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THE TIMES

Clinical Suarez finds Norwich a happy hunting ground to end Liverpool duck

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 Referee M Jones
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So, do Liverpool really need another striker? If Luis Suarez avoids injury and suspension as well as maintaining his form, the answer could be no. That is a lot of ifs, however.

The Uruguay striker was simply magnificent at Carrow Road, scoring a hat-trick, setting up another goal, missing a sitter and he should have had a penalty for good measure. He also finished with a hat-trick there last season, too. Maybe the air suits him.

Few deny Suarez's obvious talent, although few with no allegiance to Liverpool have many kind words for him. His reputation as a diver precedes him and that could partly explain why Mike Jones, the referee, did not give an obvious penalty when Leon Barnett ran straight into his back when through on goal. 5 2 "There are some strikers who do nothing all game and get one chance and finish. Luis isn't like that," Brendan Rodgers, the Liverpool manager, said. "Luis is a complete footballer. He is clever in his technique, moves well in and around defenders and makes chances.

"For his three goals last year, he caught on to three mistakes and they were sublime finishes. This time they were more team goals and he finished them. We have created a lot of chances this season. Hopefully when he gets chances, he takes them."

Like Liverpool, Norwich City had failed to win a Barclays Premier League match this season going into Saturday's match, but it took only 67 seconds for Liverpool's problems to ease and Norwich's to magnify, as Suarez grabbed hold of a poor clearance by Russell Martin before firing a shot inside John Ruddy's near post.

Simeon Jackson did hit a post for Norwich, but moments after Suarez had blazed horribly wide when clean through on goal, he grabbed his second, dispossessing the leaden-footed Michael Turner before curling the ball in.

As Norwich pressed forward in the second half, space opened up for Liverpool, who were in firm control. After Robert Snodgrass deflected Grant Holt's shot over from two yards, Suarez set up Nuri Sahin for the third. On 57 minutes, it was Sahin's chance to return the favour, picking out Suarez in space to complete his hat-trick.

Steve Morison pulled one back after Pepe Reina had spilt Martin's shot, but Steven Gerrard restored the advantage with a shot that took a big deflection off Barnett, before Holt earned some reward for a decent shift with a late goal. "The only positives were that we scored two goals, because up until today we had only scored two goals," Chris Hughton, the Norwich manager, said. "When you go behind so early, it's an uphill battle. You cannot afford to give Liverpool that space and those opportunities. They were clinical."

For Rodgers -- who had three teenagers, Andre Wisdom, Suso and Raheem Sterling, in his starting line-up -- the anxiety about a first win is over, although he said that he had been able to keep his work worries in perspective.

"I'm able to switch off," he said. "I'd have been more worried if I wasn't seeing the work on the training field and seeing the players give nothing in games, but that hasn't been the case."

RATINGS

Norwich City (4-4-2): J Ruddy 5 - R Martin 6, L Barnett 4, M Turner 3, J Garrido 4 - R Snodgrass 5, J Howson 5, B Johnson 6, A Surman 4 (sub: W Hoolahan, 55min 5) - S Morison 5 (sub: A Tettey, 79), S Jackson 5 (sub: G Holt, 46 6).

Substitutes not used: M Bunn, E Bennett, M Tierney, R Bennett.

Booked: Barnett.

Liverpool (4-2-3-1): P Reina 5 - A Wisdom 5, M Skrtel 5, D Agger 5, G Johnson 7 (sub: J Carragher, 73) - J Allen 7, S Gerrard 8 - Suso 6 (sub: O Assaidi, 59 5), N Sahin 8 (sub: J Henderson, 66 5), R Sterling 5 - L Suarez 9. Substitutes not used: B Jones, S Coates, S Downing, F Borini.

the guardian

Rodgers fears for Suarez after latest spot-kick denial

Amid the elation of Brendan Rodgers' first league win as Liverpool manager there was cause for concern. Luis Suarez scored a hat-trick but should, not for the first time this season, also have had a penalty after being bundled over by Norwich City's Leon Barnett.

Liverpool's subsequent ruthlessness in front of goal reduced the incident to no more than a footnote as far as the result was concerned, but the issue has the potential for a wider resonance. Rodgers, who spoke to Mike Riley, head of the Professional Game Match Officials, last week to outline his concerns about refereeing performances, admitted he is concerned that Suarez's reputation may be influencing officials.

"There is that fear," he said. "There are players, attacking players who go down at times. I could tell you about three or four strikers who go down in the box with very minimal contact and all of them have had penalties this year.

"I can't worry too much about it. It's something that hopefully the referees, when they analyse and assess their own performance, they have a look at it. We just have to concentrate on building our game, developing our football, and hopefully these penalties that we don't get won't come back to haunt us."

Officiating has been a bugbear for Liverpool and Suarez this campaign, but if they continue to perform as they did here it will not be a season-spoiling issue. The Uruguayan's hat-trick was his second in two visits to Norwich and the catalyst for a dominant away performance. His second goal, just before half-time, was particularly special.

Michael Turner, handed the ball in uncomfortable circumstances on the edge of the area, was pickpocketed, nutmegged then given the best view in the house of Suarez's majestic finish with the outside of his boot.

"He's a special player, he's a wonderful player with great enthusiasm for the game," said Rodgers of the striker. "He doesn't get the rub of the green from officials, there's absolutely no question. Everyone today would have seen that. But we don't complain, we keep working and keep playing like that, and we'll be alright."

The starting XI was Liverpool's youngest in the best part of a decade. The presence of Suso, Andre Wisdom - both making first league starts - and Raheem Sterling meant the Reds kicked-off with three teenagers in their side, while last week 16-year-old Jerome Sinclair became the club's youngest ever player when introduced as a substitute in the Capital One Cup.

"A lot of people talk about the academies and players coming through but you still need to have a manager who puts his neck on the line by giving them a chance, and the manager has done that from day one," said the Liverpool captain Steven Gerrard. "He said to them from day one if they showed the right attitude and application in training he would give them a chance and they are doing well. We have a good mix of youth and experience and we as senior players will help guide them and show them the right way."

Second-half sloppiness led to two Norwich consolation goals - meaning that Liverpool have now gone nine Premier League games without a clean sheet - but the overall impression was one of utter dominance. Nuri Sahin, who scored the third, was hugely impressive at the tip of the midfield triangle, and Gerrard, who added the fifth, gave an intriguingly understated display in the deeper role. That could all give Rodgers a selection headache when Lucas Leiva returns to fitness in November. Norwich's concerns, on the other hand, run a little further than where their first win is going to come from. A trip to Stamford Bridge is next up before Arsenal visit Carrow Road.

"We knew this run of games would be tough and I'd have liked a few more points on the board," said the Norwich captain, Russell Martin. "We deserved a few more. That is why we are in the league. It should not be too hard to motivate the lads going to the European champions. We look forward to it." So, if the evidence of this Norwich display is anything to go by, will Chelsea.

Man of the match Luis Suarez (Liverpool)

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The Mail

Suarez hits a hat-trick as Liverpool show style

Finally the real Liverpool, the version Brendan Rodgers promised he would mould, have stood up.

Buoyed by a stunning Luis Suarez hat-trick — his second in successive visits to Carrow Road — and a team performance which made a mockery of their dismal start to the season, Norwich had no idea what hit them.

'It was fantastic,' said Rodgers. 'We scored five goals, could have had a few more, and our control and domination of the game were very impressive. Right to the end, our work-rate and our intensity were good. It's been a good day.'

Whoever decided Liverpool would be prime candidates for a season-long fly-on-the-wall documentary may well have spent the past few weeks ruing their choice of club.

