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Moyes reverts to Hernandez and discovers powerful ally in his striker
 Manchester United 1 Liverpool 0 It is rare indeed for victory in the Capital One Cup third round to herald celebrations quite like those seen at the Old Trafford last night. The identity of Manchester United's victims was one reason for that but so, too, it seemed, was the sense of relief that accompanied a victory for David Moyes's new regime after the shuddering defeat at the Etihad Stadium three days earlier. In terms of performance, this was not quite the reaction that Moyes will have hoped for from United after their 4-1 defeat by Manchester City, with Liverpool dictating the game for long periods and creating more chances. In the circumstances, though, Moyes will not care a jot.

His team survived a difficult first half and, after scoring in the opening minutes of the second period through Javier Hernandez, held firm in the face of another minor onslaught in the closing stages. The Capital One Cup is nobody's top priority, but you only had to see the disappointment etched on the faces of Liverpool's players, with nothing to show for what was at times a strong performance, to see what it meant to them. The return of Luis Suarez, after a ten-match ban for biting Branislav Ivanovic, the Chelsea defender, brought invention and devilment to their forward line but, at the end, Brendan Rodgers was left to curse his team's misfortune or lack of composure in front of goal and the loss of concentration that allowed Hernandez to score from Wayne Rooney's corner kick. Suarez had been the focus of the United supporters' attention at the start of the evening, a legacy of his infamous spat with Patrice Evra two seasons ago, but long before the end the home crowd had become preoccupied with trying to cajole a somewhat disjointed team over the line. Before long, Suarez became just another white-shirted threat in the eyes of the United supporters. He was darting short, checking back, running long and snapping at the heels of the opposition, but his menace was matched, in different ways, by Daniel Sturridge and, in particular, by Victor Moses, whose aggressive, direct running have already made him an important addition to this Liverpool team. United had the better of the first ten minutes, with Hernandez, Rooney and Nani all having shots blocked after good approach work. Shinji Kagawa cut inside and had a right-foot shot saved by Simon Mignolet in the ninth minute and, at that stage, it seemed as if Moyes was getting the response that he was looking for after his team's mauling in the Manchester derby on Sunday. Suarez barely touched the ball for the first ten minutes of the game, but then Steven Gerrard and Lucas Leiva took control in central midfield and Liverpool proceeded to build attacking momentum. Jose Enrique, who was barely needed in a defensive capacity, was getting plenty of joy on the left-hand side, while the rotation between Suarez and Moses meant that United's back four could rarely settle. On 18 minutes, Suarez had a shot blocked by Jonny Evans. A minute later, Gerrard's crossfield pass allowed Enrique and Suarez to combine to set up Moses, only for Ryan Giggs to make an important tackle. Then a Sturridge shot went wide after the United defence was stretched again, followed by an Enrique cross, a mistimed jump from Evans and an important save by David De Gea at the feet of Suarez. All this was in the space of five minutes as Liverpool turned the screw. Sturridge felt that Liverpool should have had a penalty when his cross-shot struck Smalling on the arm in the 26th minute. It seemed only a matter of time before the away team took the lead, but their threat faded as the game entered a sloppy period late in the first half, with Giggs and Lucas both booked for clumsy challenges. The away supporters roared their approval of their team's efforts as the half-time whistle was blown, but Rodgers must have been concerned by his players' failure to make their pressure count during that period of dominance. It seemed unlikely that they would be allowed to dictate the game quite as easily in the second half. Sure enough, United opened the scoring just 40 seconds into the second half. Moyes had not even reached the dugout when his team won a corner kick on the left-hand side. Hernandez took his position in the six-yard box, next to Enrique, and proceeded to run in and out of the full back's blind spot so often that he ended up getting a free run on him when the ball was finally whipped over by Rooney. The ball was missed by Gerrard, left by Enrique and attacked by Hernandez, who cleverly knocked it beyond Mignolet. It was a different game now. United had the lead and, at least to some extent, had their tails up. It was not exactly free-flowing stuff, but there was more control to their play. Kagawa served a reminder of his ability with a purposeful run and a fierce shot that hit the top of the crossbar. Liverpool seemed to be running out of ideas, but they were reinvigorated after Rodgers switched to a three-man back line, pushing Martin Kelly and Enrique higher up the pitch, and moved Jordan Henderson into a central position. From a cross by Enrique, Moses forced De Gea into a fine save before Suarez struck the crossbar with a deflected free kick. United threatened again through Rooney, forcing an awkward save from Mignolet, but it was back to the wall as Liverpool staged one final push. Henderson, whether intentionally or not, sent De Gea to his right, while Kolo Toure, by now pushed up into midfield, side-footed a Suarez cross towards Sturridge, who could not divert it goalwards. It was desperate stuff from United at times, with every hacked clearance met with a loud roar, but there seemed to be an acceptance last night that the end more than justified the means.

Manchester United (4-2-3-1): D De Gea -- Rafael Da Silva, C Smalling, J Evans, A Buttner -- P Jones, R Giggs -- Nani (sub: D Welbeck, 90min), W Rooney, S Kagawa (sub: A Januzaj, 73) -- J Hernandez (sub: M Carrick, 74). Substitutes not used: B Amos, Fabio Da Silva, Anderson, W Zaha, Booked: Jones, Giggs.

