stay aggressive. That's the thing. I don't want to wait until I see it and then go: 'Now we got soft'.

"You lose a little bit if you win all the time. We didn't win all the time but two, three or four weeks in a row and then it is hard to win the fifth one as well, to stay on track and do it."

To hear Klopp talking like this, so soon after saying that Liverpool should fear no one in the Champions League, underlines the confidence that he possesses in his players.

West Ham had threatened through Marko Arnautovic either side of Emre Can's headed opener, but found themselves overrun after the break.

Even when substitute Michail Antonio scored in response to the seemingly obligatory strikes from Mohamed Salah and Roberto Firmino, Liverpool saved their best for last with a sweeping, pitch-length move resulting in Andrew Robertson teeing up Sadio Mané.

Salah's 31st goal of the season equalled the haul plundered by Luis Suárez in 2013-14, although chanting of the Uruguayan's name carried a more sinister tone as a means with which to berate Patrice Evra.

The wing back was booed every time he touched the ball on his West Ham debut, a legacy of the October 2011 race row that resulted in Suárez being banned for eight matches. The baiting of the former Manchester United and France player was unnecessary.

That David Moyes selected Evra and Aaron Cresswell on the left of a five-man defence served as a nod and wink to the threat that he felt Salah, in particular, posed.

Moyes has had to take an interest in Liverpool more than most over the years given the 11 years he served as Everton manager and admitted that the present attacking triumvirate sits comfortably alongside luminaries from the past.

"Before they had [Fernando] Torres and [Steven] Gerrard behind him. At other times they've had really good players," Moyes said.

"The three forwards are a real handful on their day. I think Salah is definitely one you feel can make the difference. The things he does, it's always the job to try and stop him.

"Because of the [narrow] front three and the midfield, you can get into wide areas and cause them some problems. Maybe there's not quite as much protection. But we couldn't get into those areas as much as we'd like.

"Liverpool are very good at the moment. We've played a lot of the top teams and they've caused me as many problems as anybody because of the front three."

RATINGS Liverpool (4-3-3): L Karius 7 — T Alexander-Arnold 7, J Matip 6, V Van Dijk 7, A Robertson 7 — A Oxlade-Chamberlain 7, E Can 7, J Milner 7 — M Salah 7 (sub: D Solanke 87min), R Firmino 7 (sub: A Lallana 82), S Mane 7 (sub: A Moreno 87). Substitutes not used S Mignolet, J Gomez, D Lovren, J Henderson.

West Ham United (5-3-1-1): Adrián 6 — P Zabaleta 6, J Collins 6, A Ogbonna 6, A Cresswell 6, P Evra 6 — C Kouyaté 6, M Noble 6, M Lanzini 6 (sub: M Antonio 58 7) — J Mário 5 (sub: D Rice 83) — M Arnautovic 7 (sub: J Hernández 83).

Substitutes not used J Hart, W Reid, J Hugill, S Byram. Booked Collins, Kouyaté.

the guardian

Mohamed Salah strike helps Liverpool to resounding win over West Ham

Leapfrogging Manchester United into second was "a nice moment" for Jürgen Klopp but Liverpool's response to pressure from West Ham and their Champions League chasing rivals felt much nicer. "The other teams are flying," he said. "So we have to fly as well." Here was another example of Liverpool's ability to soar. Victory ultimately came at a canter for Klopp's team at Anfield, where the remaining fab three of Mohamed Salah, Roberto Firmino and Sadio Mané were all on the scoresheet once again and David Moyes endured a 15th game here without a win. Yet this was a test of Liverpool's character as well as the established quality of their mesmerising attack.

West Ham caused problems at both ends of the pitch in the first half and were unfortunate not to take the lead through Marko Arnautovic. After the restart, however, and amid a howling wind, West Ham were blown away by the power of a Liverpool team that can score four and miss several more even when shy of their fluent best. Liverpool now have 103 goals for the season. Salah has 31, as many as Luis Suárez scored in his most prolific campaign for the club in 2013-14. Klopp said: "To get the points was very important. We all put pressure on each other with results. We have no time to rest, no time to waste one point. It is really intense for all the teams involved. I don't think United and Chelsea will think too much about us but they know we are around. I would have taken a 1-0 today with West Ham hitting the post four times and Loris Karius making 20 saves because we need the points. West Ham is in a really good moment and have had fantastic results against the other top teams so to play a game like this today I do not take for granted."

Moyes' plan was to defend in numbers and use the polished linkup play of Arnautovic, João Mário and Manuel Lanzini on the counterattack. It succeeded to a degree before the interval, with Liverpool often contained and unnerved when the visitors broke, but could have been undone after 140 seconds when Salah struck the inside of a post via the fingertips of Adrián.

Minutes later Virgil van Dijk headed straight at the West Ham goalkeeper from a James Milner corner and at that point it seemed Anfield was set for another Liverpool onslaught. Last-ditch defending and an impressive display from Arnautovic delayed it, although their defence was eventually breached by a set piece when Emre Can headed home Salah's corner at close range.

The Germany midfielder misplaced several headers in the first half but not the one that mattered and brought up Liverpool's 100th goal of the season. Can rose above Patrice Evra to open the scoring — the 36-year-old was making his West Ham debut having had his contract terminated by Marseille and was booed throughout by a home crowd that continues to blame him for Suárez being banned for racial abuse.

Arnaoutovic had almost opened the scoring with a glorious chip that Karius tipped superbly on to his crossbar. Pablo Zabaleta also went close and the Liverpool goalkeeper denied Arnautovic a second time as the West Ham travelling section, sporting commemorative T-shirts to mark the 25th anniversary of Bobby Moore's death, went into half-time with hope that vanished quickly after the restart. Salah struck Liverpool's second when Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain steered the ball into his path inside the area. The Egypt international took one touch to make space for himself then cut a left-footed set back across goal, through the legs of Aaron Cresswell and inside the far corner.

The third arrived shortly afterwards as the wind and weak West Ham defending helped Firmino to his 13th Premier League goal of the season. Adrián's free-kick held up in the Anfield breeze and Mário attempted to control but was easily dispossessed by Can, who swept an inch-perfect chip in to the unmarked Firmino. The Brazilian sidestepped the onrushing keeper and calmly converted into an empty goal.

The West Ham substitute Michail Antonio made an immediate impact when he took a Cheikhou Kouyaté pass down the right and found the far corner with a low shot across Karius.

It was no more than a consolation and Liverpool's three-goal cushion was restored when Mané, who struck a post with a gilt-edged chance created by Oxlade-Chamberlain, made amends to complete a flowing Liverpool attack. Firmino released Andy Robertson overlapping down the left and the full-back delivered an inviting first-time cross for Mané to flick the ball over Adrián and in off a post.

