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Calm Wijnaldum proves he has the poise for new role stifling City
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There was a moment, when Georginio Wijnaldum had possession in the middle of the pitch, that had Jürgen Klopp's heart all a flutter. And not, it should be said, in a good way.

Barely a Liverpool team-mate was stationed behind the Dutchman and, with Everton's Cenk Tosun and Tom Davies closing in on either side, the situation screamed danger.

As it transpired, Wijnaldum extricated himself from the difficulty, slipping away from his pursuers, but the moment stood out because everything else that the midfielder had attempted in this helter-skelter game had been completed with clinical efficiency and far less risk.

The Merseyside derby was treated as test ground for a public experiment by the Liverpool manager, who deployed Wijnaldum in the No 6 role, which he needs to fill against Manchester City in the Champions League on Tuesday. His was an audition without mishap.

"First half no pressure and he started dribbling in a moment when I was like, 'OK, you want to put grey hair on my head'," Klopp said. "But it was just mature, the whole performance, and I like that."

The suspension of Jordan Henderson for tomorrow's quarterfinal second leg at the Etihad Stadium means that Wijnaldum will fill the void as Liverpool try to ensure that they reach the semi-finals. The eye may be drawn to Virgil Van Dijk and Loris Karius to repel Pep Guardiola's side, but the man in front, screening, will have an equally crucial role.

Wijnaldum is usually found scurrying around and breaking forward but, at Goodison Park, he was at the hub of the game and had the most touches on the pitch (92, one more than Dejan Lovren).

Dominic Calvert-Lewin should have snatched victory for Everton in the final moments, but he missed a gilt-edged chance. Liverpool will be pleased that Wijnaldum could gain his bearings in a low-key affair before fine-tuning things today and tomorrow.

Yet it was back in pre-season, when Liverpool beat Leicester City in Hong Kong in the final of the Premier League Asia Trophy, that Wijnaldum played there for the first time.

Because of torrential rain, Klopp had been largely frustrated by the week away, but he departed with a solution.

"The manager said at that time that it can happen that I will play in that position, so he might look to do it in the future," Wijnaldum said. "Now that time has come."

"Normally [where I usually play] you stand higher on the pitch. Now, you're second man in the build-up a lot of times. You get more on the ball, you have a lot of moments. When you play one position ahead, you have less moments when you have the ball. You are more responsible because you are the second, or sometimes the first man in the buildup. You are quite an important player in that position as well." Wijnaldum was pleasantly surprised when informed that he had a pass-completion rate of almost 95 per cent, which illustrates how efficiently he kept the ball, a quality that will be crucial against City.

The unknown is how he will perform when Tosun is replaced by Kevin De Bruyne and Davies with Raheem Sterling for a City team who have been wounded by successive defeats that have knocked their pride, if not blown them totally off course. Liverpool were back resting at home by the time that Manchester's version of a derby restored the jawdropping appeal to these parochial squabbles. They were already set on the method with which to preserve their three-goal advantage and ensure progress. Manchester United's second-half display in coming from behind will only have strengthened Klopp's resolve to attack and he will be boosted by the fact that Mohamed Salah is set to be fit to start.

"We are not going to sit back," Wijnaldum said. "We are going to play our game. That is what we always do. We know that we are not already in the next round."

We know how strong they are, especially when they play at home, but they have to think about us, too, and where we are strong. It's going to be a nice game." It should certainly live longer in the memory than this contest. Liverpool's ambitions were betrayed by the changes they made and if Sam Allardyce could point to the wasted late chances, it highlighted how little Everton had mustered earlier. Theo Walcott had 33 touches in 90 minutes, managing 14 passes, and the failure to present him with more opportunities to attack Ragnar Klavan, who was playing as a makeshift left back, was an obvious flaw.

Allardyce is irked that he does not receive more plaudits for steadying the ship since taking over in November, but over the course of the remaining fixtures he must show more ambition, with a decision on his future coming at the end of the campaign.

RATINGS

Everton (4-5-1): J Pickford 7 — S Coleman 6, P Jagielka 6, M Keane 6, L Baines 6 — T Walcott 6, W Rooney 5 (sub: I Gueye 57min, 6), M Schneiderlin 6, T Davies 5 (sub: B Baniangime 79), Y Bolasie 5 (sub: D Calvert-Lewin 61, 5) — C Tosun 6. Substitutes not used J Robles, C Martina, O Niasse, R Funes-Mori.

Liverpool (4-3-3): L Karius 7 — N Clyne 6, D Lovren 6, V v Dijk 6, R Klavan 6 — J Henderson 6, G Wijnaldum 7, J Milner 6 (sub: A Oxlade-Chamberlain 68, 6) — D Ings 5 (sub: T Alexander-Arnold 89), D Solanke 5, S Mané 5 (sub: R Firmino 74).

the guardian

Everton rue late misses as winless derby run against Liverpool goes on

When the 231st Merseyside derby ended Idrissa Gana Gueye and Cenk Tosun stared disbelievingly at Liverpool's goal while Dominic Calvert-Lewin handed his [Everton](#) shirt to a young fan at the front of the Gwladys Street End. It was a peace offering. The striker should have given every Evertonian so much more, a first derby win in eight years to be exact, but a dreadful miss two minutes from time left them all, Gueye and Tosun included, with a familiar sense of regret. [Liverpool](#) emerged from an instantly forgettable contest with their unbeaten derby record and their Champions League preparations unscathed. With his team selection and substitutions Jürgen Klopp gave Everton the perfect invitation to defeat their rivals for the first time in 17 matches but Sam Allardyce's cumbersome side lacked the quality and ambition to end the worst derby run in the club's history. Everton missed a golden opportunity not only via the right foot of Calvert-Lewin. "A bit woeful," Allardyce said of his team's passing, and they needed almost 80 minutes to exert the pressure that should have yielded a flattering three points.

"We were not here to play a wild derby," said Klopp, whose team have kept eight clean sheets in their last 12 outings. In that sense both teams delivered. This was the first Merseyside derby since 1992 to end without a card of any description.

"We made it difficult for Everton to get the game they wanted," the Liverpool manager added. "It was a good performance, not brilliant but probably the most mature since I came here. We played football, didn't get involved in any fights and to deliver a game like this is a big compliment for my team." No added injury worries before Tuesday's trip to the Etihad Stadium were arguably more important to Klopp than the point.

He made five changes to the team that blitzed Manchester City in the Champions League on Wednesday with his squad impacted by injury and the second leg understandably in mind. Mohamed Salah was rested completely as he receives treatment on a groin injury that is not expected to rule him out against City. Liverpool's injury problems continued in the warm-up when Alberto Moreno pulled out with a thigh problem. The Spanish left-back had only made the substitutes' bench having taken a knock during his brief cameo against City. He was replaced by Rafael Camacho, who joined Curtis Jones among the 17-year-old back-up options available to Klopp.