Liverpool (4-2-3-1): S Mignolet -- K Toure, M Skrtel, M Sakho, J Enrique -- S Gerrard, Lucas Leiva (sub: M Kelly, 67) -- J Henderson, L Suarez, V Moses (sub: R Sterling, 82) -- D Sturridge. Substitutes not used: B Jones, A Wisdom, Luis Alberto, J Ibe, I Aspas. Booked: Toure, Henderson, Lucas. Referee: M Clattenburg.

the guardian

No happy return for muzzled Suarez as United earn sweet relief for Moyes

For David Moyes, it was a result to lift some of the foreboding that had begun to descend on Manchester United after everything they had suffered in the Manchester derby. His team prevented Luis Suarez from making this another ordeal and after a difficult few days, the mood at Old Trafford should be vastly improved by Javier Hernandez's winning goal.

The alternative, after all, was barely worth thinking about for Moyes, bearing in mind his side have already lost to Liverpool in the Premier League this season. Their opponents certainly made a good fist of it but the vulnerabilities that epitomised United's performance in the 4-1 pummeling at Manchester City on Sunday were replaced here by the collective determination of a side that seemed glad to be back out on the pitch, with the chance to shake their heads clear. Hernandez struck early in the second half and though Suarez gave everything to get Liverpool back into the tie, the visitors did not do enough with their possession to make this a more challenging night for David de Gea in United's goal. Liverpool certainly played their part but the night finished with Moyes on the pitch, shaking the hand of every one of his players and enthusiastically applauding the Stretford end. He looked a man with a weight lifted from his shoulders.

Suarez was partnering Daniel Sturridge in a new system that had Victor Moses operating with a free role just behind the attack, a three-man central defence and Jordan Henderson and Luis Enrique playing as wing-backs. To begin with, it took the Uruguayan a little while to feel his way into the game. Yet it quickly became apparent that his ability to turn with the ball, always with the first thought of driving towards goal, would make him a difficult opponent. He was prominently involved in those spells when it was the away team passing the ball with the greater confidence. There were moments when it was easy to tell he had been missing for the last five months, such as the early chance when Enrique's cross evaded Jonny Evans and Suarez's first touch, usually so exquisite, nudged the ball too close to De Gea. Yet Liverpool had started the game with good fluency and balance, and Suarez's elusiveness, penetrative running and awareness of space, was a considerable feature.

At first United had looked a like a team desperate to get Sunday's harrowing defeat out of their system and deliver the reaction that Moyes had demanded immediately after that match. Moyes had made eight changes but this was not the assembly of reserves and youth-team players that United traditionally put out in this competition. Moyes, to put it bluntly, could not afford to take such risks. They put Liverpool under some prolonged pressure in the opening exchanges. Nani was busily involved on the right, with Shinji Kagawa on the left, and Ashley Young and Antonio Valencia, the two players who have come under the most sustained criticism since the weekend, given the night off. Javier Hernandez was deputising for the injured Robin van Persie and Wayne Rooney, perhaps the only player who emerged from the City debacle with any distinction, was installed as captain. Moyes seems determined to show Rooney he is cherished by the new management team and, once again, there was a positive response. Rooney, operating with a licence to roam, was United's most dangerous player for long spells. Brendan Rodgers was entitled to think his team had created the better opportunities in the first half given the frequency with which promising attacks were denied only by last-ditch tackles or blocks. Yet Liverpool's manager must have been dismayed by the soft manner in which his team went behind.

Hernandez deserves acclaim for his movement in the penalty area, his opportunism and unerring ability to make sure he turns these chances into the hard currency of goals but, from a Liverpool perspective, it was a galling one to concede. Enrique was the most culpable, losing his man far too easily. Steven Gerrard was under Rooney's corner and Lucas Leiva, the other Liverpool defender in close proximity, was not marking anybody. Hernandez spun away, read the trajectory of the ball and turned his shot beyond Simon Mignolet, who was badly exposed in the opposition goal. A striker of his ability should never have been allowed so much space inside the six-yard area and Hernandez made Liverpool pay for their generosity. For a good 20 minutes United were then the better team. Kagawa flicked the crossbar with a left-foot effort from 20 yards and Liverpool suddenly appeared shorts of ideas. Then the game burst into life again. De Gea's quick reflexes kept out a Moses header before Suarez curled a diagonal free-kick on to the top of the crossbar. At the other end, Mignolet twice denied Rooney, first from a free-kick and then a rasping 25-yard effort. Liverpool were always going to leave spaces open as they pressed forward and it made for a frenetic finish. Yet United held on and Moyes's response told its own story.

Manchester Utd 4-2-3-1 De Gea; R da Silva, Smalling, Evans, Buttner; Jones *, Giggs *, Nani (Welbeck, 90), Rooney, Kagawa (Carrick, 74); Hernandez (Januzaj, 74). Subs not used Amos, Anderson, F da Silva, Zaha. Liverpool 3-4-1-2 Mignolet; Toure *, Skrtel, Sakho; Henderson *, Gerrard, Lucas * (Kelly, 67), Enrique; Moses (Sterling, 82); Suarez, Sturridge. Subs not used Jones, Alberto, Aspas, Ibe, Wisdom. Referee M Clattenburg

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DAVID MOYES had not even reached his seat when Javier Hernandez scored the goal he hopes will change the narrative of this season.