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Mohamed Salah, Roberto Firmino and Sadio Mane all score as Jurgen Klopp's men pass 100 goals this season and move second

The Kop has a song for Mohamed Salah which goes to the tune of Sit Down, by 90s indie band James. The irony is that when the Egyptian magician gets the ball the effect is the exact opposite. Salah, who scored the second and set up the first in another Liverpool romp, was again magnificent as Jurgen Klopp's freescorers marched above Manchester United into second place.

The winger continues to make a mockery of Jose Mourinho's decision to jettison him out on loan before he was eventually turfed out of Chelsea for around £15m. Thirty one goals so far this season. Six in six. In freeing February, with plenty of football to be played, he has already matched Luis Suarez's best-ever season tally for Liverpool. It is incredible stuff - but Klopp preferred to concentrate on the efforts of others. 'Mo is a boy who is full of greed to score goals,' the German acknowledged. 'In football it is all about doing the right thing in the moment. I like Mo's desire for goals but being fluent depends on all the players.'

Emre Can put Liverpool on their way on the half hour mark before Salah and Firmino made it three following the interval. Hammers substitute Michail Antonio pulled one back seconds after coming on but Sadio Mane restored predictable order. 'I would have taken a 1-0, hit the post four times, Karius 20 saves, whatever - because we need the points,' added Klopp who went on to praise the visitors' battling qualities. It is nothing new for a victorious manager to pay gushing tribute to vanquished opponents but Klopp was right to do so. West Ham were organised early on, and with Marko Arnautovic at his enterprising best, performed well in the first half before running out of answers to the red barrage. They face Swansea City and Burnley next as their survival quest continues, but David Moyes denied that this was match they had written off.

West Ham responded when Marko Arnautovic saw his effort tipped onto the bar by Loris Karius in the 15th minute at Anfield

'I would never say this was a free hit because we drew with Arsenal, played well against City and beat Chelsea at home,' the West Ham manager said. 'We hoped to do similar here and in the first half we were close to it.'

After Salah hit a post early on, Arnautovic clipped an audacious, curling chip which Loris Karius did well to tip onto the bar. 'Genius strike, fantastic save,' said Klopp. Moments later, a sliding Manuel Lanzini was inches away from connecting with Pablo Zabaleta's volleyed cross in front of an uneasy Kop.

On the 25th anniversary of the passing of Bobby Moore, the Hammers were putting in a defensive showing that the great man would have enjoyed. However, after half an hour, their hard work was undone in straightforward fashion when Can rose easily above debut-making Patrice Evra at the far post to head in Salah's inswinging corner. West Ham refused to lie down and, three minutes before the break Arnautovic was again acrobatically denied by Karius with another looping shot from distance. These, however, are Liverpool's Salah days, and after the break the prolific 25-year-old was at it again, capitalising on the relentless graft of the impressive Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain, who won unlikely ball in the Hammers area, to turn and fire into the bottom corner through Aaron Cresswell's legs. That lethal left peg had struck again and effectively killed the game.

Andrew Robertson produced another impressive display at left-back for Liverpool and is another bargain along with Salah On 57 minutes it was three. This time Adrian, who had performed well in the West Ham goal, inexplicably came for Can's ball over the top and totally missed it, leaving Firmino with the simple task of tapping into an empty net. The three-goal cushion lasted barely a minute when burly Hammers midfielder Chiekhou Kouyate won the ball and released Michail Antonio, who had only been on the field for seconds and who finished well across Karius and into the bottom corner. It proved to be brief respite and succeeded only in prompting further waves of red attack. Sadio Mane hit a post from close range but made no mistake from even closer in moments later, dinking in Andrew Robertson's cross at the near post. The left full-back was again impressive and, Salah aside, could prove to be the bargain of the season following his £8m switch from Hull City. Liverpool wake up this on Sunday ahead of United, who entertain Chelsea on Sunday afternoon. 'I would say we are not second,' said Klopp. 'If Man Utd wins then we were second for a few hours. I don't think United and Chelsea think too much about us but they know before the matchday that we are around.'

As the game ticked towards its inevitable conclusion there were mocking chants of 'David Moyes is a football genius,' from the Kop. 'We made it as hard as we could for Liverpool to get through,' he said. 'The quick goals cost us. We got one back, it gave us a little sniff, but Liverpool were very good and are very much in form.' Ex-Everton manager Moyes had not won in his 14 previous attempts at Anfield. His wait goes on.

MATCH FACTS, TEAMS AND PREMIER LEAGUE TABLE

Liverpool (4-3-3): Karius 7; Alexander-Arnold 7.5, Van Dijk 7, Matip 7, Robertson 7.5; Oxlade-Chamberlain 7.5, Can 7.5, Milner 7; Salah 8 (Solanke 87), Firmino 7 (Lallana 82), Mane 7 (Moreno 82)

Subs not used: Mignolet, Lovren, Gomez, Henderson **Manager:** Jurgen Klopp 7.5

West Ham United (3-5-2): Adrian 7; Collins 6, Ogbonna 6, Cresswell 6; Zabaleta 6, Kouyate 7, Noble 6.5, Lanzini 5.5 (Antonio 58, 7), Evra 6; Mario 6 (Rice 83), Arnautovic 7.5 (Hernandez 83)

Subs not used: Hart, Reid, Hugill, Byram **Manager:** David Moyes 6

Referee: Stuart Attwell 7 **Star Man:** Salah

The Daily Telegraph

We need to stay angry to keep run going

Liverpool 4 Can 29, Salah 51, Firmino 57, Mane 77 West Ham United 1 Antonio 59 Att: 53,256 Jurgen Klopp has set out an anger management plan for the rest of the season; he wants to see his players scowl as much as smile.

It may seem a curious instruction following the latest comfortable win, but amid the joviality of an emphatic victory over West Ham United, Klopp sensed jeopardy in enthusiastic applause.

Managers are perpetually treading the line between ensuring their side gets credit when due, but are not excessively acclaimed before missions are accomplished. For a coach who wants to win points and trophies more than admirers (although preferably all three), there is a concern players regularly taking a bow for virtuoso performances will lose their edge.

"Now we need to stay angry with the rest of the world. We need to stay aggressive," said Klopp.

"You lose a little bit if you win all the time. We didn't win all the time but two, three or four weeks in a row. Then it is hard to win the fifth one as well, to stay on track and do it. We all know if we lose to Newcastle [Liverpool's next game], we stand here and talk and it is different. We have to keep going."

A hint of misplaced bonhomie has caught Klopp's attention. "At the beginning of the season you don't have a lot of laughter in the dressing room," he said. "Now when we eat it's like, 'Come on, please settle'. We are in a good moment, they are fantastic guys, they all like each other, there are a few jokes. Keep this going without getting soft. I don't want to wait until I see it. That's it."