Everton opened with the high-tempo craved by the crowd and Ragnar Klavan was almost dispossessed by Theo Walcott on the edge of Liverpool's penalty area. It was a deceptive opening. In Walcott and Yannick Bolasie the hosts had two fit, fast and experienced wingers up against a right-back making his first appearance of the season — Nathaniel Clyne — and a half-fit 32-year-old central defender making his first start since 1 January at left-back — Klavan. Yet Liverpool's full-backs were only seriously tested in the final stages while Séamus Coleman and Leighton Baines were exposed time and again during the first half.

Klopp's options were stretched but he was able to do the same to Allardyce's team by stationing James Milner on the extreme left of Liverpool's midfield and Clyne in an advanced position. The pair revealed in the space between Everton's wingers and full-backs and gradually, to Goodison's audible dismay, forced the hosts into a collective retreat. Georginio Wijnaldum and Jordan Henderson met minimal resistance as they controlled midfield, although Danny Ings and Dominic Solanke unsurprisingly lacked the menace of Salah and Roberto Firmino. Solanke should have opened the scoring when Clyne's cross rebounded into his path off Coleman's chest but his snap-shot was straight at Jordan Pickford. The Everton goalkeeper, watched by England manager, Gareth Southgate, produced a fine save to tip away a Milner effort that was curling inside his left-hand post. The stop of the game, however, came from Loris Karius. Liverpool's keeper had been a bystander but underlined his growing influence in the first moment he was required. The threat arrived from the first time Everton broke behind Klavan down the right. Walcott released Coleman and his deep cross fell to Bolasie, who cut inside and curled a shot that was destined for the top corner until Karius made a superb finger-tip save. That was a rare show of quality from Bolasie, with the Congo international encapsulating his side's error-strewn performance. Wayne Rooney was similarly wasteful and could have no complaints about being withdrawn in the 57th minute for a second home game in succession.

Klopp's second-half substitutions reflected not only Liverpool's current workload but how lightly he regarded the threat from Everton. Both his best player, Milner, and most dangerous player, Sadio Mané, were withdrawn and Liverpool's control over the derby disappeared with them. An invitation was extended to Everton and they so nearly took it. Eventually, belatedly, the hosts began to target Liverpool down the flanks and created several openings that should have yielded victory. Tosun was inches away from connecting with a Baines' cross that flashed across the face of Karius's goal. When Walcott stood up an inviting cross from the right, the Turkey international out-muscled Clyne at the back post but steered his close-range header inches wide of the far post with Coleman just failing to connect. The chance of the game, one that Calvert-Lewin can only have dreamed about beforehand, fell to the 21-year-old in the 88th minute. Coleman galloped down the right and his cross broke to the Everton substitute lurking unmarked at the back post. He had time and only Karius to beat but sliced horribly wide as Everton's players, to a man, lifted their hands to their heads. Their frustration continues. Liverpool move on to Europe.

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Toffees hold Jurgen Klopp's side as Merseyside derby ends in goalless stalemate

The saviour of Anfield in December felt like a fool at Goodison Park in April. Sitting on the bench, furiously stuffing his arms into an overcoat, Wayne Rooney barked out a string of profanities. Sam Allardyce had decided in the 57th minute of a sterile Merseyside derby he had seen enough from Everton's most talented player and hauled him off; given how poorly Yannick Bolasie had been playing, it was shock to see the No 10 flashing on the substitute board but the manager was clear. So off Rooney stomped, barely acknowledging Allardyce. When Everton last squared up to Liverpool in the Premier League, on a freezing cold Sunday before Christmas, England's greatest goalscorer had thrashed home a late penalty to pilfer a point his team had done little to deserve. He was desperate to do something similar here, to give those Evertonians who have suffered through this charmless season, something to cling to. A goal, an assist, anything to bring Liverpool to their knees. As it was, the final frenzied conclusion bypassed him, leaving him to mutter dark words. 'I've got no problem with that,' said Allardyce, after this scruffy match ended in a 0-0 draw. 'He was upset, it was a Merseyside derby. He isn't going to say 'all right gaffer, well done'. He can say whatever he likes to me in the office, between the four walls, it will be between me and him.' Rooney's desperation to make a mark on this contest was obvious. It was he, in the 15th minute, who tried to gee up a slovenly Everton team, when scurrying after James Milner and sliding into a challenge that won the ball and got the crowd to their feet. There was a sadness, then, that he should finish the squabble as frustrated bystander, as Allardyce looked to younger legs to try and grind out the club's first victory over Liverpool since October 2010. It didn't work. Everton, for all the huff and puff of the last 20 minutes, saw their chance slide away. Allardyce, as his way, trumpeted the positives. He explained that his substitutions changed the contest, that fractions and bad luck denied them a winning goal, but Evertonians would not be kidded. They knew, deep down, that they could not have had a better chance to flatten Liverpool. Predictably, Jurgen Klopp shuffled his starting line-up. Following their exploits against Manchester City on Wednesday – and with the second leg of their Champions League quarter-final now just 48 hours away – five new faces came in, including Danny Ings and Nathaniel Clyne. It was to Everton's detriment, then, that a full week's uninterrupted preparation did not see them make a fast start and take advantage. You could see from the first whistle, as all the Blue shirts shifted to the left-side of the pitch to await a long, diagonal ball the intentions of Allardyce. His critics will have viewed it as anti-football and it was to Everton's detriment that they didn't attack Clyne, who was starting his first game of the campaign, or Ragnar Klavan – back in the team for the first time since January 1 – from word go. They were actually fortunate not to find themselves two goals down in the first 15 minutes. Had Mohamed Salah or Roberto Firmino started, Liverpool would have certainly profited but Dominic Solanke found the burden of replacing men who have contributed 61 goals so far too much. First, in the 12th minute, the England Under-21 international glanced a header from eight yards wide, following good work from James Milner; then, three minutes later, he fired straight at Jordan Pickford after Clyne's cross cannoned off Seamus Coleman. Pickford's save was brilliant – he would make an even better one from Milner in the 29th minute, flinging himself to his left to push a shot around the post – but Solanke should not have given the England goalkeeper the chance to intervene. He knew better than anyone it was a bad miss. Everton offered nothing as an attacking force before the interval, other than a curling shot from Yannick Bolasie in the 27th minute that was brilliant tipped around the post by Loris Karius, and the second period seemed set to follow a similar pattern. 'The job was to work hard and enjoy the game and then get a result,' said Klopp. 'But Ingsy maybe started the emotional period of the game, with a little discussion with Coleman! We controlled the game but, towards the end, Everton had a few exciting moments in our box.' Those 'exciting moments' did not come thanks to any cunning plan. Allardyce's instructions were for the ball to be hoisted forward quickly at every opportunity. Liverpool, in the main, coped with it but the final 10 minutes were a little more anxious than Klopp would have liked. Cenk Tosun, who for so long had been left isolated, almost fulfilled his pre-match wish of scoring against Liverpool but his 87th minute header, from Theo Walcott's cross, squirted across the face of goal and Coleman, failed by inches to connect at the back post. In the next attack an even better opportunity presented itself but Dominic Calvert-Lewin, one of Everton's substitutes, could not keep his composure and dragged his shot wide when the moment demanded he bury his finish in the Gwladys Street net. Allardyce, theatrically, dropped to his knees. He realised there and then the moment had gone. But, like the season as a whole, something that offered so much gave something so little. The sooner this campaign for Everton ends, the better.