Manchester United 1 Liverpool 0. A win by the slenderest margin, but a win nonetheless -- and how badly it was needed. As harsh as it may seem, Moyes was beginning to earn a reputation as the Manchester United manager who couldn't win the big ones. Chelsea came -- and drew. He travelled to Anfield -- and lost. The less said about Sunday's derby with City the better. So this was as big as a Capital One Cup group game gets. Particularly once Moyes saw the team sheet and realised Brendan Rodgers had supplemented the return of Luis Suarez with what is basically Liverpool's first team. He would not have been human had Moyes not suffered a little gulp of apprehension. He had rested many of his big names: Marouane Fellaini, Rio Ferdinand, Nemanja Vidic, plus Robin van Persie injured. No Manchester United team looks truly ill-equipped, however, and there would be no hiding place if this ended in another defeat. So Moyes had every reason to celebrate when they emerged from the tunnel after half-time, to see Wayne Rooney standing over a corner. His captain for the night -- another bold move, considering the events of the summer -- whipped it in, Liverpool's defence made the most appalling hash of resistance, and Javier Hernandez was left unmarked on the edge of the sixyard box to volley past Simon Mignolet. And that was Liverpool's lot. Second-half syndrome? Hard to figure when no more than a minute of it has elapsed, but the way this team seem to fade as time elapses is unmistakable. Luis Suarez returned near his best, but even he could not alter a familiar malaise affecting Liverpool in this campaign. They lost another second half. It is a familiar story. The team that disappeared down the Old Trafford tunnel simply did not return after the interval. Liverpool ended the first half dictating the play and the tempo of the game. They popped their heads out for the second half, promptly went a goal behind and did not recover. It was hairy at times, but this will go down as another 90 minutes that saw Liverpool flag midway. Suarez hit the bar with a free-kick from outside the area and Victor Moses had a header well saved by De Gea, but United just shaded it -- particularly given the disadvantage of a half-strength team. There was no doubt that Suarez was slightly off the pace following his 10-match suspension. It has to be said, though, that Suarez marginally below par is worth 95 per cent of the Premier League at full steam. The lack of competitive action manifested itself in the details. A clever read that began a fraction of a second too late; an insightful drift away from the pack that couldn't quite separate him as it should; the odd heavy first touch; a hurried pass here and there. When it worked, however, we were reminded just how sublime this talent is. The clever reads, insightful drifts, perfect touches and vision that sets him apart, were all on display momentarily, too. In this way, it was typical Suarez: at times good, at times bad, thankfully never ugly. No sooner had observers decided he would need a few games to get back to his best, so he would do something quite lovely; the minute it was decided he was as ready as ever, so a tiny flaw would betray his newness. As ever, he divided opinion. What was clear, though, is that he has been missed -- by English football, and by Liverpool.

He has arrived back at precisely the right time, with Philippe Coutinho absent injured, and Liverpool needing that free forward spirit. Brendan Rodgers, the Liverpool manager, had picked a team to make a statement -- and also to get used to each other in readiness for Sunday's visit to Sunderland. The players who so handily disposed of Peterborough United in Paolo Di Canio's absence on Tuesday night, will have a proper battle on their hands at the weekend. Manchester United started more brightly and had a lot of early possession -- Wayne Rooney in fine form again, as he has been all sea-son -- but once Suarez got into the game, Liverpool posed the more dangerous attacking threat. United are a strange fish under Moyes. Undoubtedly, the midfield has lost authority and, too often, against the elite, they can be overpowered and bullied down the field. That is what happened last night. Liverpool flooded the centre with five men -- Jordan Henderson deployed as a right wing back to good effect -- and United often found it hard to cope. The dads-and-lads combination of Phil Jones and Ryan Giggs were at full stretch trying to deal with Liverpool, Steven Gerrard as exceptional in this game as he was at Anfield when these teams met earlier in the season. Yet it was Suarez who drew the attention, and Suarez who came into his own in a brief seven-minute spell when Liverpool signalled their intent. First, he found Daniel Sturridge with a lovely little throughpass, which the England striker steered low and just wide of David de Gea's near post. Next, he lost his guards to drop and collect a raking crossfield ball from Luis Enrique, with a neat drop of the shoulder. His touch, however, was a disappointment and set up only a 50-50 challenge with De Gea, which the goalkeeper won.

The home fans didn't like Suarez's enthusiasm in putting his foot into the challenge, but he had every right to go for it, and De Gea did not seem to mind. Finally, he turned Smalling -- but just didn't quite have the engine yet to lose him entirely -- feeding Sturridge, whose shot was deflected wide.