Five league games without a win represented their worst start to a season for more than a century. Failure to overcome Norwich, themselves becalmed in the relegation zone, would have confirmed it as their poorest opening since 1899, but further punishment never seemed likely.

Rodgers' response to history's threat was to opt for youth, making three changes from the side which fell to Manchester United. Jonjo Shelvey, through suspension, Fabio Borini and Martin Kelly all missed out, replaced by the teenage trio of Suso, Raheem Sterling and Andre Wisdom, with just 16 first-team appearances between them.

If Suarez's hat-trick grabbed the attention, the poise and adventure of Sterling, Nuri Sahin and Suso were, in their own way, every bit as impressive. Liverpool's cause received an early bonus when good, early movement allowed Suarez to slot the ball coolly past Norwich keeper John Ruddy from the edge of the area in the second minute.

Suarez should have been further rewarded 20 minutes later when Leon Barnett hauled him down in the area, only for referee Mike Jones to wave his appeals away, mindful perhaps, of the Uruguayan's habit of crying wolf in the past. 'Of course it was a penalty,' said Rodgers. 'If Antonio Valencia's was a penalty last week, of course that was, but he doesn't always get given the decisions he deserves.'

It became less important after 38 minutes, however. Suarez responded to a shocking miss when put through one on one by robbing Michael Turner on the edge of the area moments later and nutmegging the defender before flicking an audacious finish inside the far post with the outside of his right boot.

The game ended as a contest two minutes into the second half as the respective fortunes of both sides were summed up inside the space of a minute.

Norwich should have pulled a goal back within 30 seconds of the re-start as Robert Snodgrass moved on to Grant Holt's knock down, only to conspire to make contact with his thigh, sending the ball high over the bar from less than five yards out.

While the home fans tried to comprehend that poor finish, Liverpool, still full of purpose, brought the ball straight out of defence. Suarez skinned the Norwich back four on the left-hand edge of the area, spotted the arrival of Sahin and pulled the ball back for the Turkish midfielder to crash home from eight yards. Suarez finally sealed his hat-trick, which had long seemed inevitable, 10 minutes later when Liverpool spread the ball wide before Sahin slid it to the Uruguay forward, who stepped inside and produced his third clipped finish of the day, again from the fringe of the area.

'It's a bad day for us,' reflected Norwich manager Chris Hughton afterwards. 'You can't afford to give a very clinical Liverpool the chances we gave them today.'

'We've made some bad mistakes and added to our own downfall. That's what's disappointed me,' he said.

Steve Morison's consolation goal, prodded home after an hour, was meagre compensation to the home fans, many of who had already decided to call it a day, sliding away from the ground with half an hour still to play.

That they missed Liverpool's fifth goal was a small mercy.

Sterling turned Javier Garrido inside out down the right flank and squared the ball for Liverpool captain Steven Gerrard, whose shot deflected past Ruddy before finding the back of the net.

Holt's response three minutes from the end offered a brief reminder of Liverpool's defensive frailties.

Martin Skrtel committed himself horribly, allowing Holt to get behind him before clipping a shot beyond keeper Pepe Reina — but it was far too little, much too late.

Match facts

Norwich: Ruddy, Russell Martin, Turner, Barnett, Garrido, Snodgrass, Howson, Johnson, Surman (Hoolahan 55), Morison (Tetty 79), Jackson (Holt 46). Subs Not Used: Bunn, Tierney, Ryan Bennett, Elliott Bennett.

Booked: Barnett.

Goals: Morison 61, Holt 87.

Liverpool: Reina, Wisdom, Agger, Skrtel, Johnson (Carragher 77), Sterling, Sahin (Henderson 66), Allen, Fernandez Saez (Assaidi 59), Gerrard, Suarez. Subs Not Used: Jones, Coates, Downing, Borini.

Goals: Suarez 2, 38, Sahin 47, Suarez 57, Gerrard 68.

Att: 26,831

Ref: Mike Jones (Cheshire).

The Daily Telegraph

Suarez not getting rub of green over penalties

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Morison 61, Holt 90

Liverpool 5

Suarez 2, 38, 57, Sahin 47, Gerrard 68 Att: 26,841

Steven Gerrard, the Liverpool captain, described hat-trick scorer Luis Suarez as a "magician", but the one thing that the striker cannot conjure up is a penalty - and the club are becoming increasingly alarmed about it.

Manager Brendan Rodgers fears Suarez could become a similar figure to fellow striker Andy Johnson of Queens Park Rangers, by developing a reputation as the Premier League's serial diver.

Rodgers made his concerns clear to Mike Riley, of the Professional Game Match Officials Board, in the buildup to this game but referee Mike Jones still chose to ignore an apparent foul on Suarez in the box. Suarez seemed to be impeded by Leon Barnett while the score was 1-0 after the Uruguayan had driven in the opener after just 68 seconds.

Is Suarez the new Johnson? "There is that fear," the Liverpool manager said. "We just have to hope that these penalties that we don't get won't come back to haunt us."

It could be argued that Rodgers's unusual step of addressing Riley was counterproductive. Every time Suarez goes down in the penalty area there will now be added scrutiny and referees are unlikely to want to be seen as being influenced.

But Rodgers argued: "I wasn't making the call to get a penalty. I was just making my point. But I think everyone in the ground saw it was a penalty. Apart from Mike. Luis doesn't get the rub of the green from officials."

Suarez must be commended for his response to that call going against him - and a subsequent, ugly one-on-one miss - as he added a second goal just before the break.

"He's a magician when he's on it and he was certainly on it here," Gerrard said.

"He scored three but could easily have had five or six goals and should have had a penalty."

A striking aspect of this developing Liverpool team is their ball retention and measured passing style. Rodgers's philosophy already seems to be seeping into their midfield play. The effect was clear on Gerrard, while Joe Allen also looked smooth and economical in possession and Suso picked out his targets nicely. Nuri Sahin tended to operate further forward and provided some perfect service for Suarez. The pair linked up for the two goals that made the game safe, stretching the score from 2-0 to 4-0 early in the second half as they set each other up for strikes.

Rodgers sees Sahin as an embodiment of the type of football he wants to play. Sahin also appears to be a potential long-term successor to Gerrard. Rodgers said: "He was captain of Borussia Dortmund at a young age so he's got natural leadership qualities."

Gerrard himself added a fifth goal, after good work by Raheem Sterling, who is one of many improving, young Liverpool players. The captain credited Rodgers for picking them, saying: "You need to have a manager who has the bottle and puts his neck on the line by giving them a chance."

Norwich were torn apart at the back but defender Russell Martin argued: "They were threatening that for a few weeks. They dominated Manchester United and dominated us. I am sure they will do that a few more times."

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THE INDEPENDENT

Rodgers fears Suarez's reputation will mean referees mistreat him

The first league win of Brendan Rodgers' Liverpool tenure was delivered by Luis Suarez. For all of Rodgers' tactical teaching, Suarez remains the difference-maker for Liverpool, scoring three and making one in a 5-2 evisceration of Norwich City. Everything that is compelling about Suarez was on show on Saturday. The imagination about how to score a goal, the technical excellence to execute, those narrow turns that only he can do, the capacity to make full-time professional defenders look like rushed-in pub team substitutes.

Suarez set up a goal for Nuri Sahin and could have had even more himself.

Rodgers knows that whatever he does at Liverpool over the next few seasons, Suarez will be at the heart of it.

"Luis is a complete footballer," said Rodgers. "He's not just a No 9 who stands up there and waits for the ball, and is a box player. He has more tactical understanding of the game, he is clever in his technique, he moves well in and around defenders."