MATCH FACTS, LIVE LEAGUE TABLE AND MATCH ZONE

Everton (4-3-3): Pickford 6.5, Coleman 6, Jagielka 7, Keane 7, Baines 6, Rooney 6 (Gueye 57' 7), Schneiderlin 5, Davies 5 (Baningime 79), Walcott 5.5, Tosun 6, Bolasie 3 (Calvert-Lewin 61' 6) Subs not used: Martina, Niassy, Funes Mori, Robles.

Liverpool (4-3-3): Karius 6.5, Clyne 6, Lovren 6, Van Dijk 7, Klavan 6.5, Wijnaldum 6.5, Henderson 6.5, Milner 7.5 (Oxlade-Chamberlain 68' 6), Ings 5.5 (Alexander-Arnold 89'). Solanke 5.5, Mane 6 (Firmino 74' 6). Subs not used: Camacho.

Mignolet, Masterson, Jones. Referee: Michael Oliver 7 Attendance: 39,220

The Daily Telegraph

Liverpool vow to attack City

Everton 0 Liverpool 0 Att: 39,220 Liverpool are saving up their adventurous spirit for tomorrow night. A cautious approach in a dreadful Merseyside derby achieved its aims for Jurgen Klopp on Saturday, but they have promised to be more like their usual selves against Manchester City in the Champions League.

Klopp's side have been thrilling to watch this season, with 116 goals in all competitions, 77 of them shared between their front three of Mohamed Salah, Roberto Firmino and Sadio Mane. Little of that attacking verve was on show at Goodison Park; Salah was left out to allow a groin injury to recover, Firmino was restricted to a substitute's cameo, while Mane was muted.

For Liverpool, though, the derby was a distraction. The second leg of their quarter-final at City is where their focus lies, and even with the cushion of a 3-0 lead, they have no plans to be defensive.

"We are not going to sit back," said midfielder Georginio Wijnaldum. "We are going to play our game. We know how strong they are, especially when they play at home but they have to think about us too and where we are strong."

Wijnaldum's role at the Etihad will be crucial; he will play as the holding midfielder with captain Jordan Henderson suspended. The trip to Goodison Park offered the opportunity of a dress rehearsal, with the Dutchman moving in from his usual wide midfield role as Henderson was pushed forward.

Wijnaldum sailed through the test; no player touched the ball more, or attempted more passes; his pass completion rate was 94 per cent. City's midfield of Kevin De Bruyne, Fernandinho and David Silva will surely provide a tougher examination than Wayne Rooney, Morgan Schneiderlin and Tom Davies, but this was encouraging for Liverpool nonetheless.

"Gini was brilliant in that position," said Henderson. "He got on the ball and kept moving it."

Klopp was more colourful in his choices of phrase. "Gini is creative, he is good with the ball, he has good vision, he is physically strong and he can jump as high as the roof," said the Liverpool manager.

He described his team's performance against Everton as "mature", and they achieved their aims. Their unbeaten run in the fixture was extended to 17 games, no one was injured and no one got into disciplinary trouble, despite Danny Ings' involvement in a second-half altercation with Seamus Coleman. If there was a concern for Klopp, it would be in the fact that his backup forwards look rusty if anything were to happen to his first-choice front three. Dominic Solanke was unable to take either of two good early chances, heading the first wide and steering the second straight at goalkeeper Jordan Pickford. Ings, making his first league start in over two years after two cruciate knee ligament injuries, had a frustrating afternoon.

Yet even against a disjointed Liverpool team, Everton lacked threat until the final 10 minutes.

The one bright spot of Everton's dispiriting season has been Pickford. His fine first-half save from James Milner's curling shot did his chances of being England's World Cup goalkeeper no harm.

Coleman said: "Jordan got me out of a bit of a mess in the first half, which I am grateful for, and going into the summer he is looking like England's No1."

Otherwise, though, there is a sense at Goodison of willing the campaign to end. "Even in my short time here, there have been far too many inconsistent performances," admitted manager Sam Allardyce. There is much for Everton's hierarchy to ponder as they attempt to ensure this season's mediocrity is not repeated.

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Everton and Liverpool left wondering what might've been after damp squib of a derby

Perhaps, for [Sam Allardyce](#), the end ultimately justified the means. Not many sides will keep Liverpool at bay this season, even if this was a quiescent and experimental Liverpool, still on a European comedown from their midweek victory. Yet the howls of anguish from the stands told their own story. The 231st Merseyside derby was as damp a squib as the day that bore it.

Doubtless Allardyce will point at the last 15 minutes, in which his [Everton](#) side finally plugged themselves into the mains, pounced on a tiring Liverpool, and probably should have won the game. Yet the truth is that until then, this was a curiously flat affair, played in dispiritingly persistent afternoon drizzle on a squelchy surface with the consistency of cake. Everton's stirring ending to the game merely posed the question of how much more they might have managed to create had they been a little braver, a little sooner.

Instead, their winless run in this fixture stretches to a record 17 games in all competitions, and as they filed glumly out of Goodison Park, the home fans will surely reflect on a missed opportunity to land the decisive blow on their depleted rivals. With no Mo Salah, no Andy Robertson, with Roberto Firmino and Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain left on the bench, with a greasy pitch and a baying crowd, all the ingredients were in place for Everton to set about their bitter rivals with extreme prejudice.

And yet under Allardyce, this is a side that will only ever be a fraction of its full potential. There are good players at this club, players with craft, players who long to create. Tom Davies. Wayne Rooney. Morgan Schneiderlin. Yannick Bolasie.

Theo Walcott. Here, they settled instead for the secure embrace of the safe out-ball, the 45-yard back-pass, the 60-yard thump, the satisfying clearance to touch. Up front, Cenk Tosun was forced to live off scraps. The sparky Walcott opened his legs and showed his class once or twice, but was more often employed as an auxiliary right-back. The sleepy Bolasie was substituted on the hour to relieved cheers.

As for Liverpool, they will at least be glad to have emerged from a potentially hazardous encounter with a point and no further injuries. Certainly Danny Ings, earning a rare start up front, was lucky to walk away unscathed after getting his ankle trampled on, a challenge that really should have earned Bolasie a card. Alongside him, Dominic Solanke will go to bed reliving the moment he put the ball straight at Jordan Pickford from six yards in the first half. It is now 23 games without a goal for him, and he will have had few better chances than that.