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The Daily Telegraph

Relief for Moyes as Hernandez pounces

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Rarely can Manchester United supporters have so loudly celebrated a third-round victory in a competition that ranks fourth on their list of trophy priorities. But after the humiliation at the hands of their noisy neighbours on Sunday, this victory over ancient rivals brought joy and relief in equal measure. For David Moyes, it was especially important, showing he could mastermind a win over significant opposition. Against a strong Liverpool side, Javier Hernandez proved the difference, scoring early in the second half. United were also indebted to powerful performances from Wayne Rooney, inevitably, and also their goalkeeper, David de Gea, who made one particularly outstanding save from Victor Moses. Ryan Giggs was a reassuring presence in the centre, assisted by the energy of Phil Jones. Jonny Evans organised the backline. He faced a constant test all evening as Luis Suarez showed phenomenal fitness on his return from exile. Liverpool's No 7 never stopped running at United's defence but could not find a way through. By the end the United fans were chanting "David Moyes's red-and-white army". Having called for a reaction from his players, Moyes had actually rung the changes, bringing in players like Hernandez, who demonstrated his clever penalty-box movement early in the second half. Only De Gea, Chris Smalling and Rooney had retained their places after the Etihad fiasco. Rooney had led United out, walking halfway towards the old Scoreboard end, the top tier of which had tempo-rarely new tenants. A long banner spelt "We Are The Famous Kopites". The 7,200 away throng guaranteed noise.

So did Suarez's presence. The Uruguayan, returning after a 10-match ban for biting Chelsea's Branislav Ivanovic, was assailed with all manner of verbal barbs by the home supporters. United's players tried to get close to Suarez. Jonny Evans clipped his heels. Smalling nipped in ahead of him to reach the ball.

United seemed to have settled, seeking to erase the memory of last Sunday. They were full of promise early on. Nani and Rooney threatened Simon Mignolet's goal. Liverpool were gifting the ball to United in the early stages. Jose Enrique and Steven Gerrard mislaid possession.

Gradually, Brendan Rodgers's side picked up the pace. Victor Moses broke through from middle, his progress stopped by Shinji Kagawa. Suarez then wriggled in, looking to pick out Gerrard, but Rafael intervened. United attempted to regain the initiative but there were only flickers of hope in the first half. Kagawa had a low shot held by Mignolet. Rooney was dropping off Hernandez, looking to build from midfield, playing one gem of a pass with the outside of his right boot to Kagawa. But the half was full of build-up but little composure with the final ball. Liverpool, brimming with first-team regulars, took control after 20 minutes for a period of sustained pressure. Lucas anchored with his usual nous and simply distribution, fetching and carrying for Gerrard, who kept stroking the ball wide. United were chasing shadows. Enrique enjoyed this more advanced role down the left, constantly lifting in crosses. One ball was cleared by Alex Buttner as Daniel Sturridge lurked. Liverpool maintained the tempo. Suarez's shot was blocked by Evans. Then Enrique ran in from the left, passing to Suarez, who tried to usher the ball on to Moses. Giggs, showing all the awareness and calmness of his statesman years, sprinted back to intercept.

Still Liverpool attacked. Sturridge stabbed a shot wide. When Evans misjudged a long angled ball from Enrique, Suarez controlled it with his right foot, his touch slightly heavy, sending the ball running towards De Gea. Suarez still had every right to go for the ball, stretching in and accidentally catching United's keeper. Liverpool were on top. The sliding Smalling did well to regain possession from Sturridge, the ball hitting his hand according to the Liverpool striker. Sturridge and Suarez were operating centrally with Moses roaming in support. Liverpool fans were in good voice, questioning Moyes's credentials, cheering as Gerrard whipped in a series of corners and crosses. Moyes appeared in the technical area, attempting to inject a greater sense of urgency in his players. They responded, charging down the right, a Rafael back-heel causing brief anxiety in Liverpool's defence. A few late challenges were going in but Mark Clattenburg understood the intensity of this fixture and let the game flow. Late in the half, Clattenburg decided he had shown enough leniency and started showing cards.

Lucas, having fouled Phil Jones, went into the book followed by Giggs after bringing down Moses. Clattenburg was noting down a goal early in the second half. United emerged from the tunnel far more assertive, taking the lead within 40 seconds as Moyes was still walking to the dugout. Rooney took the corner, reading Hernandez's clever run. The Mexican escaped from Enrique and darted into space, meeting Rooney's ball with a flicked finish. Moyes punched the air with both fists in celebration. The second half was vastly superior to the first in tempo and incident whether with moving ball or deadball. Jordan Henderson placed a shot wide. Kagawa, suddenly showing his danger through the middle, advanced and let fly with his left foot, the ball clipping Mignolet's bar. Liverpool stormed back, a great move involving Sturridge, Suarez and Gerrard culminated with Enrique flashing a shot wide. Liverpool kept looking to find a way through. Moses's powerful header was well saved by De Gea.

Moyes made two changes with 17 minutes remaining. Kagawa and Hernandez went off to be replaced by Michael Carrick and the exciting teenager Adnan Januzaj, who pushed down the right. Suarez was showing remarkable stamina given his lack of match practice. Brought down by Jones, Suarez curled the free-

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kick over the United wall and onto De Gea's bar and over. Rooney responded, striking a good free-kick that Mignolet parried. Liverpool's keeper seemed to be having a personal duel with Rooney, then pushing the Englishman's shot over. Suarez never gave up, muscling Evans off the ball, trying to create a chance but United wanted this too much. Giggs urged the fans to make more noise as the game closed, and the final whistle was drowned out.