There is a thrill to Suarez, but there is also a cost. He now has a reputation for going down easily, which is difficult to shake. Referees are too aware of this. Leon Barnett, in one ugly move, elbowed and tripped Suarez from behind in the box. It was the most obvious penalty of the season, but Mike Jones, the referee, did not give it.

"He's a special player, a wonderful player with great enthusiasm for the game," said Rodgers of the striker he believes to be more sinned against than sinning. "He doesn't get the rub of the green from officials, there's absolutely no question. Everyone today would have seen that. But we don't complain, we keep working and keep playing like that, and we'll be all right."

Rodgers admitted that there is now a "fear" that Suarez's reputation means he will never get the penalties he deserves. Other strikers go down more easily and are still rewarded with penalties. "I could tell you about three or four strikers who go down in the box with very minimal contact, and all of them have had penalties this year," said Rodgers.

"I can't worry too much about it. It's something that hopefully the referees, when they analyse and assess their own performance, they have a look at it."

Suarez, like any natural footballer, revels in having similarly gifted players around him. Former Real Madrid midfielder Sahin played in the hole, directing Liverpool's moves, setting up one for Suarez and scoring one himself. Rodgers said that his settling in was only a matter of time.

"He was a player that I felt would fit into our style and our way of working once he got up to speed," Rodgers said. "He's got those natural leadership qualities. He's a good guy. He can tactically participate in the game, so he understands how we're trying to work and how we're trying to play. He's a real good guy who has settled in well and hopefully he continues in the form that he's in."

NORWICH 2-5 LIVERPOOL

Goals: Norwich Morison 61, Holt 87. Liverpool Suarez 2, 38, 57, Sahin 47, Gerrard 68. Substitutions: Nor Holt 6 (Jackson, 45), Hoolahan 6 (Surman, 56), Tettey (Morison, 79). Liv Assaidi 6 (Suso, 59), Henderson 6 (Sahin, 66), Carragher (G Johnson, 74). Booked: Nor Barnett. Man of the match Suarez. Match rating 8/10. Poss: Nor 33%, Liv 67%. Attempts on target: Nor 4, Liv 6. Referee M Jones (Yorkshire) Attendance 26,831.

DAILY MIRROR

Déja vu Suarez hat-trick gives Reds first win

Uruguayan scored his second treble against the Canaries to ease the pressure off Brendan Rodgers Luis Suarez delivered another Carrow Road masterclass to destroy Norwich and fire Liverpool to their first league win of the season.

Brendan Rodgers hailed a Luis Suarez masterclass as Liverpool made a mockery of their awful start to the season with their first League win.

Six months after hitting a hat-trick at the ground, the Uruguay striker repeated the feat to give the Canaries the bird. Norwich must be sick of the sight of him. Back in April he scored all three goals, including a sublime effort almost from the halfway line to complete his hat-trick, as the Reds won 3-0. Yesterday, in his 60th appearance since his £22.8million move from Ajax 20 months ago, he came back to inflict more misery on Chris Hughton's strugglers.

Brendan Rodgers had presided over Liverpool's worst start to a season for 100 years – but he has stuck stubbornly to his stylish footballing philosophy. Now it appears to be paying off. Before yesterday, the Reds appeared to lack a goal threat. But they bounced back in style to end a superb week in which they also won at West Brom in the Capital One Cup. "I thought it was another masterclass in finishing by Luis," said Rodgers. "He finished so well. He showed great skill in all three goals. It was a special day for him and for the team. "In fact we also should have had a stonewall penalty. Everyone in the ground knew it was a penalty – I feel sorry for the ref." Suarez, who is essential to Rodgers' Kop revolution, was simply unplayable. Apart from his goals, he also set up Nuri Sahin's first league goal for the Reds. It took Suarez 68 seconds to open Liverpool's account. Glenn Johnson cut in from the left and his pass was deflected to Suarez on the edge of the penalty area. He slid the ball past John Ruddy.

The striker was mysteriously denied a penalty 20 minutes later, referee Mike Jones failing to spot Leon Barnett's push as Suarez looked set to score.

A magnificent Suarez chip then set up Steven Gerrard for a great chance – but Ruddy blocked the header. Suarez made it 2-0 after a horrendous mistake by defender Michael Turner, who allowed him to nip in and curl the ball home with the outside of his right foot. Only a minute earlier Suarez had missed a great chance and been jeered by the Norwich fans – but they were completely silenced as he ran rampant. After the break he set up Sahin for an easy goal – then earned the right to the match ball with a low shot from the edge of the penalty area.

Gerrard made it five after Raheem Sterling had glided past a defender to set the skipper up – although there was a hefty deflection off Barnett.

Norwich scored twice, but they were never at the races. Steve Morison lashed in a goal after Pepe Reina spilled a Russell Martin shot, and Grant Holt came off the bench to score a fine solo effort, punishing a mistake by Martin Skrtel.

But Simeon Jackson fluffed two great opportunities, first shooting at Reina when put through, then blasting over after being played in by Morison.

Hughton is still looking for his first win of the season – and even at this early stage his side already look doomed.

"We made a lot of defensive errors" said Hughton. "You can't afford to do that against Liverpool in that kind of form. They were clinical.

"Suarez was at his best, and he punished us."

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Magician Luis Suarez does trick again for LFC

IT'S a song Luis Suarez has become familiar with at grounds across the country. Opposition fans use it to goad him about past controversies.

However, with the Liverpool striker having silenced that chant with a display of breathtaking brilliance on Saturday, it was the joyous 2,500 travelling Kopites who gave it an airing with a different tone. 'Luis Suarez, you know what you are,' echoed around Carrow Road. They know, Suarez knows and so do Norwich's overworked and embarrassed back four who will need to spend this week lying down in a darkened room after being tormented by the Uruguayan.

When Suarez performs in this manner, he proves himself to be one of the most technically gifted marksmen on the planet. Having wrestled the matchball off referee Mike Jones after the final whistle, Suarez went to salute the away end for their unwavering support. He had capped his 50th league appearance for the club with an historic achievement. No Liverpool player had ever scored hat-tricks in the same away league fixture in successive seasons. How the Canaries must be sick of the sight of him. Back in April, he produced a one-man demolition job, completing his treble late on with an awe-inspiring 50-yard lob.

Five months on he served up another masterclass as the first league victory of Brendan Rodgers' Anfield reign was secured in emphatic fashion.

Whether it's the Norfolk air or Delia Smith's pre-match buffet, Rodgers needs to bottle it because when Suarez turns it on like this he's unplayable. It had been a frustrating start to the season for the frontman with chances going begging and refereeing decisions conspiring against him. The constant sniping from opponents with allegations of diving has created a reputation which precedes him with officials. Against both Sunderland and Manchester United he was denied clear spot-kicks and Saturday showed that Rodgers was wasting his breath when he called referees' chief Mike Riley last week to air his complaints.

Jones' failure to point to the spot when Suarez was taken down by Leon Barnett in the first half defied belief. Having barged into Suarez's back, the defender then pole-axed him with an elbow in the back of the head just to ensure he went down. Jones saw nothing untoward. Of course on this occasion it didn't matter. Suarez dusted himself off and made Norwich pay in the best possible fashion but his treatment remains a serious concern. 'When Suarez gets a pen, we'll all have a party', sang Reds fans but it looks like they'll have to wait some time for that celebration. What was different on Saturday was the ruthless streak Suarez showcased in the final third. Typically, he missed the easiest opportunity to come his way but the three he accepted were finishes of true class and precision. Suarez has admitted he needs to be more prolific for Liverpool. A half century of Premier League appearances has only yielded 20 goals.

But he now boasts five in six league matches this term, fuelling hope he can be that 30-goal a season man supporters crave.