At the other end, Liverpool had Loris Karius and Virgil van Dijk to thank for their clean sheet. Van Dijk was immense throughout, winning virtually all of his 50-50s and again injecting the sort of gentle assurance that the Liverpool defence has so often lacked in recent years. Karius, meanwhile, made the save of the game, a brilliant fingertip flick to deny Bolasie from 25 yards.

But by and large, the game settled into a fairly predictable holding pattern: opting for shape rather than disruption, Everton allowed Liverpool to work the ball to the edge of their penalty area almost unimpeded. As the home fans beseeched their players to push higher up the pitch, Everton remained in their cagey crouch, too deep even to counter effectively.

There were fleeting reminders that this was a Merseyside derby. Ings clashed angrily with Seamus Coleman after a spicy confrontation in front of the dugouts. Within seconds of coming on for James Milner, Oxlade-Chamberlain whistled a shot from distance just over Pickford's bar. And finally, at the urging of their own fans, Everton began to take the game to Liverpool. Tosun was inches away from getting a foot on Leighton Baines's spiteful low cross. Walcott began to come into his own.

Everton could easily have stolen the game in those final minutes. Tosun outmuscled Dejan Lovren but took too long on the ball. Later, the Turk headed the ball back across goal when he should probably have gone for it himself. Dominic Calvert-Lewin tried to curl the ball in at the far post from 15 yards, but put it wide. As the minutes leaked away, the Goodison crowd finally got to its feet, as if something might happen. But nothing did.



GINI HAS THE BOTTLE - Klopp relieved to get out of Goodison with a point, no injuries.. and a new superstar in the midfield holding role
 EVERTON 0
 LIVERPOOL 0

IN many ways this was the Merseyside derby with the least at stake - and quite possibly the least interest in the game itself.

The focus was firmly elsewhere, namely on what Everton need to do to become competitive again, and on Liverpool's Champions League showdown with Manchester City tomorrow.

Even Liverpool boss Jurgen Klopp admitted afterwards he was glad to escape without getting into a war.

Indeed the first question after the game was not about Saturday's contest, it was about the fitness of a player who wasn't even involved.

Yet if the spotlight lingered on the absent Mo Salah, a player not at Goodison but apparently available tomorrow, then perhaps it should also have focused on the display of a man who will have an equally key role at the Etihad.

Gini Wijnaldum was deployed as the holding midfielder against the Blues, with Jordan Henderson (right) switched to the right as he will be suspended against City, and he passed the test with flying colours.

Klopp insisted the Dutch international is well suited to that position, even if he did provide a hairy moment.

"The first half he didn't know pressure so he started dribbling...and I was like 'oh, ok, you want a few grey hairs on my head obviously!' But then he was just mature," Klopp said.

Wijnaldum arrived at Anfield from Newcastle as an attacking midfielder. Yet it's clear Klopp sees him more as a deep-lying midfielder. Indeed his role at Liverpool has changed completely. "That happens very often with a midfielder," Klopp explained. "Gini is a brilliant player but maybe does not have the split-second speed for an attacking-midfielder role.

"He is creative, he is good with the ball, he can pick the pass, he's good with that stuff, he has a good view of the play, he has everything you need. And he can jump as high as the roof ! "He is really physically strong and so that is a really good position for him.

"But we cannot constantly train with XI v XI to give him the opportunity to get used to that position.

"So against Everton we let him do what he thought was right, and he did really well."

Wijnaldum impressed against the Blues, helping Liverpool to restrict their city rivals to one first-half chance when Loris Karius saved brilliantly from Yannick Bolasie, and a couple at the end when the home side finally roused themselves. In between Liverpool dominated and would have secured victory but for some wasted opportunities, Dominic Solanke twice guilty.

Wijnaldum revealed he had been primed for the role by his manager as long ago as last summer.

"He was trying it in pre-season and he said it could happen that I will play in that position and he might look to do it in the future. Now that time has come," said the Dutchman.

Wijnaldum had a 95 per cent pass completion rate at Goodison, which took him by surprise.

"Yeah - that good? In that role you're second man in the build-up a lot of times and you get more of the ball. When you play one position ahead, you have fewer moments.

"You are quite an important player in that position as well. It will be important on Tuesday."

The point at Goodison turned out to be better than it looked when Chelsea dropped two points yesterday.

The Reds are still 10 points clear of fifth.

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No complaints as shattered Reds survive the Merseyside derby they didn't need

It was akin to watching paint dry.
 The derby Liverpool could have done without will be instantly forgotten.
 No goals, no bookings, little drama – the ultimate damp squib.
 The spoils were shared, just like they were at Anfield back in December, but there were no complaints from the buoyant travelling Kop.
 This was Everton's biggest game of the season, it wasn't even Liverpool's biggest game of the week.
 Considering the personnel on duty, Jurgen Klopp could reflect on a gutsy effort from a heavily depleted line up at a rain-soaked Goodison.
 The Reds will march on to the Etihad for their crunch Champions League quarter-final second leg on Tuesday night with momentum maintained. A tricky hurdle has been cleared and belief remains intact. Now it's all about rest and recovery.
 Crucially, there are no fresh injury concerns and this dour stalemate extended Liverpool's record-breaking unbeaten derby run to 17 matches.
 It was the Blues who were left with all the regrets. Liverpool were there for the taking following their midweek efforts against Manchester City, but the hosts simply weren't good enough to take advantage.
 Everton showed a remarkable lack of ambition before belatedly spluttering into life late on. Cenk Tosun and substitute Dominic Calvert-Lewin squandered two glorious chances to secure the bragging rights.
 By then Liverpool were running on empty and glad to hear the final whistle. It wasn't pretty but there were still plenty of positives for Klopp to reflect upon.
 Gini Wijnaldum nailed his dress rehearsal for Tuesday night. The Dutchman proved he can deliver in the holding midfield role he will need to occupy in the absence of both Jordan Henderson and Emre Can.
 Wijnaldum had too much guile, too much energy for the pedestrian duo of Wayne Rooney and Morgan Schneiderlin. Of course the challenge facing him will be much tougher at the Etihad.
 Nathaniel Clyne shone at right-back after making his first appearance since last May, while makeshift left-back Ragnar Klavan didn't let anyone down – despite having only played 11 minutes of football since New Year's Day.
 The evergreen James Milner extended his fine run of form alongside the tireless Henderson with Liverpool always having more dynamism in the centre of the park.
 The frustration was that as an attacking force Liverpool created precious little. At times their decision making was poor.
 However, the lack of a cutting edge was hardly surprising given that this was a starting line up without Mohamed Salah and Roberto Firmino, who have plundered 61 goals between them this season.
 The Reds were shorn of their two most potent weapons and it showed. Dominic Solanke and Danny Ings ran themselves into the ground but inspiration in the final third was conspicuous by its absence. Their wait for a first goal of the campaign goes on.
 Salah and Firmino should both be back up top to lead the charge against City.
 Loris Karius emerged from Goodison with his confidence buoyed by another clean sheet – his eighth in the past 12 matches.
 The German keeper is growing in stature and his first-half save from Yannick Bolasie was as good as anything he has produced in his Liverpool career to date.
 Karius has undoubtedly benefited from the reassuring presence of Virgil van Dijk in front of him. The £75million man oozed class once again at Goodison – winning his aerial battles and keeping Tosun quiet.
 Liverpool's lengthy injury list gained another name before kick-off when Alberto Moreno damaged his thigh in the warm-up. Academy teenager Rafael Camacho was promoted to bench duty, alongside fellow rookies Curtis Jones and Conor Masterson.
 This was the Reds already without Salah, Emre Can, Adam Lallana, Joe Gomez, Joel Matip, Andy Robertson and Ben Woodburn.
 Klopp had warned his players to expect a bruising battle against an Everton side who had enjoyed the luxury of a full week to prepare.
 However, the expected early onslaught from the Blues failed to materialise.
 Despite the absence of so many key names, Sam Allardyce looked scared to commit players forward.
 Strangely, Liverpool were allowed to settle and they bossed possession. Rather than be in the Reds' faces, Everton backed off. It was a show of respect on derby day and the natives grew increasingly restless.
 Liverpool, who were allowed to knock it around like a training exercise at times, should have turned that sense of unease in the stands into fury.
 Wijnaldum lashed high and wide before Solanke nodded wastefully wide from Milner's cross. Fresh from equalling Neymar's Champions League record for eight assists in a season, Milner caught the eye once again.
 Liverpool should have led on 15 minutes. Clyne's cross bounced off Seamus Coleman and dropped kindly to Solanke. However, the young striker slammed it straight at Jordan Pickford and Everton survived.
 At the other end Karius produced a stunning finger tip save to turn Bolasie's curler past the post but for the most part it was the Reds on top.