THE INDEPENDENT

Moyes finds relief after Liverpool squander good chance

There are some things that no Manchester United manager can allow, and losing to Manchester City and Liverpool in the space of four days is pretty high up that list of the forbidden. It will be some relief to David Moyes that he does not have to wake up this morning to find out how consecutive defeats to those two old enemies feels. Beating Liverpool in the third round of the Capital One Cup will not solve all the problems that Moyes faces in pulling together the beginning of the post-Sir Alex Ferguson era, but it sure as hell gives him some room to breathe. In the days that followed the 4-1 defeat to City on Sunday, it must have felt suffocating at times for the Scot but, at last, he has his first significant scalp as United manager. As the red smoke of the flares hung over Old Trafford and Liverpool, who had some good periods in the game, threw everything at United in the closing stages, Moyes will have felt much of the tension and excitement that comes with this job. The edge of that technical area can be the loneliest of places, but when United are closing out a win it must feel like the job that he has worked for all his life. There were times when he must have wondered. Brendan Rodgers picked arguably the best team he had at his disposal. On the other hand, Moyes, without the injured Robin van Persie, chose a mix of first-team regulars and fringe players like Nani, Shinji Kagawa, Alexander Buttner and Jonny Evans. It was a risk but Javier Hernandez's goal just after half-time was enough for United. For Rodgers, with Luis Suarez back in the side, this felt like an opportunity missed. Twice his side struck the frame of United's goal and they had the best of much of the first half but they could not push their advantage in those periods. It was not a pretty game at times and it was hard to pick an outstanding figure but Phil Jones' work in front of the back four was excellent and will have caught the eye of Roy Hodgson, in the directors' box last night.

The selection of Wayne Rooney as captain was one further step down the path of his rehabilitation as a United player. Not surprising, really. At the moment Moyes needs Rooney as much as any player apart from, perhaps, Van Persie. Given Liverpool's form going into last night Moyes certainly needed his No 10 more than Rodgers needed Suarez, back from his suspension.

The debate over Rooney has been parked by the home fans at Old Trafford, perhaps forever. At the moment they are consumed by the stumbling start to the Moyes era and that was reflected in a first half which was watched in passive quiet by the home crowd. United started brightly in the first few minutes. There was a half a chance for Hernandez from a cross from the right and then Nani had a good shot deflected wide. But quickly that early momentum faded away from United and Liverpool looked the better side. What they failed to do was convert it into decent goalscoring chances. Suarez's first action of significance came when he took too heavy a touch on a long ball from the left-back position from Jose Enrique. It was flighted just right to drop over the head of Jonny Evans and it required a more delicate touch than the one provided by Suarez who ran it on too far and collided with David de Gea in pursuit.

Suarez is even further down the road of forgiveness with Liverpool fans after his summer of rebellion. The debate over his behaviour towards his own club seems to have ended even sooner than the one involving Rooney and United. He and Daniel Sturridge, playing just ahead of Victor Moses, offered more threat than Rooney and Hernandez who, increasingly, looked further apart.

As for the noise in the stadium before half-time, it came almost exclusively from the away support. They goaded Moyes and Rooney relentlessly and there was not much in the way of a defence put up by the home crowd who were simply seeking some reassurance from the players on the pitch. United rallied towards the end of the first half and took back some of the possession but there was very little to show for it in the way of chances. There were staff and substitutes from both sides who had not even taken their seats when United scored in the first minute of the second half. Hernandez managed to lose Enrique with the simplest of deceptions - basically he refused to stay still. The United striker struck the ball on the volley beautifully, airborne when it reached him and then guiding it with his right foot past Simon Mignolet. It flustered Liverpool who came at United immediately and allowed the home side to switch to a more counter-attacking style. Having been quiet in the first half, Kagawa - who was played out of position on the right - came into the game more. He is an unusual performer. His touch let him down badly at one point when he was running at goal but on 64 minutes he unleashed a fierce shot that touched the top of Mignolet's bar.

Kagawa might also have reasonably expected the ball back from Nani when United broke forward on 59 minutes. Hernandez brought the ball under control brilliantly and from there it went to Kagawa, to Nani and should have come back to the Japanese who was in a better position to shoot.

The hard work of Jones, and Evans and Chris Smalling in defence behind him, limited Suarez and Sturridge in that period. The Liverpool attackers created a sight of goal on 54 minutes when the ball popped out to Jordan Henderson but his shot was wide. They got closer. De Gea saved a point-blank header from Victor Moses.

Then Suarez clipped the top of the keeper's bar with a free-kick. Finally the game came alive. Rooney forced two fine saves out of Mignolet, the first from a free-kick, the next from a long-range shot. In the meantime, Moyes had brought on the 18-year-old Belgian, Adnan Januzaj for Kagawa and Michael Carrick for Hernandez. In the final moments of pressure, Henderson struck De Gea's right post with a shot but United survived, and the relief was there in the roar that greeted the final whistle.

DAILY MIRROR

MOYES THE MERRIER

HE needed a win. Any kind of win. It didn't matter how it came.

And last night, just, David Moyes got what he required.

It will not bother the Scot that United were as poor for half of this match as they were in their derby thumping, that too few of his shadow side really staked their claim.

Nor will Moyes care that Brendan Rodgers was the one who went away ruing a missed opportunity, that Liverpool were the better side for much of it. Sometimes, the result is the be-all and end-all. Especially in a cup tie, particularly against a Liverpool side including Luis Suarez, certainly in the wake of Sunday. Javier Hernandez will score plenty better goals than the close-range poke, straight after the interval, that put United into round four. But with Wayne Rooney further demonstrating his commitment to the manager, Hernandez's first of the season quelled the Old Trafford doubters and bought Moyes more time to make his mark.