Suarez deservedly took the plaudits but this was a hugely impressive team performance. On the 31st anniversary of Bill Shankly's death, the Reds served up the kind of attacking football which would have had the legendary Scot nodding in approval. Having seen dominance go unrewarded in recent weeks, Rodgers could finally sit back and enjoy the fruits of his labour as Norwich were continually carved open by the visitors' relentless passing game.

There was the perfect balance in midfield with Nuri Sahin playing in front of Steven Gerrard and Joe Allen. The trio were outstanding as their slick link-up play meant the Canaries were left chasing shadows.

Having needed time to build up his fitness, Sahin now looks like an inspired acquisition. As well as his touch and vision, the Turk's ability in the final third is a huge asset and he capped a fine afternoon's work with his first Premier League goal. Just as it was in the League Cup in midweek, the manager's faith in youth was handsomely rewarded. Teenagers Suso and Andre Wisdom followed in the footsteps of Raheem Sterling as Rodgers handed them first league starts. Suso shone with his trickery and invention down the right flank, while Wisdom slotted in seamlessly at right-back on another landmark day for the club's flourishing Kirby Academy. Liverpool enjoyed the dream start as inside 70 seconds Suarez held off the attentions of Barnett on the edge of the box and unleashed a low right-footer past John Ruddy.

Pepe Reina thwarted Simeon Jackson but the Reds were always in control with Ruddy clawing away Gerrard's diving header. Eight minutes before the break Suarez missed a sitter after being put through by Daniel Agger but what happened next was testament to his perseverance. As Ruddy took a short goal-kick, Suarez still had his head in his hands but he was alert and closed down Michael Turner. Having nipped the ball off the defender, he nutmegged him for good measure and then with the outside of his right boot bent an exquisite finish into the corner.

Early in the second half, Suarez turned provider, crossing for Sahin to make it 3-0, before completing his hat-trick in the 57th minute. Another slick move saw Gerrard, Suso and Sahin combine to find Suarez whose curler gave Ruddy no chance. The goals may have started to flow but one worry for Rodgers will be the ease with which opponents are flourishing at the other end.

Hopes of a clean sheet were dashed when Reina spilled Russell Martin's shot and Steve Morison tucked away the rebound. Martin Skrtel's error was also punished by substitute Grant Holt but the four-goal cushion had already been restored by

then as Gerrard and Sterling exchanged passes before the skipper's strike deflected past Ruddy.

Holt's goal was only a minor irritation on the day when Liverpool's Premier League campaign burst into life. If this is a taste of what's to come under Rodgers, it's going to be some ride.

Norwich Evening News 24

Luis Suarez produced another Carrow Road hat-trick as Norwich City were swept aside by Liverpool, conceding five goals for the second time this season.

The Uruguayan international, who bagged a treble in the corresponding fixture last season, scored three more and might have had four or five as Brendan Rodgers' team romped to their first league victory of the campaign and left Chris Hughton's Canaries still searching for theirs.

Steve Morison and Grant Holt each scored their first goals of the season for City but it gave the scoreline a rather flattering look, for the home side were chasing shadows for much of the afternoon and looked ill-equipped to take three points off anyone in the near future. The tone for the afternoon was set as early as the second minute when Suarez had far too much time to squeeze a shot past goalkeeper John Ruddy. He might have had a penalty when he went down under challenge from defender Leon Barnett and Suarez missed a golden chance before adding his second goal on 38 minutes, beating Ruddy again after Michael Turner was caught in possession. Within seconds of the restart, City's Andrew Surman had a goalbound shot diverted over the bar by a team-mate, but they were swiftly made to pay after 47 minutes when Suarez set up Nuri Sahin for goal number three. Suarez completed his hat-trick 10 minutes later with another clinical finish and it was hardly any consolation for the Canaries on the hour when Steve Morison reduced the arrears with his first goal of the season after Russell Martin's shot was fumbled by goalkeeper Pepe Reina.

Midway through the half, however, it was 5-1 as Steven Gerrard's shot took a wicked deflection off Barnett. Half-time substitute Grant Holt also bagged his first goal of the campaign with a cool finish three minutes from time to give the scoreline a touch more respectability, but there was no disguising the fact that City had been hammered for the second time in six Premier League games. Hughton made two changes to the side that started the 1-0 defeat at Newcastle six days earlier. Turner replaced defender Sebastien Bassong, ruled out by a hamstring injury, while Wes Hoolahan was dropped to the bench with Simeon Jackson brought in to partner Steve Morison up front.

Midweek goalscorer Alex Tettey was named among the substitutes, with Elliott Bennett also on the bench after returning from injury in the Capital One Cup victory over Doncaster. Liverpool showed three changes from the 2-1 Premier League home defeat by Manchester United with a debut in defence for Andre Wisdom and places for midfielders Sahin and Jesus Fernandez Saez, otherwise known as Suso. Before kick-off, a minute's applause was held in tribute to former City manager John Bond following his death at the age of 79.

Liverpool, wearing not their traditional red but a hideous purple, orange and white away kit, kicked off in bright sunshine attacking the Barclay goal, which meant the sun was in City keeper Ruddy's eyes.

It was not the reason, however, that the Canaries fell behind after just 67 seconds, Suarez adding to his Carrow Road hat-trick from five months earlier with a goal in the first attack of the game. Glen Johnson made rapid progress down the left before finding Suarez just inside the Norwich area and the Uruguayan was given far too much space and time to run parallel with the edge of the box before squeezing a right-foot shot past Barnett's outstretched leg and beyond Ruddy just inside the post. Agger headed over from a free-kick moments later, under pressure from Russell Martin, as Liverpool looked to increase their lead.

In the eighth minute, there was almost an equaliser as Russell Martin fired across the area and Jackson struck a first time effort that Reina did well to keep out. Skrtel was very lucky to escape punishment for barging Garrido into the hoardings behind the River End goal and the full-back needed attention before he was able to continue. Midway through the half, Liverpool felt they should have had a penalty as Suarez went down under challenge from Barnett, who appeared to catch the striker's shoulder with his elbow, but referee Jones was unimpressed. With 25 minutes gone, Jackson raised the temperature when he volleyed over after Morison nodded back a cross from Garrido.

Wisdom needed attention for a cut after ducking low to head the ball and catching Surman's boot in the head.

Ruddy produced a splendid save to keep City in contention after 33 minutes when he kept out a header from Gerrard at point-blank range after Suarez created the chance by floating the perfect ball into his captain's path.

At the other end, Jackson deflected a Johnson shot wide, though the flag was up for offside, and Surman had a powerful shot blocked as City at last sparked into life. It was almost 2-0 after 37 minutes when Agger strode through the Norwich ranks and floated the perfect ball through to Suarez, but the striker missed an easy chance, sidefooting wide as Ruddy closed him down.