Klopp will have reasons for mining deep to find cause to nitpick, but there was little evidence of lowered intensity here, particularly in the second half, when Liverpool indulged in one of those 15-minute attacking blitzes that have become a feature of his era. They score, the opposition restarts, and the red arrows come again in what may seem a frenzied pursuit but, of course, is beautifully choreographed rather than haphazard. Mohamed Salah and Roberto Firmino added to Emre Can's first-half header and the game was over in an hour, despite Michail Antonio's instant impact from the bench.

Sadio Mane, who could have had a second hat-trick in consecutive games, tapped in the fourth. Salah could have had a treble, too, as he struck his 31st goal of the season. The potency of this strikeforce is startling, given the departure of Philippe Coutinho and the minimal impact that has had.

David Moyes, the West Ham manager, has faced several incarnations of Liverpool and can judge where this version is heading.

"We've played a lot of the top teams and they've caused me as many problems as anybody," he said. "It's hard because they put an awful lot of pressure on you, especially their midfield three and front three."

"Salah is definitely one you feel can make the difference. The things he does, it was always the job to try to stop him as much as we could."

Moyes still sees vulnerabilities in Klopp's system, and Marko Arnautovic was close to exploiting them - Loris Karius's early save onto the bar a key contribution. The fact West Ham played well in the first half and were still soundly beaten made the overall home display more impressive. "I decided for myself that I will stay happy for one night," said Klopp, before promptly shifting tone from jubilation to resoluteness. "Then I would start thinking about Newcastle."

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Utterly dominant Liverpool pick apart West Ham as David Moyes continues 15-game winless streak at Anfield

For [David Moyes](#), Anfield is an unyielding place. It was the fifteenth time he had brought a team to this ground. It was the fifteenth time he failed to record a victory. Before, there had been twelve Merseyside derbies, one trip with Manchester United and another with Sunderland. Only once had any of his teams scored more than a single goal and that record was not about to change. When you consider he has never triumphed as a visitor to Old Trafford, Stamford Bridge or the Emirates as a visiting manager, it partly explains why he is currently in charge of West Ham United, who are not yet safe from relegation.

In fairness to Moyes, this is Liverpool – Jürgen Klopp’s Liverpool, a side that has registered 102 goals by the end of February, a side that has lost just the once at home in ten months, a side that contains the magical Mohamed Salah who cannot stop scoring and is reaching to the sort of standards that must surely make Real Madrid take notice, should they go ahead and sell Gareth Bale in the summer. This was not one of Salah’s best performances for [Liverpool](#) and still, he was the most dangerous player on the pitch. “A bloody menace,” Bill Shankly would probably call him. His 31st goal of the season arrived here. He could have had a hat-trick.

Instead Liverpool’s four goals were spread across the team and that will delight Klopp because it reminds opponents that the threat is everywhere. Liverpool also hit the post twice. It was a game they really needed to win because those competing around them will drop points this weekend when facing each other. There have been regular complaints that Liverpool fail to deliver when it matters [but they delivered here](#). It is not first position but they are now up to second. Manchester City should recognise that if progression continues and if Liverpool keep hold of outstanding figures like Salah, a challenge for the Premier League title next season will surely come from Merseyside.

[Liverpool](#) were utterly convincing with their domination. They nearly established a lead in the second minute when Salah’s side-footed shot was tipped onto the post by Adrián. Liverpool proceeded to play plenty of quick long passes, testing the concentration of West Ham’s three-man defence.

The visiting team were not particularly confident in possession unless Marko Arnautović was involved, the maligned striker with the Rhydian haircut. Twice he nearly scored out of nothing, first with a delightful chip which rebounded off the cross bar and then with a dipping shot from 25-yards which Loris Karius clearly enjoyed saving to the extent it would not be a surprise if an image capturing the moment finger-tip met ball appeared on his Instagram account at some point this weekend.

[West Ham’s](#) forays into Liverpool’s half were otherwise rare. Liverpool’s control would tell through a series of corners, the third of which – taken by Salah – was met by Emre Can who was too tall and powerful for his marker, Patrice Evra – who was making his debut and jeered by the crowd every time he touched the ball due to his history on this pitch. Seven years ago he accused Luis Suárez of racism, for which he was banned for eight games by the FA.

The goal had been Liverpool’s 100th of the season. It has taken 40 games to reach the landmark, the third quickest in any campaign across the club’s history – albeit only one game short of 2013/14 when Brendan Rodgers’s side narrowly missed out on the title.

From that point, it felt like Liverpool’s victory would be a considerable one. Salah made it 2-0 shortly after the break with the coolest of finishes, then Roberto Firmino sprinted onto a Can pass and was able to flick past Adrián and roll the ball into the empty net.

Three-nil has proven to be a dangerous scoreline for Liverpool to defend and so there were some anxieties when Michail Antonio, with his first and second touches reduced the margin of Liverpool’s lead having been introduced less than a minute earlier.

Liverpool roared back though. Sadio Mané, guilty of striking the woodwork earlier when he should have done better, made it 4-1 when he home tacked Andy Robertson’s cross. Liverpool rise to second. And so, Moyes’s Anfield torture is prolonged.



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BOBBY MOORE would have had a word for it, one which summed up the great man himself. Immaculate.

How else to describe Liverpool’s almost-perfect performance in moving effortlessly into second place in the Premier League, posting an ominous message to their rivals for that place in the process?

On the 25th anniversary of the passing of West Ham legend Moore, their travelling supporters offered a dignified and touching tribute to the great man here at an Arcticting Anfield.

Yet it was the home team who provided perhaps the most fitting celebration in his memory, with the sheer purring quality of their football and, most importantly, for their wonderful, inclusive team ethic.

That is perhaps the quality that would have given both Jose Mourinho and Antonio Conte most to worry about watching this contest - and watch it they most certainly did.

For all Liverpool’s individual quality, for all the genius of Mo Salah, the threat of Sadio Mane and Roberto Firmino, the strength and quality on the ball of Virgil van Dijk - and Moore would certainly have approved of that - teamwork is the biggest star.

Salah took his goals tally to an incredible 31 for the season, matching already the best season Luis Suarez had at Anfield, before the end of February - and he’s not even a centre-forward.

He has scored in each of his last six games, and 10 in his last nine. Yet it is the quality of the movement and intelligence around him that allows him such remarkable statistics and suggests boss Jurgen Klopp has finally implemented the team ethic that is his trademark. He suggested as much himself.

“Mo has matched Suarez? I didn’t know,” Klopp admitted.

“But I do know in football it is all about doing the right thing at the right moment, and the team did that.

“Mo’s ability to be fluent and score goals depends on all the players around him. That’s how it is. You can see how we changed the position of Firmino immediately to give him space, Sadio did the same and that is really important.

“We do that, he can score the goals. That was absolutely the most satisfying thing. It was an important victory, because it will be very interesting and intense [in the battle for second place] and it was the teamwork that was the most impressive aspect.”