Liverpool bossed the first half. One crossfield ball from Steven Gerrard to the overlapping Luis Enrique was quite magnificent, United only bailed out when Ryan Giggs intercepted as Victor Moses shaped to shoot.

Twice Daniel Sturridge, first after a brilliant exchange with Suarez, should have hit the target. But he toe-poked his best chance wide. Phil Jones and Giggs were struggling to impose themselves, Nani drifted out of it, Hernandez could barely get a touch.

Chris Smalling then made a vital clearance after Jordan Henderson raced into the huge gap left by Alex Buttner, with Sturridge ready to pounce.

Rooney, inspired by the armband, tried to raise his men, to spark something tangible as the first half ended in deadlock. And Liverpool's failure to turn their advantage into something concrete came back to haunt them, fatally, within 40 seconds of the restart.

Nani, switched to the left, won a corner, Rooney delivered beyond Gerrard, and Enrique left Hernandez all alone five yards out to stab home.

Goals do not get much softer, the blame-game starting in the Liverpool back division, Rodgers a study in frustration, Moyes exultant. The visitors almost hit back immediately.

Suarez instigated a clever move that involved a Sturridge back heel, but Henderson held his head as he slid badly wide from 14 yards.

The England midfielder then looked anxiously at referee Mark Clattenburg when he tangled with Nani inside the Liverpoolbox soon afterwards as United started to ask serious questions.

Nani and Shinji Kagawa both went close, the Japanese's leftfooter flicking the bar. Suarez rifled into the sidenetting, De Gea repelled Moses' diving header and then the top of Jones' head meant the Uruguayan's free-kick kissed the bar.

Rooney, though, was so determined, foiled twice by the flying Simon Mignolet in the space of 30 seconds. He, at least, deserved to be on the winning side. He is their shining star at the moment.

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Luis Suarez's return can't inspire Liverpool to Capital One cup success

Having declared that his prized asset was 'champing at the bit', Brendan Rodgers then had to sit and suffer as Liverpool paid a heavy price for being toothless. There was no happy return for Luis Suarez at Old Trafford as the Reds were dumped out of the Capital One Cup at the hands of Manchester United. It was a defeat which cut deep for the 7,200-strong traveling Kop for the simple reason that once again the wounds were self-inflicted.

This was a world away from last weekend's wretched display against Southampton but that made Liverpool's exit all the more frustrating. The Reds dominated for long periods as they outplayed a much-changed United side but in the final third they were wasteful. Chances went begging and a glorious opportunity to pile the misery on David Moyes' United and take a step closer to a Wembley final was carelessly spurned.

The statistic that Liverpool still haven't found the net in the second half of a match this season is a worrying one. The goals have dried up for Daniel Sturridge and there isn't enough of a threat coming from other areas. Once again a failure to defend a set-piece proved the undoing of Rodgers' side as Javier Hernandez was allowed to volley home the winner within 40 seconds of the restart. The marking was pitiful with the finger of blame pointed solely at Jose Enrique. The manner in which he allowed the Mexican to get away from him was sloppy in the extreme. It meant that Hernandez was completely unmarked as he gleefully converted Wayne Rooney's corner five yards out.

That lapse in concentration by Enrique proved costly as a mixture of the woodwork, poor finishing and the heroics of David de Gea meant there was no way back. Suarez could hold his head high after a tireless display which emphatically answered the questions about his ongoing commitment to the cause. Some 157 days after he was banned for 10 games for sinking his teeth into Branislav Ivanovic, there was the welcome sight of Suarez back in a Liverpool shirt tormenting defenders.

He owes Kopites after his shoddy behaviour this summer and this was him taking the first steps on the road to redemption. Suarez went agonisingly close to repaying a significant chunk of that debt when his free-kick crashed against the bar late on. It was a night which extended Liverpool's dismal record at Old Trafford. They have now lost 10 of their last 11 visits in all competitions and that 4-1 triumph four and a half years ago is an increasingly distant memory. For Rodgers, this was a painful setback. With no European football on the agenda, the Reds boss had his heart set on challenging for glory in the domestic cups this term. His team selection reflected that as he made just two changes in the wake of the defeat to Southampton. Suarez replaced Iago Aspas with Enrique in for the injured Daniel Agger. In contrast Moyes only retained the services of De Gea, Chris Smalling and Rooney following United's weekend humiliation at the hands of Manchester City. Rodgers sprung a surprise with his formation as Kolo Toure, Martin Skrtel and Mamadou Sakho formed a back three with Jordan Henderson and Enrique operating as wing-backs. Having began his season-long loan on the left flank, Victor Moses was handed a central role behind Suarez and Daniel Sturridge. Kopites chanted Suarez's name vociferously before kick-off and he clapped them in appreciation. His attempts to engineer a move away from the club have clearly been forgiven if not forgotten.

Liverpool had to dig deep early on as United pinned them back. The pace was frenetic with widemen Shinji Kagawa and Nani causing plenty of problems. Both Nani and Rooney had shots deflected behind before Simon Mignolet kept out Kagawa's low drive. Liverpool weathered the storm and began to gain a foothold in the contest. The influence of Steven Gerrard and Lucas Leiva increased and they provided a platform for Rodgers' side to take control. There were many moments of real promise but too often the final ball was lacking. Suarez, whose every touch was jeered by the home fans, was a hive of activity. Yet his lack of action was evident at times as his control let him down or he took the wrong option. Moses picked out Suarez's clever run but he delayed the shot and United were able to snuff out the threat.