Suarez was still being treated to the crowd's derision, however, when less than a minute later he made it 2-0. Turner, getting caught in possession as he tried to control Garrido's pass, handed the Uruguayan a slightly less simple opening but he made no mistake this time as he beat Ruddy with the outside of his right foot. Barnett was booked a minute later for a foul on Suarez as City continued to chase

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shadows.
 Half-time – Norwich City 0, Liverpool 2.
 Hughton made a change at half-time by bringing on Holt for Jackson and City should have pulled a goal back in the opening seconds.
 Morison did splendidly tight on the byline and his cross beyond the far post was met by a Surman volley that seemed certain to go in but was diverted over the top by Snodgrass from a yard out.
 City paid the price less than two minutes into the half when they went three goals down.
 It looked as if Suarez may complete his hat-trick as he burst into the left side of the penalty area but he chose to cross and Garrido only succeeded in diverting the ball back to Suarez whose second low cross was sidefooted home by Sahin. The Canaries might have cut the deficit following a Surman corner when Holt's shot was blocked by Johnson – leading to appeals for handball – and rebounded for Surman, who somehow screwed his shot across the face of the goal when it seemed much easier to hit the target.
 Bradley Johnson fired over from long range as City continued to try to force their way back into the match.
 Ten minutes into the half, Hoolahan was sent on in place of Surman, to huge cheers, but any remote hope of a fightback was extinguished on 57 minutes when Suarez completed his hat-trick. The angle did not look promising but he curled a brilliant right-foot shot out of reach of Ruddy.
 Liverpool made their first change after 59 minutes when Assaidi was sent on for Suso, but two minutes later, the Canaries reduced the deficit through Morison's first goal of the season.
 Russell Martin struck a powerful shot that Reina fumbled horribly and Morison pounced to drill the rebound home.
 Henderson replaced Sahin as Liverpool made another change after 66 minutes, and two minutes later it was 5-1.
 A slip by Garrido allowed Sterling to run clear on the right and his low cross was met with a shot from Gerrard that took a sharp deflection off Barnett, giving Ruddy no chance.
 Suarez might have had his fourth when he wriggled through and struck the side netting, and shell-shocked City were struggling to get the ball at all at this stage. Liverpool's last change came when Carragher replaced Glen Johnson.
 With 11 minutes left, Tetley was introduced for his Premier League debut, Morison making way.
 Three minutes from time, a good finish by substitute Holt gave him his first goal of the season as Howson's clever pass left Skrtel floundering and the striker beat Reina with a well-placed shot.
 Norwich City – Ruddy; Russell Martin, Barnett, Turner, Garrido; Snodgrass, Howson, Bradley Johnson, Surman (Hoolahan, 55 min); Morison (Tetty, 79 min), Jackson (Holt, 45 min). Subs (not used): Bunn, Tierney, Ryan Bennett, Elliott Bennett.
 Liverpool – Reina, Wisdom, Skrtel, Agger; Suso (Assaidi, 59 min), Gerrard, Allen, Glen Johnson (Carragher, 74 min); Sahin (Henderson, 66 min); Suarez, Sterling.
 Subs: (not used) Jones, Coates, Downing, Borini.
 Referee – Mike Jones (Cheshire).
 Attendance – 26,831.
 Goals – City: Morison (61 min), Holt (87 min). Liverpool: Suarez (2 min, 38 min, 57 min), Sahin (47 min), Gerrard (68 min).
 Bookings – City: Barnett (39 min).



Masterclass from Suarez ends the wait

When it finally arrived, at the sixth time of asking, it came powerfully, thrillingly and without ambiguity. It was first league win of the Brendan Rodgers era at Liverpool. It felt as if the drought was over and the dam had burst, such was the relaxed fluency of their football and the sense of relief at the end that Norwich City had been swamped. This was a comprehensive and deserved win, and a demonstration of what Rodgers' Liverpool are meant to look like. The attacking football was fluid and confident, driven through the middle by Nuri Sahin, flanked by teenagers Jesus "Suso" Fernandez and Raheem Sterling, and culminating, thrillingly, in the brilliance of Luis Suarez. Whatever Liverpool achieve under Rodgers, Suarez will be crucial to it. Five months ago, under Kenny Dalglish, he scored a remarkable hat-trick here, climaxing in a lob from the half-way line. Even after a summer of change, under a different manager, with different teammates, he was just as compelling yesterday. Suarez scored three, made another and should have been awarded a penalty. "I remember his goals last year," Rodgers said afterwards, "but this was a masterclass in finishing. It was a special day for him, for him and for us. The quality of our game and play was very, very good." It took 68 seconds for Suarez to assert himself. Glen Johnson ran down the left and tried to play in Sahin, breaking forward. The ball came back to Suarez on the edge of the box. A perfect judge of space around him, he held off Leon Barnett, spun and shot into the near bottom corner.
 "We knew before the game we were up against a Liverpool team in good form,"

said Chris Hughton, who must have known at 1-0 it was going to be a difficult afternoon. "You cannot afford to give them the opportunities. We came up against Suarez at his most clinical. We made life very difficult for ourselves." This was not the same Norwich defence as that 3-0 defeat five months ago. It was not Ryan Bennett and Elliot Ward at centre-back yesterday, but Barnett and Michael Turner. But the test was the same and the bafflement was the same and so were the futile solutions.
 Barnett's next attempt at stopping Suarez was desperate, clumsy and strangely unpunished. Suarez ran onto a goal-kick, Barnett ran into Suarez. It was an obvious foul. Some referees, though, are less keen to give Suarez penalties than others and Mike Jones decided against it.
 "It was a stonewall penalty," said Rodgers. "I feel for the guy, everyone in the ground knew it was a penalty." Pressing from the front is important to Rodgers, and it soon brought Liverpool's second. Turner was unaware when Suarez stole the ball from him. Suarez spun, put the ball through Turner's legs and curled it into the far bottom corner. The fact that he had missed a much easier chance one minute before did not bother him, as Rodgers observed: "He doesn't get disappointed."
 Norwich needed a quick goal after half-time. When the ball fell to Robert Snodgrass two feet from goal, it should have come, but, somehow, Snodgrass bounced the ball over the bar with his thigh. One minute later the game ended as a contest. Sterling, the quickest player on the pitch, surged through the middle on the break. He passed left to Suarez, who had his first cross blocked but found Sahin with his second. Sahin was unmarked and finished easily.
 Another 10 easy minutes later, Sahin repaid the courtesy. He rolled the ball to Suarez on his left, Russell Martin stood off him and Suarez curled the ball into the corner for his third of the day and his sixth here this year.
 There was still time for Pepe Reina to spill a shot for Steve Morison to pull one back before Steven Gerrard's deflected shot made it 5-1.
 The final 20 minutes were - Grant Holt's consolation aside - a Joe Allen-orchestrated exercise in keep-ball, to the joy of the travelling Liverpool fans. They sang for and applauded Gerrard and Jamie Carragher, the two most important men in the club's recent past. But they sang louder for Rodgers and Suarez, the two most important men in the club's immediate future.
 Norwich (4-4-2): Ruddy; Martin, Barnett, Garrido; Snodgrass, Howson, B Johnson, Surman (Hoolahan, 55); Jackson (Holt, h-t), Morison (Tetty, 79)
 Liverpool (4-2-3-1): Reina; Wisdom, Skrtel, Agger, G. Johnson (Carragher, 73); Gerrard, Allen; Suso (Assaidi, 59), Sahin (Henderson, 66), Sterling; Suarez
 Referee: Mike Jones
 Man of the match: Suarez (Liverpool)
 Match rating: 8/10