The howls from the stands grew louder as Tom Davies and then Rooney gave the ball away cheaply. Tosun was isolated and gesturing wildly for support as Everton defended ridiculously deep.
 Milner forced a sprawling save from Pickford and then Mane blazed high and wide. The first half was scrappy but it resembled a feast of football in comparison to what followed after the interval.
 While unity is driving Klopp's men forward, the disconnect between Allardyce and Everton fans was clear as the Reds took up residence in the Blues' half.
 Liverpool were comfortable but guilty of over-playing at times as moves repeatedly broke down.
 One flashpoint saw Ings and Coleman pulled apart but calm was soon restored. It was the first derby without a yellow card since 1992 as Michael Oliver's biggest test was staying awake.
 Klopp put on Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain and Firmino for the tiring Milner and Mane for the final quarter but it was Everton who finished the stronger.
 With three minutes to go Tosun headed wide from Theo Walcott's cross. The Gwladys Street had their heads in their hands again soon after when Calvert-Lewin failed to convert when well placed.
 A shattered Liverpool survived. Nobody deserved to win this one.

MATCH FACTS
 Everton: Pickford, Coleman, Jagielka, Keane, Baines, Rooney (Gueye 57), Schneiderlin, Davies (Banningime 79), Walcott, Tosun, Bolasie (Calvert-Lewin 61).
 Not used: Martina, Niasse, Funes Mori, Robles.
 Liverpool: Karius, Clyne, Van Dijk, Lovren, Klavan, Henderson, Milner (Oxlade-Chamberlain 68), Wijnaldum, Mane (Firmino 74), Ings (Alexander-Arnold 89), Solanke.
 Not used: Mignolet, Camacho, Jones, Masterson
 Referee: Michael Oliver
 Attendance: 39,220
 Goals: none
 Bookings: none
 Man of the match: Gini Wijnaldum. Shone in the holding midfield role.

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The Sunday Telegraph

Heat on Allardyce as Everton miss golden chances

Everton 0 Liverpool 0 Att: 39,220

There must have been a moment upon taking over at Everton when Sam Allardyce dreamed of a Merseyside derby ending with sections of Goodison Park demanding he stay in charge. There is no greater demonstration of his struggle to convince his own fans that that should be a formality than the away end compelling the Everton board to confirm his future at the club.

Allardyce is left to lament the narrow margins denying him the ideal retaliation to the barbs. There has been a constant undercurrent of rancour in this stadium which precedes Allardyce's appointment. Had Cenk Tosun or Dominic Calvert-Lewin taken late chances, momentarily at least, it would have subsided.

Instead, dissatisfaction will be the abiding memory of this goalless draw, not least when Wayne Rooney met his substitution with a flow of mutterings.

As has been the case throughout his five-month reign, Allardyce sought to counter perceptions with fact. Everton played much better once the substitution was made and should have won, given their chances.

Instead, the fixture ended with a familiar shrug of resignation. If Everton cannot end their torturous eight-year wait for victory against this compromised, blunted Liverpool - a team selected to survive the ordeal as much as thrive - then when?

There was polite applause from the Gwladys Street end in recognition of the urgency in those final moments, but the discontent can be consuming.

Allardyce may not get credit for much, but he never shirks the interrogation. He recognised this as a missed opportunity, not just to end a barren run, but assist his increasingly arduous challenge of winning hearts and minds at Goodison Park. It may still have been too late if Tosun's late header had been directed inside the far post, but at least he would have a nugget to polish. Ultimately, the yearning for the win consumed the quality needed to secure it.

"We tried to take full advantage of that opportunity and failed," said Allardyce.

"In the end, we finished the game extremely well, on the front foot and put them under a lot of pressure and created the opportunities to win the game. Because of the way we finished the game, we are sitting in the dressing room disappointed. It has been such a long time since Everton beat Liverpool."

Everton's first and last 10 minutes were OK. It was the dissatisfying 70 in between that was the problem.

"Our passing sometimes got a bit woeful. That is why we made the changes," said Allardyce, referencing the 57th-minute removal of Rooney.

"He can say whatever he wants to me in the office, but it has to be done between the four walls of the office," said the Everton manager.

"He's an Evertonian through and through and he's been brought off in a derby game. I'd expect a reaction because that's how much he cares."

The momentum of the game shifted when James Milner was replaced after 68 minutes.

Manager Jurgen Klopp admitted this was not the "wild" encounter he might have engineered with a full regiment.

The visiting manager was the more content given that he is prioritising a Champions League quarter-final.

"It was probably the most mature performance since I came here," he said, thrilled with his side's ability to broadly nullify any aggressive intent.

For the first time since 1992, there were no bookings in this game.

Klopp made five changes from the side that defeated Manchester City, the most significant of which meant Mohamed Salah was absent and Roberto Firmino started on the bench.