Klopp was spot-on. For all the menace of his front three, the driving movement and vision of Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain in midfield, the pace and passing variation of young Trent Alexander-Arnold, and the work ethic and intelligence of James Milner were equally important.

So was the presence of Van Dijk at the back.

Just West Ham always have a threat at set pieces, and when they came back at 3-1, you wondered if Liverpool would get nervous as they so often have done this season.

Not any more, because Van Dijk wins everything. But that is getting ahead of a breathtaking Reds display that started as early as the second minute, when only Adrian’s impressive save to turn Salah’s shot onto a post denied Liverpool the perfect start.

The movement for that chance was an insight into everything to come. Klopp’s side were tormented at times by the outstanding Marko Arnautovic - whose audacious talent surely deserves to be on display at a top-four club - but they had the answer, even after his effort was turned brilliantly onto the bar by Loris Karius.

Emre Can opened the scoring in the 29th minute when he got above Patrice Evra at a corner, but it was a 15-minute spell after the break that suggested Liverpool have hit new heights under Klopp.

They were compelling, and as Hammers boss David Moyes (left) said, “relentless”. It was as if they hit a switch and everything flowed out effortlessly.

It was summed up by the second goal on 51 minutes, when Oxlade-Chamberlain drove from midfield to set up Salah and his finish had a touch of the Lionel Messi in its simplicity.

From there, Liverpool could have had seven or eight. Seriously. They missed several chances, not least when Mane hit a post in a good position, but they took plenty more.

The third goal on 57 minutes was another beauty. A fast break, Can’s perfect ball and Firmino waltzed around the dashing Adrian to roll home.

Two minutes later, West Ham got one back, when sub Michail Antonio was fed by Cheik Kouyate, and you wondered could it happen again? Sevilla? Arsenal? Watford? No was the answer, as Liverpool added a fourth in the 77th minute when they played across their defence and moved the ball via Andrew Robertson to Milner, Firmino and Robertson again to provide Mane with a tap-in.

Bobby would have approved. He would have been at home in this Liverpool side. His West Ham didn’t play badly. Surely they will not go down under Moyes, but still they were outclassed.

Moyes said: “We always thought we had a chance of scoring today, but we couldn’t keep their front players quiet.”

An understatement, if ever there was one.

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Relentless, hungry Reds are becoming a team in Jurgen Klopp's own image

It was all so gloriously familiar. Liverpool's dazzling front three ran riot as David Moyes was left to endure another chastening trip to Anfield.

Jurgen Klopp's warning about the dangers of slackening off was heeded as West Ham were ruthlessly brushed aside just like Porto before them.

The Reds' recent past is littered with examples of them delivering an eye-catching triumph and then falling flat on the face against average opposition. Not this time. Standards were maintained across the board as another emphatic victory lifted Liverpool above Manchester United into second place in the Premier League.

There is no reason why they can't finish the season there. This was a test of attitude and application as much as quality and Klopp's men passed it with flying colours. "I am never satisfied," the manager said in the build-up to this fixture. And here there were further signs of him fashioning a team in his own image.

Refreshed after a training camp in Marbella, there was a hunger and a relentlessness to Liverpool which the Hammers simply couldn't live with.

Collectively, the home side kept their cool after a lively opening failed to yield the breakthrough they craved. Emre Can's header – Liverpool's 100th goal of the season – ensured they led at the interval and in the second half they raised the bar and blew West Ham away. A minor blip when substitute Michail Antonio was allowed to reduce the deficit proved to be only a footnote on an afternoon to savour. The Fab Three might not have quite the same ring to it but the potency of Klopp's frontline hasn't been reduced by Philippe Coutinho's departure to Barcelona. Remarkably, since the Brazilian jumped ship for Catalonia, Liverpool have scored 22 goals in eight matches. It was a gamble by Klopp to sanction Coutinho's sale but so far it hasn't hindered them.

Klopp prides himself on the spirit and camaraderie in the dressing room. He didn't want anyone dragging that down and that sense of unity is clearly driving them on. Ten days after Mohamed Salah, Roberto Firmino and Sadio Mane tormented Porto in the Champions League, they repeated the trick.

Once again all three were on the scoresheet. Once again opposing defenders were left bewitched by their brilliance. Salah netted for the sixth successive game as he moved level with Harry Kane in the race for the Golden Boot.

It's 31 goals for the Kop's Egyptian King and Firmino is now on 22 – equalling the best-ever tally of his senior career. With a resurgent Mane moving to 13, they boast an incredible 66 between them. It's still February. That three-pronged attack gives Liverpool genuine hope of going the distance in the Champions League, but there was plenty else to admire against the Hammers. Virgil van Dijk impressed once again at the back, while Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain delivered a much-improved display after being recalled in midfield. Full-backs Trent Alexander-Arnold and Andy Robertson continued where they left off in Portugal. With captain Jordan Henderson hampered earlier in the week by a minor knock and Gini Wijnaldum sidelined by illness, both Oxlade-Chamberlain and Can were handed starts in midfield. Liverpool flew out of the blocks and were inches away from going in front inside three minutes. James Milner's perfectly-weighted pass released Firmino, who darted away from James Collins and teed up Salah. He worked the ball on to his left foot and drilled against the inside of the post.

West Ham's back five had bags of experience but they had no answer to the Reds' blistering pace and intelligent movement. Some of the one-touch football between Salah, Firmino and Mane was a delight to watch as the Hammers were left chasing shadows. Alexander-Arnold and Robertson rampaged down the flanks and whipped in some pin-point deliveries. Van Dijk nodded straight at Adrian as Liverpool sought to make their dominance count.

Belatedly, West Ham came to life. Joel Matip, who was surprisingly preferred to Dejan Lovren, had problems dealing with Marko Arnautovic. The Austrian attacker got away from him on the edge of the box and executed a classy chip which Loris Karius did well to tip on to the underside of the bar.

Liverpool responded by raising the tempo and quickly regained control. Mane headed over from Firmino's cross with Adrian called into action by Robertson and Alexander-Arnold before the pressure finally told just before the half-hour mark. Can got above Patrice Evra to nod home Salah's inviting corner from four yards out. It was the Reds' 100th goal of the season and only once in the club's top-flight history have they reached that milestone in fewer games.

Salah should have made it 2-0 soon after but couldn't convert Robertson's deep cross. When Karius clawed behind another decent strike from Arnautovic the contest was still very much alive, but within 12 minutes of the second half the points were wrapped up. Oxlade-Chamberlain, who broke off the shackles after his recent struggles, created the second goal. Strong and purposeful, he held off the attentions of Kevin Noble and Cheikhou Kouyate and as he fell to ground cleverly poked the ball into Salah's path. There was a sense of inevitability about what followed as Salah drilled low past Adrian. Moyes, who has never won at Anfield in 15 attempts, had that same old sinking feeling when Can pounced on Joao Mario's poor touch and played in Firmino. The Brazilian attacker got there before the on-rushing keeper and gleefully found the empty net. Game over.