The Sunday Telegraph

Suarez returns to haunt Norwich

Norwich 2 Morison 61, Holt 87
 Liverpool 5 Suarez 2, 38, 57, Sahin 47, Gerrard 68 Att: 26,841
 Liverpool's early-season attacking ills have been put right and there was no surprise regarding the identity of the man who supplied the remedy. Luis Suarez scored a hat-trick - his second in successive visits to Carrow Road - and set up another goal. And he even justified manager Brendan Rodgers' claims about referees hindering his club by being denied what looked like a penalty. Although referee Mike Jones did little to alter the officials' image of giving Liverpool a hard time, Suarez certainly enhanced his own reputation. There had been question marks over his ruthlessness in front of goal and whether or not he goes to ground too easily. He addressed both issues in positive fashion by taking advantage of most of his openings, while staying on his feet in the box - apart from when he was fouled.
 The only blip for Suarez was when he dragged wide a one-on-one attempt while it was still 1-0, but he responded by finishing clinically a minute later, teeing up another later and then completing his hat-trick. He richly deserved a second successive Carrow Road treble, having scored all their goals in the 3-0 win here last season.
 "I thought it was another master class in finishing apart from the one-on-one," said Rodgers. "It was a special day for him and for the team."
 The penalty incident came when Suarez was brought down by Leon Barnett. Discussing the moment, which came in the week in which he expressed concerns to Mike Riley about decisions going against Liverpool, Rodgers said: "It was a stonewall penalty. I think everyone in the ground knew. Antonio Valencia got one for hardly any contact but Leon Barnett elbowed him and we got nothing."
 "I spoke to Mike Riley during the week and put over my concerns. Maybe one day we'll get the decision."
 That was a side issue on a celebratory day for Liverpool though. Across the team, they had reasons for optimism though as they passed the ball cohesively and built attacks from the back, albeit with the assistance of some loose defending. Nuri Sahin and Raheem Sterling both gave encouraging displays again with their running and vision, while the likes of Suso and Andre Wisdom coped well on their first Premier League starts.
 For Liverpool, it was the most convincing of ways to secure their first league victory of the season. Suarez's first goal was created by Glen Johnson, who ventured forward towards the edge of the 18-yard box and then threaded the ball

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forward towards Sahin.

Michael Turner, horribly exposed in this match, intercepted but could only clear as far as Suarez and the Uruguayan controlled well before scoring.

Liverpool continued to look threatening, but Norwich showed their own ability when Russell Martin struck the ball towards goal and Simeon Jackson connected on the way, forcing Pepe Reina into a low save.

Rodgers had more reason to be aggrieved with referees in the 23rd minute.

Suarez slipped clear of Barnett, who appeared to impede him with an arm on his right shoulder, leading the Uruguayan to go down in the area, but Jones did not award a spotkick.

Suarez was soon the centre of attention again. First, he burst clear and somehow dragged a dire shot wide. The Norwich fans ridiculed him but, less than a minute later he was staring back at them as he gleefully celebrated a second goal. Turner was caught dozing and Suarez nicked the ball before advancing into the penalty box and finishing sweetly with the outside of his boot.

Norwich missed an excellent chance to cut the deficit early in the second half as Andrew Surman struck a fierce effort towards goal and Robert Snodgrass diverted the ball over the bar from two yards. Norwich were left to rue the miss further when Sterling raced forward and picked out Suarez on his left. He crossed at the second attempt, allowing Sahin to tap in.

Surman dragged another great chance wide as Norwich looked to restore some pride. Suarez piled on more agony though, curling in another from 20 yards to complete his hat-trick.

Norwich had a rare moment to cheer when Reina spilt a Russell Martin shot, allowing Steve Morison to lash in a consolation goal. But Liverpool were not dropping their attacking standards and Sterling dashed down the right to set up Steven Gerrard who finished with the assistance of a hefty deflection off Barnett. Grant Holt scored a late second for Norwich, punishing a mistake by Martin Skrtel. It was Norwich, though, who were left regretting their mistakes.

"We came up against Suarez at his most clinical," admitted Norwich manager Chris Hughton.



Suarez leads rout to kick-start Liverpool's season

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IN FRIDAY'S Channel 5 documentary Being Liverpool, manager Brendan Rodgers told his players in pre-season training: "We're working on pressing and intensity, with and without the ball. If we do that, you'll kill teams this year, absolutely kill teams." They are the kind of words that can come back to haunt a manager but here they proved remarkably prophetic.

The youngest team Liverpool have fielded for nine years -- they had an average age of 24 years 347 days -- made hay in the Norfolk sunshine and no one was more impressive than Luis Suarez. The Uruguayan so dominated events from the start that even the most myopic Norwich follower would have appreciated this exhibition of superb execution.

"I remember his goals here last year [when Suarez also scored a hat-trick] and it was another masterclass," said Rodgers. "It was a special day for him and the team."

Apart from his treble, the striker also fashioned a goal for Nuri Sahin, the Real Madrid loanee's third of the week, after his brace at West Bromwich on Wednesday. Suarez also had a clear penalty appeal rejected, suggesting that his reputation as a man who can go down too easily precedes him.

Well before the end they were partying anyway as their team recorded as easy a first league triumph of the season as they could have desired, at the end of what could be a pivotal week for Rodgers.

In midweek the young legs -- plus Jamie Carragher -- of Liverpool's second string had done him proud in a 2-1 Capital One Cup victory. Here, the older heads returned with some younger ones, too, in teenagers Raheem Sterling, Suso and defender Andre Wisdom, given his first start. Chris Hughton's team were swept aside.

Liverpool laid the foundations for victory inside two minutes. Glen Johnson's ball into the box was cleared to the worst possible recipient, Suarez, who beat John Ruddy from the edge of the area.

Rodgers had protested to Mike Riley, head of the Premier League referees, in midweek about decisions against his side. He had a point when Suarez was fouled by Leon Barnett. "A stonewall penalty, he was elbowed in the head," said Rodgers, but referee Mike Jones ignored Liverpool's claims. Norwich almost made the decision look even worse but Simeon Jackson volleyed over.

Steven Gerrard forced a fine save from Ruddy from Suarez's chip before the latter squeezed the ball wide. But from the ensuing goal kick, Michael Turner was dispossessed by Suarez, who despatched clinically into the far corner.

With Grant Holt, their club captain, on after the interval, Norwich did threaten. Andrew Surman smashed in a volley at the far post and Robert Snodgrass, virtually on the line, deflected the ball over.

But Liverpool swiftly reminded them who were the superior force as Suarez cut the ball back for Sahin to sweep home. The Turkey international returned the favour and Suarez curled it impudently around a stranded Ruddy.

Steve Morison brought Norwich some relief when he cut the ball home sweetly,

but Sterling's excellent work down the right ended with him offering an opening for Steven Gerrard, whose strike from just outside the area deflected off Barnett past Ruddy. Holt scored again for Norwich late on, but this was Suarez's afternoon.

Star man: Luis Suarez (Liverpool) Yellow cards: Norwich: Barnett Referee: M Jones Attendance: 26,831 Norwich: Ruddy 6, R Martin 7, Barnett 6, Turner 5, Garrido 6, Snodgrass 6, Howson 6, Johnson 6, Surman 5 (Hoolahan 56min, 6), Morison 6 (Tettey 79min), Jackson 6 (Holt h-t, 7) Liverpool: Reina 6, Wisdom 6, Skrtel 6, Agger 7, Johnson 6 (Carragher 72min), Gerrard 7, Allen 7, Suso 6 (Assaidi 61min), Sahin 7 (Henderson 65min), Sterling 6, Suarez 9 2 Luis Suarez clearly likes playing against Norwich, his other Liverpool hat-trick also came at Carrow Road

The Observer

Suarez is scourge of cowed Carrow Road

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Norwich must hate the sight of Luis Suarez. The striker followed up the hat-trick he scored on his first visit to Carrow Road with another treble here

as Liverpool ran riot to give Brendan Rodgers his first Premier League win as the club's manager. The Uruguayan benefitted from a fluid midfield that controlled the game, pacy penetration from the wings and a Norwich side befuddled into incompetence by their opponents. Shoddiness from the visitors in the latter stages took some of the gleam off the scoreline, but this was an impressive Liverpool performance and a result that was desperately needed.