There was an encouraging tempo to their side's start. Loris Karius produced one of his smartest saves to stop Yannick Bolasie giving Everton the lead. Dominic Solanke ought to have claimed his first Liverpool goal after 15 minutes, pouncing after Seamus Coleman's error, but striking directly at Jordan Pickford. If that owed much to an unconvincing finish as much as Pickford's reflexes, the England keeper was more impressive when pushing aside Milner's curling effort.

After a disjointed second half and Everton's missed chances, Klopp sounded relieved that it was over. "I take the result," said the Liverpool manager.

The home stands emptied swiftly. Just like Allardyce, the spirited supporters were denied a chance to wrestle positivity from a dour season.

Everton (4-3-3) Pickford 7; Coleman 7, Jagielka 7, Keane 7, Baines 7; Davies 6 (Baningime 79), Rooney 5, Schneiderlin 6; Bolasie 4 (Calvert-Lewin 61), Tosun 5, Walcott 5 (Gueye 57). Subs Robles (g), Martina, Niasse, Funes Mori.

Liverpool (4-3-3) Karius 7; Klavan 7, Van Dijk 8, Lovren 7; Milner 8 (Oxlade-Chamberlain 68), Wijnaldum 7, Henderson 7, Clyne 7; Ings 5 (Alexander-Arnold 89), Solanke 6, Mane 6 (Firmino 74). Subs Mignolet (g), Camacho, Jones, Masterson. Referee Michael Oliver (Northumberland).

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THE SUNDAY TIMES

Liverpool survive unscathed

EVERTON 0 LIVERPOOL 0

No goals, no bookings sums up this relatively tame derby, in which Everton only seemed to wake up in the last quarter against an under-strength Liverpool side who were clearly happy to emerge unscathed with bigger fish to fry on Tuesday in the Champions League against Manchester City. Jurgen Klopp's side dominated the game and were denied by a couple of excellent saves by Jordan Pickford, but Everton allowed them far too much comfortable possession and only in the last quarter of the game did Sam Allardyce's side gain the initiative after wresting control from Liverpool's midfield. The home side did have two excellent chances late on, but Liverpool deservedly extended their unbeaten run in this derby fixture to 17 games. In the end, one of the talking points was the reaction of Wayne Rooney, who was clearly not impressed by being substituted just before the hour and swore when he took his seat on the bench.

For Liverpool it was principally a matter of getting in and out of Goodison with the minimum of fuss and that is what they achieved. As expected, Klopp changed nearly half the team, with the second-leg of Liverpool's Champions League quarter final against Manchester City on Tuesday. Mohamed Salah was the most notable absentee as he nursed a groin strain, allowing Danny Ings to make his first start since October 2015 having recovered from two knee injuries in that intervening period. Nathaniel Clyne was also making his first start of the season after being plagued by injuries and did well. It was an unfamiliar looking Liverpool side and a somewhat muted Mersey derby atmosphere. A crunching tackle by Rooney on James Milner after 15 minutes and a gesture to the home crowd by Yannick Bolasie urging them to raise their game did have some effect, but Liverpool had the better of a tight first half. The Everton manager, Sam Allardyce, had signalled caution in the build-up to this game after their mauling last weekend by Manchester City, and that is what the Goodison crowd got. Still, Liverpool should have punished them for a couple of early defensive lapses. Phil Jagielka misjudged a ball into the box on 12 minutes which Milner pounced on. His cross gave Dominic Solanke a great chance from six yards, but he put his header wide. The young Liverpool centre-forward then had a second chance in the 16th minute when Seamus Coleman couldn't control Clyne's cross, but this time Pickford produced a good save. Coleman found his touch coming forward, sending in a cross which Bolasie seized upon, but the winger's curling effort from just outside the box was acrobatically tipped around the upright by Loris Karius. Pickford then had to be similarly alert to beat away Milner's inswinging effort or Everton would have been struggling again.

Liverpool's domination continued after the break with Everton dropping deeper and Rooney, who had struggled for much of the afternoon, was substituted just before the hour mark as Allardyce sought to counter the threat of Liverpool's centre-halves coming forward with the ball. Everton were feeding off scraps and Coleman clashed with Ings as he attempted to fire things up.

Liverpool looked comfortable and Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain, on as a substitute for Milner, was allowed to power forward but his shot flew over the bar. At least Coleman was alert when Solanke tried something similar, producing an important double block. Going into the last quarter of the game, Everton started to reap the benefit of their substitutions, while Liverpool were weakened by theirs, with Sadio Mane and Milner withdrawn with Tuesday in mind. Everton started to get on the ball more in midfield, allowing Coleman and Leighton Baines to belatedly start making runs behind the Liverpool defence. Tom Davies and Baines combined well for their most incisive move to date in the 78th minute, but the left-back's cross from the dead ball line just evaded Cenk Tosun. The big Turkish centre-forward then set up Theo Walcott with a chance but he slipped at the crucial moment. In a furious last five minutes it looked like Everton were going to register their first derby win since 2010, as they carved out a number of excellent chances. Firstly Walcott's cross was headed back across goal by Tosun and Coleman was a couple of centimetres away as he slid in to try to guide the ball into the net. A minute later, Liverpool failed to deal with another cross, this time by Coleman, and when Jordan Henderson's lunge placed the ball at Dominic Calvert-Lewin's feet, the youngster had a great chance to score but scooped the ball wide.

"The basis of our performance was ifying Liverpool's attack to create chances but when you miss those chances, it really is disappointing because if they had gone the other way, we could've been looking at a different game," said Allardyce.

Klopp was delighted with his team's approach and with the fact that there were no injuries. "I like that the boys really did it in a smart way and didn't get involved in any fights. I can't really remember any harsh challenges from either side, which I think is very important, so it is a good point," said Klopp, who said he expected Salah to be fit for Tuesday's game.

Star man: Virgil van Dijk (Liverpool) Referee: M Oliver Attendance: 39,220
 Everton: Pickford 7, Coleman 6, Jagielka 6, Keane 6, Baines 6, Rooney 5 (Gueye 57min, 6), Schneiderlin 5, Davies 6 (Baningime 79min, 5), Walcott 6, Tosun 5, Bolasie 5 (Calvert-Lewin 61min, 5) Substitutes: Robles, Martina, Funes Mori, Niasse
 Liverpool: Karius 6, Clyne 6, Lovren 6, Van Dijk 7, Klavan 6, Wijnaldum 6, Henderson 6, Milner 7 (Oxlade-Chamberlain 69min, 6), Ings (Alexander-Arnold 89min, 5), Solanke 5, Mane 6 (Firmino 75min, 5) Substitutes: Mignolet, Masterson, Jones, Camacho

The Observer

Numbers game fails to add up for Sam Allardyce and Everton - The manager's cautious tactics continue in the derby stalemate against Liverpool as he opts for self-preservation

Long before he forged a reputation as a one-man insurance policy against relegation, Sam Allardyce was known for his fondness for facts and figures. He played the percentages in an essentially risk-averse brand of football. He has sought solace in the statistics. He still presents himself as a blend of old and new, traditional judgment and Moneyball-style metrics. "That's the beauty of our matrix of statistics today, which backs up your eye," he said.