Briefly, Liverpool clocked off and paid the price as Can was outmuscled by Kouyate and substitute Antonio fired beyond Karius.

But victory was never in doubt. A tiring West Ham were repeatedly carved apart with Firmino, Mane, Salah and Oxlade-Chamberlain all forcing saves in front of the Kop. Mane had his head in his hands after striking the post when clean through but with 13 minutes to go the Senegal international had the final word. It was a classy team goal with Milner and Firmino involved before Robertson's low cross put it on a plate for Mane. That's 11 times this season that Liverpool have scored four or more in a game. With the job done, Salah, Firmino and Mane were given a breather and they departed to thunderous ovations late on. They need to be wrapped in cotton wool and rolled out at Anfield again next Saturday. Klopp's attacking juggernaut rolls on.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Roberto Firmino. Led the line brilliantly once again.

LIVERPOOL: Karius, Alexander-Arnold, Van Dijk, Matip, Robertson, Milner, Can, Oxlade-Chamberlain, Salah (Solanke 86), Mane (Moreno 86), Firmino (Lallana 82). Subs: Mignolet, Lovren, Gomez, Henderson. **GOALS:** Can 29, Salah 51, Firmino 57, Mane 77.

WEST HAM UNITED: Adrian, Collins, Ogbonna, Cresswell, Zabaleta, Kouyate, Noble, Evra, Lanzini (Antonio 58), Mario (Rice 83), Arnautovic (Hernandez 83). Subs: Hart, Reid, Huggill, Byram. **BOOKING:** Collins, Kouyate. **GOAL:** Antonio 59.

REFEREE: Stuart Attwell. **ATT:** 53,256.

STANDARD

Mohamed Salah stars to sink Hammers at Anfield

Mohamed Salah scored one goal and set up another as Liverpool beat West Ham 4-1 at Anfield to leapfrog Manchester United into second place in the Premier League table.

Emre Can, Firmino and Roberto Firmino put Liverpool in a commanding three-goal lead on Merseyside, with Sadio Mane getting in on the act to wrap up all three points after Michail Antonio had briefly hinted at a Hammers fightback.

The win sends Jurgen Klopp's side a point above Manchester United into second - a position Jose Mourinho's Red Devils will retake if they beat champions Chelsea at Old Trafford on Sunday.

Liverpool, who also won 4-1 at the London Stadium in November, were dominant and could have had more for their efforts, with both Salah and Mane striking the woodwork.

The Hammers, whose supporters wore T-shirts commemorating the 25th anniversary of Bobby Moore's death, offered little and the result prolonged their manager David Moyes' miserable record at Anfield.

The former Everton and Manchester United boss has now not won at the ground in 15 attempts.

It also proved an ineffective Hammers debut for Patrice Evra, with the former United defender booed throughout.

The game got off to a lively start, with both sides hitting the woodwork in the opening minutes.

Salah looked certain to open the scoring with just two minutes gone after being teed up by Firmino, but Adrian touched his low shot on to the post.

West Ham initially responded positively with Marko Arnautovic breaking clear of Virgil van Dijk and attempting to beat Loris Karius with a delicate chip. His effort was almost perfect, but the Liverpool keeper just managed to brush the ball with an outstretched arm to push it on to the bar.

The Hammers failed to build on that moment of near-brilliance and Liverpool soon assumed control.

Adrian had to be alert as a cross from Andrew Robertson threatened to drift into the top corner and the Spaniard then saved from distance from Trent Alexander-Arnold.

Liverpool's breakthrough came just before the half-hour as Salah delivered the cross for Can to head home from a corner.

It was a goal the hosts deserved and Salah should have doubled the lead before the interval when he headed a Robertson cross over from close range.

The Egyptian quickly made amends for that miss after the restart, continuing his prolific season by turning a low shot past Adrian after a tenacious run by Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain.

Liverpool looked to press home their advantage and Mane had a shot blocked by Adrian before Firmino added the third. The Brazilian was played in by Can after Joao Mario lost possession and he calmly took the ball past Adrian before slotting in.

Moyes made a change by sending on Antonio and that paid immediate dividends as he scored within moments of coming on, taking a touch before slotting past Karius on a quick counter-attack.

But Liverpool regrouped and Adrian was in action again as he saved from Salah, Firmino and Mane in quick succession.

Mane was then denied again, this time by a post, after being played in by Firmino, but made no mistake when the Brazilian crossed moments later, completing victory by lifting over Adrian from close range.

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Salah shoots Liverpool into second after latest rout

Liverpool 4 Can 29, Salah 51, Firmino 57, Mane 77

West Ham United 1 Antonio 59 Att: 53,256

There was a chill wind emanating from Merseyside and heading ominously towards Manchester as Mohamed Salah continued his goal binge and Liverpool moved into second place. Jose Mourinho's United players may be feeling and fighting it at Old Trafford when facing Chelsea today, as they find themselves behind Jurgen Klopp's side in the table.

Liverpool's win over West Ham took them to their highest league position since August, but it was the ease and panache with which they did it that left the starkest impression. David Moyes's side was shredded during one of those second-half sprees when Anfield fixtures resemble NBA matches.

For the briefest period, it looked like Moyes's attack may benefit as much as his defence suffered from Liverpool's freestyle football, notably when West Ham substitute Michail Antonio pounced on sloppiness in the home rearguard to reduce a three-goal deficit before the hour. But since the addition of Virgil van Dijk, there are signs Klopp's side's vigour no longer comes with recurring levels of charity. They eased through the gears, scoring four when a little more ruthlessness might effortlessly have given them double.

Naturally, Mohamed Salah scored again. They might start printing guarantees of the Egyptian finding the net on the Anfield match tickets. He has 31 for the season already, the most by any Liverpool player in a campaign since Luis Suarez was at Anfield. The Uruguayan did it over the course of a season, not by February. It is time to start checking the records for 40-goal campaigns.

Salah should have had a hat-trick. He hit a post and missed a sitter before scoring his side's second on 51 minutes. Only goalkeeper Adrian prevented him adding to the tally after his goal. Those with a taste for irony might ask how many the attacker will get when his finishing improves.

"I am happy I saw a lot of things we did on the training ground," said Klopp, who is only ill at ease these days when asked to laud Salah because of a desire to ensure those around him receive the same applause. "In football, it is all about doing the right thing in the moment. I like Mo's desire for goals. But flexibility depends on all the players. If you only have one, it doesn't help. If you see immediately Roberto [Firmino] is defending each moment for Mo. Sadio Mane is the same. Mo is obviously doing well, but Sadio could have scored one or two times more and Roberto deserved his goal. Mo is a boy who is full of greed to score goals."