An early-season fixture list that has been nothing short of vicious and the team's failure to pick up a win from games against Manchester City, Arsenal and Manchester United at Anfield, and trips to West Brom and Sunderland, meant Liverpool's visit to Carrow Road assumed a significance it would not otherwise have had. It is has been Liverpool's worst start in the league since 1903 and, while victory at The Hawthorns in the Capital One Cup at least gave Rodgers a first domestic win as Liverpool manager, this fixture had assumed season-starts-here status. Rodgers responded by naming Liverpool's youngest Premier League XI since the 2003-04 season, with first league starts for the 19-year-old right-back Andre Wisdom and the 18-year-old Spanish forward Suso, who provided a scurrying teenage option on the right of the visitors' front three to complement the more direct but equally youthful Raheem Sterling on the left. It was the man in the middle, though, who quickly proved pivotal. Glen Johnson cut in from the left and looked to slip in Nuri Sahin. A poor clearance dropped loose to Suarez on the edge of the area and the Uruguayan slotted his finish through Norwich legs and past John Ruddy just 68 seconds in.

Norwich, also with out a win, were nervous; no one more so than Leon Barnett. The centre-half was fortunate not to concede a penalty midway through the half after tangling with Suarez. A red card would also have been likely. Rodgers phoned Mike Riley to air his grievances about referees on Thursday and the head of Professional Game Match Officials might have been getting another call this week had City's Simeon Jackson not blasted Norwich's best chances of the half over the bar moments later.

As it was Liverpool were not made to pay and doubled their lead eight minutes before the break. Suarez had pushed a shot miserably wide when clean through, but from the resultant goal-kick, as Norwich attempted to pass the ball out from the back, the striker robbed Michael Turner, nutmegged him, then thumped a gorgeous effort with the outside of his foot past Ruddy. At times in the first half the home side verged on the shambolic, but they should have halved their arrears immediately after the break. Grant Holt, a half-time substitute, caused hesitation in the Liverpool area, but somehow Robert Snodgrass was unable to turn in Andrew Surman's low shot across goal.

A minute later it was 3-0, with Suarez this time turning provider. Sterling led a fast break and fed the Uruguayan, whose attempt at a return pass was cut out, but whose second attempt gave Sahin a simple tap in. Norwich were reeling and four down before the hour. Sahin, allowed far too much time on the edge of the Norwich area, passed square to Suarez, who completed his hat-trick with a low curled shot past Ruddy. Amid the joy, though, there was irritation for Rodgers. Steve Morison ensured it is now nine games since Liverpool kept a clean sheet in the league, slapping home after Pepe Reina failed to hold Russell Martin's shot. That was Norwich's third goal in six league games and therein lies the problem for Chris Hughton. In replacing Paul Lambert with the former Newcastle manager, the Canaries have attempted to swap swashbuckle for solidity, yet here they showed neither. It was little surprise when Steven Gerrard added a fifth courtesy of a deflection, and far more eyebrow-raising when Holt blasted home a second consolation with three minutes to go. Chelsea and Arsenal are up next and will provide scant opportunity to exorcise the demons unleashed by this drubbing.

NORWICH Ruddy; R Martin, Barnett (Sent off), Turner, Garrido; Surman (Hoolahan 54), Johnson, Howson, Snodgrass; Morison (Tettey 78), Jackson (Holt ht) Subs not used Bunn, E Bennett, Tierney, R Bennett LIVERPOOL Reina; Wisdom, Skrtel, Agger, Johnson (Carragher 76); Sahin (Henderson 65), Allen,

Gerrard; Sterling, Suarez, Suso (Assaidi 58)

Subs not used Jones, Downing, Coates, Borini

Carrow Road 26,831 Game rating 8/10 Referee Mike Jones

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Suarez the star of impressive win

A FRUSTRATED Norwich City supporter was overheard bemoaning how match-winner Luis Suarez had cost Liverpool an amount of money his side could only dream of. The problem was, this Canaries' fan had his sums slightly wrong. He claimed Liverpool had shelled out £60m for the Uruguayan. Suarez arrived on Merseyside for around a third of that figure but following his wonderful hat-trick at Carrow Road on Saturday, his value may actually be hovering around that monumental amount of cash. For manager Brendan Rodgers, Suarez's stylishly taken treble was the catalyst for his first victory in the league, with goals from Nuri Sahin and Steven Gerrard adding emphasis to Liverpool's control of the game at the weekend. Though Rodgers was keen to stress the importance of the win for the team, Saturday also presented a personal triumph for the manager and a victory as much for him as the team. A win in the Premier League has come at the sixth attempt but Rodgers, his players and the Anfield faithful have felt that winning in such a commanding fashion is something which has been brewing strongly for weeks. Only in the defeat to Arsenal have Liverpool given us reason for concern. And as the exasperating draw with Manchester City was followed by the injustice of defeat to Manchester United, there was always a feeling that sooner than later a side would be engulfed by Liverpool. Unfortunately for that upset fan who called into his local radio station and for the majority of people inside Carrow Road on Saturday, it was Norwich City on the wrong end of a Liverpool performance when much went for them, instead of against. But make no mistake, Rodgers did not claim his maiden win in the Premier League with Liverpool via a slice of good fortune, a lucky deflection or on the generous decision of a referee. From the second minute, when Suarez showed strength and precision to fire Liverpool ahead, Rodgers men were in control of the game and by cutting a swathe of destruction through this gentle Norfolk city, showed a hint of the clinical streak on which the club's success has been built. And after destroying the Canaries in the corresponding fixture last season with a memorable hat-trick, Suarez repeated the feat just five months later. Were his goals as impressive as the ones scored in April? You may argue not, yet their significance could be greater as they helped Rodgers open his account. Suarez now has six goals in two games against Norwich and since the game in April, has scored more times at Carrow Road than any home player. Suarez doubled the lead seven minutes before half-time when nicking the ball off Michael Turner on the edge of the area, poking the ball through the defender's legs before curling the ball beyond John Ruddy with the outside of his boot. Just seconds earlier, Suarez was offered no protection when clattered by Leon Barnett and then missed terribly when clean through on goal. But his response made amends and those couple of minutes neatly summed up a lot about his game at present. Fears his reputation is going before him only heightened when referee Mike Jones failed to award a penalty when Bennett barged Suarez to the ground. The Norwich defender performed a take down on the Liverpool man which would not have looked out of place in professional wrestling, yet Jones waved away the appeals. Fortunately, it did not prove costly this time and Suarez continued to torment the Canaries. Before scoring his second, he nearly provided one for Gerrard as his delightful chip into the area found his captain storming into the area but the header was palmed away by Ruddy. The scare jolted Norwich into action and after Pepe Reina had earlier saved from Simoen Jackson's first-time effort, the striker wildly volleyed over from Steve Morison's knock back. City would rue the miss just after the start of the second half. Suarez turned provider for Liverpool's third goal just after the break when the impressive Sahin tapped in from close range before the Uruguayan made it six goals in two games against Norwich with a curling effort from outside the box. Sandwiched in between the Reds' fourth and fifth goals came Morison's strike but Gerrard soon re-established their advantage when converting Raheem Sterling's pass, via the aid of a deflection. Grant Holt ultimately had the final say with a goal three minutes from time but it was only consolation for the home fans. The Norwich faithful will have left the ground knowing their side were over-ran at times but may look back to spells when Robert Snodgrass and then Andrew Surman wasted clear sights on Reina's goal in a frantic second half period. Suarez rightly took the plaudits for this wonderful three goals but the afternoon also represented a momentous day in the young careers of Suso and Andre Wisdom who both earned first ever Premier League starts and acquitted themselves particularly well. Promoted to the first team by Rodgers, their performances were just another success story in a day for the manager to remember.