The Uruguayan turned provider soon after as his slick pass sent Sturridge scampering clear. The Reds' top scorer outpaced Jonny Evans but blazed wastefully wide. When Suarez gathered Enrique's raking crossfield pass, his first touch was heavy and enabled De Gea to save at his feet. A lack of quality in the final third continued to deny Liverpool any reward for their efforts. Lucas picked out Sturridge but his control was poor and Smalling was able to get across and make the block. After Suarez retrieved Lucas' deep cross, his team-mates were queuing up in the middle but he went for the spectacular and failed to hit the target. It was a sign of the Reds' grip on the contest that all of the noise came from one corner of Old Trafford. However, the mood was transformed within 40 seconds of the second half as Enrique was caught napping and Hernandez capitalised. Liverpool regained their composure and threatened to restore parity. Suarez, Sturridge and the perseverance of Moses combined to tee up Henderson but he side-footed wide.

Henderson enjoyed a let-off at the other end seconds later as his clumsy tackle on Nani inside the box went unpunished by Mark Clattenburg. Just before the hour mark the Reds got lucky again. Enrique's ridiculously

ambitious volley from a corner landed safely in the arms of De Gea and left them exposed. United counter-attacked at pace and with Rodgers' side outnumbered they were relieved to see Nani blaze over. Kagawa went close to settling it as he turned away from Lucas and unleashed a 25-yarder which clipped the bar. Gerrard couldn't hide his disgust when Enrique opted to shoot and lashed woefully wide with the skipper busting a gut to get outside him on the overlap. The lack of nous from the Spaniard summed up Liverpool's night.

Martin Kelly replaced Lucas with Henderson moving into the centre as the Reds summoned a late flourish. Moses met Enrique's cross with a flying header but De Gea parried it away. When the keeper was beaten by Suarez's curling free-kick, the bar came to his rescue. As Liverpool threw caution to the wind they left gaping holes and twice Mignolet pulled off flying saves to thwart Rooney and keep the tie alive. Henderson and Toure could have forced an extra half-hour but neither could find a way past De Gea. One road to glory has been shut off. After such a bright start, Liverpool's campaign has stalled. Manchester United (4-4-1-1): De Gea, Rafael, Smalling, Evans, Buttner, Nani (Welbeck 90), Jones, Giggs, Kagawa (Januzaj 73), Rooney, Hernandez (Carrick 73). Not used: Amos, Fabio, Anderson, Zaha.

Liverpool (3-4-1-2): Mignolet, Toure, Skrtel, Sakho, Henderson, Lucas (Kelly 67), Gerrard, Enrique, Moses (Sterling 82), Suarez, Sturridge. Not used: Jones, Alberto, Aspas, Ibe, Wisdom. Referee: Mark Clattenburg



No happy return for Suarez as Liverpool crash out of cup to Manchester United

Many happy returns? Not quite. Luis Suarez may have been back, but Liverpool FC ended tonight rueing another missed opportunity. Brendan Rodgers' side slumped out of the Capital One Cup with a hugely disappointing 1-0 defeat at bitter North West rivals Manchester United. While a stark contrast to the abject surrender against Southampton at the weekend, Liverpool nevertheless again had only themselves to blame after dominating large periods of the game against a largely second-string opposition. The only goal came seconds into the second half from Javier Hernandez, the United striker capitalising on the kind of slack marking at a corner Rodgers had sought to eradicate after the weekend.

Not even the sight of Suarez again leading the line could inspire Liverpool's efforts of a recovery, who once again failed to back up a promising first half with a similar second. Indeed, they have still yet to score after the interval in seven games this season. For United, it was a modicum of revenge having been beaten at Anfield in the Premier League just 24 days earlier.

For Rodgers, though, it was only further disappointment in his attempt to make serious inroads into a cup competition having failed to progress beyond the last 16 of any knockout tournament last season. Liverpool had failed to score in only one of their previous 48 League Cup games, the defeat at Chelsea in December 2007. Now they must respond after back-to-back defeats for the first time since February to prevent the momentum of a promising start to the campaign dissipating completely. Both sides went into the game last night on the back of chastening losses at the weekend. But while injuries meant Rodgers was limited to just two changes, United counterpart Moyes rotated eight players out of the side humiliated 4-1 at neighbours City on Sunday.

The big alteration for Liverpool was the formation, Rodgers acknowledging the plethora of available centre-backs by playing three across the back and allowing Jose Enrique and Jordan Henderson to work the flanks.

With the visitors growing accustomed to the new tactical line-up, United enjoyed the better of the opening exchanges, Nani hitting a shot the deflected wide off Mamadou Sakho and Shinji Kagawa cutting in off the flank but firing weakly at Liverpool goalkeeper Simon Mignolet. But once settled, Rodgers' side dominated the first half. After 10 minutes, Suarez was close to receiving a return pass from Steven Gerrard having found the skipper inside the area.