Given the difficulties facing obstinate opponents, Klopp's upbeat demeanour was understandable. He has been targeting second spot since Manchester City disappeared over the horizon, but it is not just Champions League qualification at stake. Whoever gets closest is likely to be a realistic challenger to Pep Guardiola next year. Those who feared Liverpool would lose their creativity when Philippe Coutinho left will find little supporting evidence from nine goals in the past two games. Klopp played down the significance - psychological or otherwise - of going above his rivals this weekend, but collecting the points when at least one of those nearest to him will drop them matters. "I don't think United and Chelsea think too much about us, but they know before the match day that we are around," said the German. "If Man United wins then we were second for a few hours, but to get the points is important. We have no time to rest, no time to waste one point. All the other top clubs are flying, so we need to fly as well."

Liverpool went ahead on 21 minutes via a routine set-piece goal they rarely score. Salah was the provider with a corner, Emre Can's header unchallenged. This followed an encouraging period for the visitors, even though Mane and Van Dijk had squandered early chances. Marko Arnautovic was troubling Joel Matip and almost scored a spectacular opener after 15 minutes. He chipped Loris Karius from the edge of the penalty area, but the German just managed to fingertip the effort on to the bar. It was another sign of the goalkeeper's growing confidence. "I was hoping that the goalline technology would say it was over the line. It was not to be," said Moyes. Liverpool cut loose after the break, the excellent Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain teeing up Salah before Adrian's error enabled Firmino to tap in a third. After an end-to-end passing move which began with Karius, Andy Robertson's cross fed Mane on 77 minutes to end any hope of a West Ham revival. Without a recognised striker, Moyes was depending on his runners. Antonio's introduction momentarily helped as there was tidiness without penetration until then, although the caution in the visitors' line-up was also evident with Patrice Evra's inclusion - his first appearance for West Ham. That stirred the blood of the Kop, who reminded him of his Manchester United past - and role in Suarez's notorious suspension in 2011 - at each opportunity.

"I thought we played quite well in the first half and we were maybe a bit unfortunate not to go a goal ahead," said Moyes.

"Although Liverpool had chances too I was happy in the first half, but certainly not the second "It is really difficult to deal with them. We worked most of the way to try and find a way we could contain them best as we could. There were parts when we did. Today was the first day we gave away some individual mistakes that led to goals."

West Ham still have more to do to ensure an encouraging spell under Moyes leads to safety, but this was an occasion when even Arctic temperatures could not stop Liverpool's front players lighting their usual fires.

It was once said at Anfield "first is first, second is nothing", but times have changed. To be runners-up this season would be the next domestic barometer of progress for Klopp. That ambition is now approaching a pivotal stage.

"It is really intense for all the teams involved and we play United in two weeks," said Klopp.

The forthcoming trip to Old Trafford may determine who is the best of the rest behind City.

Liverpool (4-3-3) Karius 7; Robertson 7, Van Dijk 7, Matip 6, Alexander-Arnold 7; Oxlade-Chamberlain 8, Can 7, Milner 7; Mane 7 (Solanke 87), Salah 8 (Moreno 87), Firmino 8 (Lallana 81). Subs Mignolet, Lovren, Gomez, Henderson.

West Ham (5-2-3) Adrian 4; Evra 4; (Hernandez 83,) Cresswell 5, Collins 5, Ogbanna 5, Zabaleta 5; Noble 6, Kouyate 6; Mario 5 (Rice 84) Lanzini 5 (Antonio 58), Arnautovic 6. Subs Hart, Reid, Hugill, Byram. Booked Collins, Kouyate.

Referee Stuart Attwell (Birmingham).

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Relentless Reds march on

LIVERPOOL 4 Can 29, Salah 51, Firmino 57, Mane 77

WEST HAM UNITED 1 Antonio 59

Mohamed Salah was filmed visiting a Liverpool chip shop last week, but there is no real doubt about his appetite. "Mo," purred Jurgen Klopp, "is obviously a boy full of greed to score goals." Even in one of his less spectacular games, Salah found scope to break records and produce the catalytic moment that changed a tight match into one where Liverpool could then open out for another big, buccaneering win. Thirty-one goals for the season now for Salah — as many as Luis Suarez ever scored in a Liverpool campaign.

And his 51st-minute strike was his 20th in the Premier League with his left foot, breaking Robbie Fowler's mark for a single campaign. Salah is so good he is now even usurping 'God.'

It was 1-0 when Salah struck. Liverpool had been ascendant, but West Ham were playing cannily, doggedly. In the first half, despite Emre Can's header for 1-0, David Moyes' side were never out of it. They threw bodies in the way. They doubled up. They hoofed and headed balls, hurtled into tackles.

The meat and occasional magic of Marko Arnautovic gave them a good reference for counterattacks, and even Klopp admired what he called "genius" when Arnautovic — via a brilliant fingertip touch from Loris Karius — hit the bar.

It was freezing. Out on the pitch the wind kept changing direction, making it awkward, and Liverpool faced a situation they have struggled with so often this season against smaller, organised opponents, who deny them time and space.

They were struggling for rhythm, which is why Salah's moment was so important. Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain provided impetus, playing a combination to get to the edge of the box. Mark Noble closed but Oxlade-Chamberlain retained possession before feeding Salah with a fine pass. Salah checked one way to leave Aaron Cresswell stretching and rolled a shot through his legs and into the corner of the net. It was one those finishes he makes look simple when they are not. He was in the chip shop to film an Egyptian commercial but what an advert his £36.9m signing is proving for Klopp and his transfer committee's recruiting.

Their resistance broken, West Ham's brains scrambled for a while, not least Adrian's. The goalkeeper sent a weak kick to the halfway line and Joao Mario lost possession by trying too elaborate a touch. Can lobbed a pass through for Firmino and Adrian came out to clear but missed the ball. Firmino collected and scored into the unguarded net. A quick riposte by West Ham's substitute Michail Antonio, checked Liverpool but not for long and 3-1 turned to 4-1 when, with Oxlade-Chamberlain and the indefatigable Andy Robertson involved again, Mane tapped home. For a remarkable 11th time in 2017-18, Liverpool had scored four or more in a game. Salah is not the only one greedy for goals.

The result left Liverpool second and while Klopp was reluctant to attach significance, there is an aptness in seeing Liverpool's name following Manchester City's in the table. They are 15 points behind City, but close to them in approach and spirit. And winning this tricky game comfortably, given previous draws or defeats in similar situations, was a sign they might be growing towards being a side might challenge City in seasons ahead. "It is really difficult to contain them," said David Moyes, who praised Patrice Evra for staying focused and competitive in difficult circumstances on his West Ham debut. There was booing of the Frenchman and chants of "one lying b*****", from a puerile minority in the Kop, who appear to still somehow blame Evra for the eight-game ban handed to Suarez when the FA found the forward guilty of racially insulting Evra in 2011.