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87:48 Corner from the left by-line taken by Wesley Hoolahan, clearance made by Andre Wisdom.
 86:16 The assist for the goal came from Jonathan Howson.
 86:16 Goal scored Goal - Grant Holt - Norwich 2 - 5 Liverpool Grant Holt finds the net with a goal from inside the box to the bottom right corner of the goal. Norwich 2-5 Liverpool.
 80:51 Corner taken by Steven Gerrard, clearance by Leon Barnett.
 78:17 Substitution Substitution Steve Morison leaves the field to be replaced by Alexander Tettey.
 77:17 Full time The final whistle is blown by the referee.
 76:16 Substitution Substitution Jamie Carragher replaces Glen Johnson.
 67:38 Raheem Sterling provided the assist for the goal.
 67:38 Goal scored Goal - Steven Gerrard - Norwich 1 - 5 Liverpool Steven Gerrard fires in a goal from just inside the penalty area low into the middle of the goal. Norwich 1-5 Liverpool.
 65:05 Substitution Substitution Jordan Henderson joins the action as a substitute, replacing Nuri Sahin.
 60:08 Assist by Russell Martin.
 60:08 Goal scored Goal - Steve Morison - Norwich 1 - 4 Liverpool Steve Morison grabs a goal from deep inside the penalty box to the bottom left corner of the goal. Norwich 1-4 Liverpool.
 60:08 Russell Martin takes a shot. Save made by Jose Reina.
 58:40 Substitution Substitution Oussama Assaïdi on for Jesus Fernandez Saez.
 56:23 Nuri Sahin provided the assist for the goal.
 56:23 Goal scored Goal - Luis Suarez - Norwich 0 - 4 Liverpool Luis Suarez scores a goal from the edge of the penalty area to the bottom right corner of the goal. Norwich 0-4 Liverpool.
 54:50 Substitution Substitution Andrew Surman leaves the field to be replaced by Wesley Hoolahan.
 53:13 Outswinging corner taken by Jesus Fernandez Saez from the right by-line, Michael Turner makes a clearance.
 51:40 Corner taken by Andrew Surman from the right by-line, drilled right-footed shot by Grant Holt. Martin Skrtel gets a block in. Andrew Surman produces a right-footed shot from close in which goes wide of the right-hand upright.
 50:01 Corner taken right-footed by Steven Gerrard from the right by-line, Effort on goal by Andre Wisdom from just inside the penalty box goes harmlessly over the target.
 46:47 Luis Suarez provided the assist for the goal.
 46:47 Goal scored Goal - Nuri Sahin - Norwich 0 - 3 Liverpool A goal is scored by Nuri Sahin from close range low into the middle of the goal. Norwich 0-3 Liverpool.
 46:47 Luis Suarez crosses the ball, Leon Barnett manages to make a clearance. The ball is crossed by Luis Suarez,
 45:01 The referee blows his whistle to start the second half.
 45:01 Substitution Substitution Grant Holt joins the action as a substitute, replacing Simeon Jackson.
 45:00 Half time The first half comes to an end.
 43:35 Simeon Jackson produces a cross.
 43:02 Corner taken by Andrew Surman from the left by-line.
 42:37 Robert Snodgrass sends in a cross.
 42:06 The assistant referee flags for offside against Raheem Sterling. Free kick taken by John Ruddy.
 41:15 Russell Martin sends in a cross, Jose Reina makes a save.
 40:22 The ball is sent over by Robert Snodgrass, Joe Allen makes a clearance. Inswinging corner taken by Robert Snodgrass from the right by-line played to the near post, clearance made by Steven Gerrard.
 39:40 Luis Suarez is flagged offside by the assistant referee. Free kick taken by Michael Turner.
 39:23 The ball is crossed by Glen Johnson, John Ruddy makes a comfortable save.
 38:24 Steven Gerrard delivers the ball from the free kick right-footed from left channel, clearance made by Jonathan Howson.
 38:24 Booking Leon Barnett receives a yellow card for unsporting behaviour.
 38:17 Leon Barnett gives away a free kick for an unfair challenge on Luis Suarez.
 37:10 Goal scored Goal - Luis Suarez - Norwich 0 - 2 Liverpool Luis Suarez fires in a goal from just inside the area to the bottom left corner of the goal. Norwich 0-2 Liverpool.
 36:48 Shot by Luis Suarez from deep inside the penalty area misses to the right of the target.
 36:07 Foul by Luis Suarez on Russell Martin, free kick awarded. Direct free kick taken by Russell Martin.
 33:39 The ball is crossed by Robert Snodgrass, Shot by Andrew Surman. Blocked by Martin Skrtel.
 32:49 Left-footed shot by Bradley Johnson. The referee blows for offside. Indirect free kick taken by Jose Reina.
 32:25 Luis Suarez delivers the ball, Steven Gerrard takes a shot. Save made by John Ruddy.
 31:16 Steve Morison concedes a free kick for a foul on Andre Wisdom. Jose Reina restarts play with the free kick.

30:13 Outswinging corner taken left-footed by Nuri Sahin played to the near post, Bradley Johnson makes a clearance.
 30:02 The ball is crossed by Steven Gerrard, Russell Martin manages to make a clearance.
 29:45 Raheem Sterling produces a cross, clearance made by Bradley Johnson.
 28:00 Steve Morison gives away a free kick for an unfair challenge on Daniel Agger. Daniel Agger restarts play with the free kick.
 25:00 Centre by Javier Garrido, Header by Simeon Jackson from deep inside the penalty area misses to the left of the target.
 25:00 The ball is sent over by Javier Garrido, Headed effort from deep inside the penalty area by Simeon Jackson misses to the left of the goal.
 22:58 Outswinging corner taken left-footed by Andrew Surman played to the near post, Jesus Fernandez Saez makes a clearance.
 22:40 Simeon Jackson delivers the ball, Andre Wisdom manages to make a clearance.
 21:26 A cross is delivered by Bradley Johnson. The official flags Steve Morison offside. Jose Reina restarts play with the free kick.
 19:40 The referee gives a free kick against Steve Morison for handball. Indirect free kick taken by Glen Johnson.
 17:52 Luis Suarez sends in a cross, Russell Martin manages to make a clearance.
 16:22 Foul by Steven Gerrard on Andrew Surman, free kick awarded. Bradley Johnson crosses the ball in from the free kick.
 14:03 Jonathan Howson produces a drilled right-footed shot from 25 yards. Daniel Agger gets a block in.
 9:17 Corner taken left-footed by Nuri Sahin from the left by-line, clearance by Russell Martin.
 7:51 Javier Garrido produces a cross. The ball is swung over by Russell Martin, Shot from 6 yards by Simeon Jackson. Save by Jose Reina.
 7:33 Simeon Jackson produces a cross, Martin Skrtel manages to make a clearance.
 6:43 Steven Gerrard crosses the ball.
 5:13 The assistant referee signals for offside against Luis Suarez. John Ruddy takes the indirect free kick.
 4:33 Shot by Jesus Fernandez Saez from 18 yards. Michael Turner gets a block in.
 4:17 Free kick awarded for an unfair challenge on Daniel Agger by Robert Snodgrass. Steven Gerrard takes the free kick.
 1:07 Assist on the goal came from Nuri Sahin. Javier Garrido concedes a free kick for a foul on Nuri Sahin. Nuri Sahin crosses the ball, Close range header by Daniel Agger goes over the bar.
 1:07 Goal scored Goal - Luis Suarez - Norwich 0 - 1 Liverpool Goal scored by Luis Suarez from the edge of the penalty area to the bottom left corner of the goal. Norwich 0-1 Liverpool.
 0:00 The game kicks-off.