His notion is the numbers support his case. His programme notes for last month's defeat by Manchester City amounted to a blizzard of self-justifying statistics. It seemed a selective interpretation of the data available because after Saturday's Merseyside derby stalemate made him only the third manager to register 50 goalless draws in the Premier League – and at times Liverpool threatened to render him only the second to suffer 200 defeats – other numbers were more unflattering.

Everton had four touches of the ball in the Liverpool box in the opening hour. They have mustered a solitary first-half goal since January. Under Allardyce, they have hosted Chelsea, both Manchester clubs and Liverpool. Over 360 minutes, they have recorded only three shots on target and one goal.

All of which suggests either a lack of quality, a surfeit of timidity or both. A £200m outlay in the past 12 months ought to have injected ability, even if three-quarters of the spending preceded Allardyce's appointment. Yet the fearful football that an often outspoken character has overseen may highlight his innate caution.

"It could have been that in the first seconds and boosh. The crowd get up," Jürgen Klopp said, trying to mimic the blood and thunder of a stereotypical derby; this rather placid affair had insufficient thud, even if there were a few blunders as Everton mislaid a third of their passes and misdirected a couple of late attempts to break the deadlock.

"Let's face it, they have got a terrific team, haven't they?" Allardyce asked and when Liverpool are at full strength, the answer would be in the affirmative. Yet their front three included Danny Ings, whose last goal came more than 900 days ago, and Dominic Solanke, whose 23 Liverpool appearances have yet to produce any. Their full-backs were Nathaniel Clyne, making his first appearance of the season, and the out-of-position central defender Ragnar Klavan, who Klopp thought had never even played on the flank in his four-year Bundesliga career, let alone for Liverpool.

His immediate opponent was Theo Walcott who, for 80 minutes, did his best work as a supplementary right-back before belatedly running at Klavan. A Liverpool team who had never played together before – and probably never will again – showed more cohesion and perhaps the most meaningful game of Everton's campaign served as a microcosm for much of it: slow starters lost their way in the middle before seeking an uplifting ending. It eluded them.

He is only the third manager to register 50 0-0 draws in the Premier League. A complication, on the day and over the campaign, has been the presence of Wayne Rooney. The Evertonian is nonetheless the top scorer and struck away from home against Liverpool and Manchester City. However, he is yet to find the net in 2018 and completed a different double, substituted in the 57th minute on successive Saturdays. Rooney's reinvention as a midfielder has been a mixed affair, and he laboured again while Everton looked underpowered and poor in possession. Allardyce was asked if it is a concern the 32-year-old now struggles against the best opposition. "I can agree with you to a certain degree," he replied. It poses a question if Rooney's appearances are rationed, if Everton's biggest name is brought out only for the smaller games. They only gained a foothold in midfield when the more energetic Idrissa Gueye replaced him, a solid platform enabling them to spring Leighton Baines and Séamus Coleman forward on the flanks. Briefly, Everton resembled the side who had taken many a major scalp at Goodison Park before their 15-month drought.

An apprehensive approach was reflected in the rhetoric. Take the strange case of Davy Klaassen, a £23.6m signing who has been granted only six minutes of Premier League football since September. He has been utterly unimpressive but perhaps an enigma could be unravelled.

"If I had the opportunity to play him, I would but I haven't because I've got to win," Allardyce countered. Yet Everton, safe from relegation, do not have to win. They are one of the few teams who could experiment. "If we lose, it's me that gets the stick," Allardyce argued, a damage-limitation specialist seeking to limit the damage to his own standing.

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Liverpool were held to a drab goalless draw by Everton in a Premier League match sandwiched between their Champions League quarter-final ties against Manchester City.

Reds boss Jurgen Klopp made five changes from the 3-0 win over City in midweek, choosing not to risk Premier League top scorer Mohamed Salah. And, as the game wore on, he substituted midfielder James Milner and forward Sadio Mane, perhaps with one eye on Tuesday's second leg at Etihad Stadium. The draw meant Liverpool missed the chance to move above Manchester United into second - they are a point behind their north west rivals, who have two games in hand.

In a largely subdued first half, both home goalkeeper Jordan Pickford and the visitors' Loris Karius were extended.

After the break, the only heated moments came when Wayne Rooney reacted angrily to being substituted, and Danny Ings and Seamus Coleman briefly clashed. The hosts pushed hard for a winner late on, but missed four good chances as it finished honours even.

Everton, who stay ninth, have gone 15 league derbies without a win, going back to a 2-0 victory in October 2010.

Referee Michael Oliver did not book anyone, only the second time that has happened in a Merseyside derby in the Premier League.

Klopp rings the changes

Salah, who injured his groin in midweek, has scored 38 goals so far this season, 29 in the league.

He was left out of the squad at Goodison Park along with left-back Andrew Robertson, while Trent Alexander-Arnold, Roberto Firmino and Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain dropped to the bench.

Defender Nathaniel Clyne made his first start of the season after recovering from injury, and forward Danny Ings made his first start under Klopp, his first for the club since October 2015.

The Reds missed the movement of Firmino and Salah, but they did have chances in the first half.

Dominic Solanke headed wide, then had an instinctive shot from point-blank range saved by Pickford, who also kept out James Milner's curler.

But the Reds struggled after the break, failing to register a shot on target.

Oxlade-Chamberlain was given a 20-minute cameo, while Firmino failed to make an impact after his late introduction.

Everton miss late chances

Karius producing a stunning diving save to keep out Yannick Bolasie's 27-yard curling shot with his fingertips in the 22nd minute, but it was otherwise a disappointing first half from the hosts.

Liverpool dominated possession, and Everton were wasteful in possession when they did have a rare chance to attack.

But the Toffees looked the most likely to snatch all three points in the final 10 minutes.

First Cenk Tosun failed to finish Leighton Baines' pull-back, then Theo Walcott slipped when free in the box as he tried to get to the Turkey striker's cross.

Tosun then headed Walcott's cross across the face of goal but Coleman could not turn it home, before Dominic Calvert-Lewin side-footed over from close range.

Man of the match - James Milner

'I make the decisions' - Allardyce on Rooney

Everton manager Sam Allardyce speaking to Sky Sports: "Dominating the last 15 minutes could have given us the opportunity to win it but we needed more legs.

"Wayne's bound to be disappointed to be brought off in a Merseyside derby but I make the decisions and I thought we did the right thing to make those changes to give us a better chance.

"I think when you finish the game as strongly as that and put Liverpool under pressure, you can say we're unlucky.