At least Klopp showed class in embracing Evra at full-time. "I heard [the barracking] but I don't have the same history with Evra as maybe supporters do. I can't say anything about that," Klopp said.

Discomforting in the game, for Evra, was going up against the fast legs of Trent Alexander-Arnold, 17 years his junior; nor could he compete with the height of Can when Liverpool went ahead. From a corner, Salah played a brilliant inswinging cross, precise and pacy, to where Can had Evra isolated.

Comfortably Can, 6ft 2, outjumped the flailing Frenchman, 5ft 8, before powering a header into the corner of the net.

Liverpool had nearly scored after two minutes when Firmino fed Salah, who beat James Collins and rolled the ball against a post. But then West Ham began their resistance and almost scored when Mario flicked to Arnautovic, who showed fabulous technique to scoop a bobbling ball over Karius. Just as it seemed Karius was beaten he twisted and applied a touch to send the ball against the bar.

Karius could not prevent Antonio scoring shortly after Firmino had made it 3-0.

In his first involvement after replacing Manuel Lanzini, Antonio demonstrated pace and composure to take the ball into the box and finish low. But Liverpool kept going and missed several chances before scoring their fourth — most notably when, after more fine Oxlade-Chamberlain work, Mane struck a post.

Star man: Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain (Liverpool) Yellow cards: West Ham United:

Collins, Kouyate Referee: S Attwell Attendance: 53,256 Liverpool: Karius 7, Alexander-Arnold 7, Matip 7, Van Dijk 7, Robertson 8, Milner 6, Can 7, Oxlade-Chamberlain 8, Salah 7 (Solanke 87min, 6), Firmino 7 (Lallana 82min, 6), Mane 6 (Moreno 87min, 6) Substitutes: Lovren, Gomez, Henderson, Mignolet West Ham United: Adrian 6, Zabaleta 5, Collins 6, Ogbonna 6, Cresswell 6, Evra 6, Kouyate 6, Noble 6, Lanzini 4 (Antonio 58min, 6), Mario 5 (Rice 83min, 6), Arnautovic 7 (Hernandez 83min, 6) Substitutes: Reid, Hugill, Byram, Hart

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Liverpool were a "joy to watch" as they thumped West Ham United 4-1 to move above Manchester United into second place in the Premier League, said manager Jurgen Klopp.

Forwards Mohamed Salah, Roberto Firmino and Sadio Mane all scored in the second half in a resounding Anfield win for the Reds.

Klopp told BBC Sport: "You hope for a game like this, and you want to see it, but it's really rare that you get it.

"Today we got it and it's unbelievably important for us because of the situation in the table and the period of the season we are in."

Emre Can headed Liverpool ahead from a corner - the Reds' 100th goal this season - after Salah had been denied by a post.

Salah made it 2-0 with an instinctive, low finish after a delicious pass by Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain, before Firmino added the third after a mistake by goalkeeper Adrian.

Substitute Michail Antonio's quality, low finish gave West Ham hope - but Mane, who had hit the post moments before, completed a fine Liverpool win.

"The quality of the players Liverpool have got at the moment caused us big problems," said Hammers boss David Moyes.

Will Liverpool finish best of the rest?

On the eve of the Carabao Cup final, Klopp is still chasing his first major trophy since taking charge of Liverpool in October 2015.

But at least the league table makes healthy reading for the German, whose side have one foot in the quarter-finals of the Champions League after a [5-0 thrashing of Porto](#).

On 22 October, Klopp's side were battling to stay in the top half after a [4-1 defeat against Tottenham](#) at Wembley left them ninth behind teams such as Burnley, Watford and Newcastle.

Four months on, Liverpool lead the 'best of the rest', one point ahead of third-placed United and 15 behind runaway leaders Manchester City.

With 10 matches remaining, Liverpool are on course for their highest league finish since 2013-14, and their trip to Old Trafford on 10 March will go a long way to deciding whether they can take second spot.

"Can we stay second? That depends on the other results," added Klopp.

"We have to focus on ourselves. The next game is Newcastle and Rafa Benitez is one of the best managers in the world."

Liverpool's clinical finishing and counter-attacks again proved the difference, though not until Firmino made it 3-0 were the hosts able to really relax.

When they did, they conceded, but even Antonio's goal could not take the shine off this win.

Liverpool are now unbeaten in 16 matches at home in the league - hitting excellent form at the right time of the season.

"We defended well and attacked well," said Klopp. "Our counter-attacking was outstanding, the work-rate was outstanding and the attitude was fantastic."

Moyes' Anfield frustration continues

With the game goalless, Marko Arnautovic produced an outrageous lob which was tipped onto the bar by Loris Karius, and the Liverpool keeper was later tested from outside the area by the Austrian.

Yet positives were few and far between for Hammers boss Moyes, who gave a debut to former Manchester United full-back Patrice Evra.

His side are down to 13th in the table, their safety cushion cut from four points to three with 10 matches remaining.

Fifteen years on from his first visit to the venue as a manager, Moyes has yet to win at Anfield. This was his 15th game at Liverpool's home - and his eighth defeat.

Yet the Scot was keen to focus on the positives after seeing his team ripped apart by Liverpool's front three.

"We knew how hard it was going to be but I thought we played well in the first half," said Moyes. "We were never going to get loads of chances here, we knew that."

Time will tell whether this heavy defeat was a blip or something more troubling.

West Ham came within seven minutes of a draw at Manchester City on 3 December, while they have beaten Chelsea and drawn with Tottenham and Arsenal since Moyes took charge in November.

But this was a day to forget.

Man of the match - Mohamed Salah (Liverpool)

Four, four, four - the stats

Liverpool have scored four or more goals in three consecutive league games against a single opponent for the first time since doing so against Norwich between 2012-2013.

Moyes has failed to win at Anfield as manager of Everton, Manchester United, Sunderland and now West Ham.

Salah has been directly involved in 31 Premier League goals this season (23 goals, eight assists), more than any other player.

He has scored 20 goals with his left foot in the Premier League this season, the most by a player in a single season in the competition's history.

Liverpool (103) are the second Premier League team to score 100-plus goals in all competitions this season after Manchester City (111).

Evra made his Premier League debut for West Ham, the 36-year-old Frenchman is the fifth-oldest outfield player to make an appearance this season.

Antonio has scored in four of his five appearances against Liverpool for West Ham.

What's next?

Liverpool await former boss Rafael Benitez's return to Anfield with Newcastle United next Saturday (17:30 GMT). On the same day, West Ham are involved in a game which could have a huge impact in the battle to stay up when they face Swansea in south Wales (15:00).