"The basis of our performance was nullifying Liverpool's attack to create chances but when you miss those chances, it really is disappointing because if they had gone the other way, we could've been looking at a different game."

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp, speaking to BBC Sport: "A point is OK. Everton were always ready to fight but we didn't give them the opportunity until the late stages. We stopped playing football and were a bit lucky. But that is what we have to take. I think it's an absolutely deserved draw.

"For 75 minutes we were completely in charge. I am absolutely OK, it's not the best day in my life, but let's carry on. Now we have to focus immediately and be ready again on Tuesday, let's fight for the next round."

Stats - Liverpool's derby dominance

This was only the second Merseyside derby in Premier League history without a single card shown and first since their opening match in the competition in December 1992.

Five of the past six Premier League meetings between these sides at Goodison Park have ended level.

Everton have scored just four goals in their past nine top-flight Merseyside derbies, failing to score in five of those games.

Liverpool are unbeaten in 17 games in all competitions against Everton (W8 D9) - their longest run without defeat against their Merseyside neighbours.

Only Manchester City (41) have won more points on the road this season in the Premier League than Liverpool (31).

Allardyce has won just five of his 28 Premier League games against Liverpool as a manager (D8 L15).

What's next?

Liverpool's next game is their biggest of the season so far. They travel to Etihad Stadium on Tuesday (19:45 BST) to face Manchester City for their Champions League quarter-final second leg, holding a 3-0 lead.

That is followed by the visit of Bournemouth to Anfield in the Premier League at 17:30 BST on Saturday.

Everton's next match is a Premier League trip to Swansea on Saturday (15:00 BST)

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Match ends, Everton 0, Liverpool 0.

90'+4' Second Half ends, Everton 0, Liverpool 0.

90'+3' Offside, Everton. Phil Jagielka tries a through ball, but Michael Keane is caught offside.

90'+3' Foul by Nathaniel Clyne (Liverpool).

90'+3' Dominic Calvert-Lewin (Everton wins a free kick in the attacking half.

90'+2' Foul by Roberto Firmino (Liverpool).

90'+2' Seamus Coleman (Everton wins a free kick in the defensive half.

90' Foul by Roberto Firmino (Liverpool).

90' Theo Walcott (Everton wins a free kick on the right wing.

89' Substitution, Liverpool. Trent Alexander-Arnold replaces Danny Ings.

89' Offside, Liverpool. Dejan Lovren tries a through ball, but Dominic Solanke is caught offside.

88' Attempt missed. Dominic Calvert-Lewin (Everton right footed shot from the centre of the box misses to the right. Assisted by Idrissa Gueye.

87' Attempt missed. Cenk Tosun (Everton header from the left side of the six yard box is close, but misses to the right. Assisted by Theo Walcott with a cross.

84' Virgil van Dijk (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.

84' Foul by Idrissa Gueye (Everton).

83' Offside, Everton. Phil Jagielka tries a through ball, but Theo Walcott is caught offside.

82' Corner, Everton. Conceded by Ragnar Klavan.

79' Substitution, Everton. Beni Baniangime replaces Tom Davies.

76' Attempt blocked. Dominic Calvert-Lewin (Everton left footed shot from the left side of the box is blocked. Assisted by Idrissa Gueye.

75' Jordan Henderson (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.

75' Foul by Idrissa Gueye (Everton).

74' Substitution, Liverpool. Roberto Firmino replaces Sadio Mané.

74' Attempt blocked. Dominic Solanke (Liverpool right footed shot from the centre of the box is blocked.

74' Attempt blocked. Dominic Solanke (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Sadio Mané.

70' Ragnar Klavan (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.

70' Foul by Idrissa Gueye (Everton).

69' Attempt missed. Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is too high.

68' Substitution, Liverpool. Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain replaces James Milner.

67' Foul by Jordan Henderson (Liverpool).

67' Dominic Calvert-Lewin (Everton wins a free kick in the defensive half.

65' Danny Ings (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.

65' Foul by Idrissa Gueye (Everton).

61' Substitution, Everton. Dominic Calvert-Lewin replaces Yannick Bolasie.

59' Foul by Danny Ings (Liverpool).

59' Seamus Coleman (Everton wins a free kick in the defensive half.

57' Substitution, Everton. Idrissa Gueye replaces Wayne Rooney.

48' James Milner (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.

48' Foul by Seamus Coleman (Everton).

Second Half begins Everton 0, Liverpool 0.

45'+1' First Half ends, Everton 0, Liverpool 0.

44' Attempt missed. Sadio Mané (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is high and wide to the right. Assisted by Jordan Henderson.

42' Attempt blocked. Jordan Henderson (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Georginio Wijnaldum.

41' Jordan Henderson (Liverpool wins a free kick on the right wing.

41' Foul by Yannick Bolasie (Everton).

38' James Milner (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.

38' Foul by Morgan Schneiderlin (Everton).

35' Attempt saved. Virgil van Dijk (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the bottom left corner.

34' Sadio Mané (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.

34' Foul by Tom Davies (Everton).

33' Dominic Solanke (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.

33' Foul by Wayne Rooney (Everton).

30' Georginio Wijnaldum (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.

30' Foul by Morgan Schneiderlin (Everton).

30' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Jordan Pickford.

29' Attempt saved. James Milner (Liverpool right footed shot from the left side of the box is saved in the bottom right corner. Assisted by Jordan Henderson.

27' Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Yannick Bolasie.

25' Offside, Everton. Seamus Coleman tries a through ball, but Cenk Tosun is caught offside.

23' Corner, Everton. Conceded by Loris Karius.

22' Attempt saved. Yannick Bolasie (Everton right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the bottom right corner.

22' Foul by Danny Ings (Liverpool).

22' Tom Davies (Everton wins a free kick on the left wing.

17' Corner, Everton. Conceded by Ragnar Klavan.

17' Foul by Dejan Lovren (Liverpool).

17' Theo Walcott (Everton wins a free kick in the defensive half.

16' Attempt saved. Dominic Solanke (Liverpool left footed shot from the centre of the box is saved in the centre of the goal.

13' Attempt missed. Cenk Tosun (Everton left footed shot from outside the box is too high. Assisted by Morgan Schneiderlin with a headed pass.

12' Attempt missed. Dominic Solanke (Liverpool header from the centre of the box is close, but misses to the right. Assisted by James Milner with a cross.

10' Sadio Mané (Liverpool wins a free kick on the left wing.

10' Foul by Phil Jagielka (Everton).

9' Attempt missed. Georginio Wijnaldum (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is high and wide to the right. Assisted by Dominic Solanke.

7' Offside, Everton. Theo Walcott tries a through ball, but Leighton Baines is caught offside.

6' Attempt blocked. Wayne Rooney (Everton right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Cenk Tosun.

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

4' Foul by Seamus Coleman (Everton).

First Half begins.

Lineups are announced and players are warming up.