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Match ends, Liverpool 4, West Ham United 1.
 90'+4' Second Half ends, Liverpool 4, West Ham United 1.
 90'+3' Offside, Liverpool. Dominic Solanke tries a through ball, but Andrew Robertson is caught offside.
 90'+3' Virgil van Dijk (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 90'+3' Foul by Michail Antonio (West Ham United.
 90'+3' Attempt saved. Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Trent Alexander-Arnold.
 88' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by James Collins.
 87' Substitution, Liverpool. Dominic Solanke replaces Mohamed Salah.
 87' Substitution, Liverpool. Alberto Moreno replaces Sadio Mané.
 86' Attempt missed. Adam Lallana (Liverpool right footed shot from the right side of the box is too high. Assisted by Mohamed Salah.
 83' Substitution, West Ham United. Declan Rice replaces João Mário.
 83' Substitution, West Ham United. Chicharito replaces Marko Arnautovic.
 83' Delay over. They are ready to continue.
 82' Substitution, Liverpool. Adam Lallana replaces Roberto Firmino.
 82' Delay in match Cheikhou Kouyaté (West Ham United because of an injury.
 81' Foul by Andrew Robertson (Liverpool.
 81' Cheikhou Kouyaté (West Ham United wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 79' Attempt missed. Sadio Mané (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is close, but misses to the right. Assisted by Andrew Robertson.
 78' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Aaron Cresswell.
 77' Goal! Liverpool 4, West Ham United 1. Sadio Mané (Liverpool right footed shot from very close range to the bottom left corner. Assisted by Andrew Robertson.
 73' Sadio Mané (Liverpool hits the left post with a left footed shot from the centre of the box. Assisted by Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain with a through ball.
 68' Attempt saved. Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Emre Can.
 66' Attempt missed. James Collins (West Ham United header from the right side of the box is just a bit too high. Assisted by Aaron Cresswell following a set piece situation.
 65' Foul by James Milner (Liverpool.
 65' Patrice Evra (West Ham United wins a free kick in the attacking half.
 62' Attempt saved. Sadio Mané (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the top centre of the goal. Assisted by Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain.
 62' Attempt saved. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool left footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Sadio Mané with a through ball.
 61' Attempt saved. Mohamed Salah (Liverpool left footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain.
 59' Goal! Liverpool 3, West Ham United 1. Michail Antonio (West Ham United right footed shot from the right side of the box to the bottom left corner. Assisted by Cheikhou Kouyaté with a through ball following a fast break.
 58' Substitution, West Ham United. Michail Antonio replaces Manuel Lanzini.
 57' Goal! Liverpool 3, West Ham United 0. Roberto Firmino (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box to the bottom right corner. Assisted by Emre Can with a through ball.
 56' Attempt saved. Sadio Mané (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Roberto Firmino with a through ball.
 54' Attempt missed. Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain (Liverpool right footed shot from the right side of the box is close, but misses to the right. Assisted by Trent Alexander-Arnold.
 53' Corner, West Ham United. Conceded by Joel Matip.
 52' Foul by Roberto Firmino (Liverpool.
 52' Pablo Zabaleta (West Ham United wins a free kick in the attacking half.
 51' Goal! Liverpool 2, West Ham United 0. Mohamed Salah (Liverpool left footed shot from the centre of the box to the bottom right corner. Assisted by Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain.
 47' Cheikhou Kouyaté (West Ham United is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.
 47' Virgil van Dijk (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 47' Foul by Cheikhou Kouyaté (West Ham United.
 Second Half begins Liverpool 1, West Ham United 0.
 45'+3' First Half ends, Liverpool 1, West Ham United 0.
 45'+1' Attempt blocked. Mohamed Salah (Liverpool left footed shot from outside the box is blocked.
 45' James Milner (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.
 45' Foul by Pablo Zabaleta (West Ham United.
 43' James Collins (West Ham United is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.
 43' Andrew Robertson (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 43' Foul by James Collins (West Ham United.
 42' Corner, West Ham United. Conceded by Loris Karius.
 42' Attempt saved. Marko Arnautovic (West Ham United right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the top centre of the goal. Assisted by Cheikhou Kouyaté.
 41' Foul by Joel Matip (Liverpool.
 41' Marko Arnautovic (West Ham United wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 40' Foul by Emre Can (Liverpool.
 40' João Mário (West Ham United wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 38' Emre Can (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 38' Foul by Cheikhou Kouyaté (West Ham United.
 36' Offside, West Ham United. João Mário tries a through ball, but Patrice Evra is caught offside.
 34' Delay over. They are ready to continue.
 34' Delay in match Emre Can (Liverpool because of an injury.
 32' Attempt missed. Mohamed Salah (Liverpool header from the right side of the six yard box is just a bit too high. Assisted by Andrew Robertson with a cross.
 32' Attempt missed. Emre Can (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is close, but misses to the right. Assisted by Sadio Mané.

29' Goal! Liverpool 1, West Ham United 0. Emre Can (Liverpool header from very close range to the bottom left corner. Assisted by Mohamed Salah with a cross following a corner.
 29' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Adrián.
 29' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Adrián.
 28' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Mark Noble.
 27' Attempt saved. Manuel Lanzini (West Ham United right footed shot from the left side of the box is saved in the bottom left corner.
 26' Foul by Roberto Firmino (Liverpool.
 26' Patrice Evra (West Ham United wins a free kick on the left wing.
 24' Mohamed Salah (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.
 24' Foul by Aaron Cresswell (West Ham United.
 21' Delay over. They are ready to continue.
 21' Delay in match James Milner (Liverpool because of an injury.
 20' Attempt blocked. James Milner (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked.
 19' Attempt missed. Sadio Mané (Liverpool header from the centre of the box is too high. Assisted by Roberto Firmino with a cross.
 18' Offside, West Ham United. Manuel Lanzini tries a through ball, but Marko Arnautovic is caught offside.
 16' Attempt missed. Pablo Zabaleta (West Ham United right footed shot from the right side of the box misses to the left.
 16' Attempt blocked. Marko Arnautovic (West Ham United right footed shot from the left side of the box is blocked. Assisted by Manuel Lanzini.
 15' Attempt saved. Marko Arnautovic (West Ham United right footed shot from the right side of the box is saved in the top centre of the goal.
 13' Foul by James Milner (Liverpool.
 13' Cheikhou Kouyaté (West Ham United wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 12' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Pablo Zabaleta.
 7' Attempt saved. Virgil van Dijk (Liverpool header from the centre of the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by James Milner with a cross.
 7' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by James Collins.
 3' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Pablo Zabaleta.
 3' Attempt saved. Mohamed Salah (Liverpool left footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the bottom right corner. Assisted by Roberto Firmino.
 1' Foul by Marko Arnautovic (West Ham United.
 1' Virgil van Dijk (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.
 First Half begins.
 Lineups are announced and players are warming up.