Only an excellent defensive header from Alex Buttner prevented Daniel Sturridge reaching Enrique's teasing cross, before a brilliant crossfield ball by Gerrard found the Spaniard, who then played inside for Suarez but the Uruguayan elected to try to find Victor Moses rather than having a shot. Sturridge, played in by Suarez and chased by Jonny Evans, hurriedly shot wide before being involved in a claim for a penalty after the ball struck United centre-back Chris Smalling on the arm while executing a slide challenge on the Liverpool striker. Aware of the scrutiny surrounding his first performance since serving a 10-game ban for biting Chelsea defender Branislav Ivanovic, Suarez – always a danger despite clearly half-a-yard off the pace – was keen to steer clear of anything resembling controversy. But his competitive streak couldn't be compromised, as was shown by his willingness to launch into a 50-50 challenge with David de Gea, the United goalkeeper holding on to the ball. Liverpool's first-half performance was missing only one thing: a goal. And given the manner in which they have tailed off dramatically after half-time this season, it was a concern for the 7,000-strong travelling support. But even they would have been flabbergasted by the speed and manner in which Rodgers' men fell behind after the interval by conceding another goal from a set-piece. Only 39 seconds of the second half had elapsed when, from a Wayne Rooney corner from the left, Hernandez wriggled his way clear of Enrique and directed an improvised volley beyond Mignolet.

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It was scarcely deserved. But United continued to benefit from Liverpool's profligacy, Henderson sidefooting wide a great opening inside the area having been teed up by Moses. Suarez had another shot deflected clear, but Hernandez's goal served to briefly galvanise United's second-string side, prompted by the irrepressible Rooney. From a lightning counter-attack, Nani selfishly shot horribly over before, in the 64th minute, Kagawa struck a shot that glanced the top of Mignolet's crossbar. Enrique spooned a shot wide to leave Gerrard screaming at his wayward colleague, Suarez turned away from Buttner but shot into the side-netting, and then on 71 minutes de Gea made an excellent save to repel a Moses diving header from Enrique's cross. Liverpool would come no closer. Moments later, Suarez picked himself up after being fouled by Phil Jones to curl a free-kick from 25 yards that took the slightest of clips off the defensive wall to take it against de Gea's crossbar. At the other end, a foul by Henderson gave Rooney the chance to try his luck from a similar position, Mignolet making a flying save to his right. With 10 minutes remaining, Sturridge bizarrely chose to pass when put into space inside the area and the chance was lost.

In the closing moments, Henderson almost caught out de Gea from range while Toure misdirected his shot from a Suarez cutback.

But if despair was the overriding emotion for Liverpool supporters at the weekend, tonight it was frustration.

MANCHESTER UNITED (4-2-3-1): de Gea; Rafael, Evans, Smalling, Buttner; Jones, Giggs; Nani (Welbeck 90), Rooney, Kagawa (Carrick 74); Hernandez (Januzaj 74).

Subs: Amos, Anderson, Fabio, Zaha. BOOKINGS: Giggs and Jones (foul).

LIVERPOOL (3-4-1-2): Mignolet; Toure, Skrtel, Sakho; Henderson, Lucas (Kelly 67), Gerrard, Enrique; Moses (Sterling 82); Sturridge, Suarez. Subs: Jones, Alberto, Aspas, Ibe, Wisdom. BOOKINGS: Lucas, Toure and Henderson (all fouls).

REFEREE: Mark Clattenburg.



Javier Hernandez provided Manchester United with a much-needed boost with his goal sealing victory against Liverpool in the Capital One Cup.

Sunday's damaging derby defeat had put pressure on boss David Moyes and the club, but Hernandez's strike early in the second half pressed the release valve for the Reds and set them up for a fourth round clash at home to Norwich.

The Mexican's first goal of the campaign came so early in the second-half, Moyes had barely got beyond the penalty area in his walk to the home dug-out.

United's performance was not perfect.

Indeed, on his return following a 10-match suspension, Luis Suarez came close to levelling when his vicious free-kick struck the bar with David De Gea beaten.

De Gea had only just repelled Victor Moses' powerful diving header.

But the hosts had chances to sew up the contest too, with Simon Mignolet producing a couple of excellent saves to deny skipper-for-the-night Wayne Rooney. And after bravely riding the hefty punches landed on him at the Etihad Stadium, Moyes was probably not that bothered about the actual scoreline anyway, just the much-needed victory against one of England's biggest clubs, and United's greatest rivals. It was hardly a surprise Suarez should start.

After all, when you have spent so long out and are desperately in need of match fitness, there is little to be gained by kicking your heels on the bench watching others do what you are paid so much for.

Perhaps understandably though, the Uruguayan was not quite on top form.

He was caught on his heels slightly when Steven Gerrard rolled an inviting pass into his path, which allowed Rafael to slide back and clear.

And when Enrique's curling cross dropped over Jonny Evans' head, Suarez's first touch was just too long so De Gea was able to slide out to bravely block his second. He did supply the through ball that ended with Daniel Sturridge toe-poking wide. Suarez would have also got the assist if Moses had been able to drill his square ball home. Moses didn't get the opportunity though as Ryan Giggs reached it first. It was all part of an absorbing opening period, notable for the fact neither goalkeeper actually had a shot to save.

As befitting a team that got so badly beaten at the weekend, and containing so many players with so much to prove, United started with intent.

Nani and Shinji Kagawa were particularly lively, whilst stand-in captain Rooney buzzed around with menace. However, with the exception of a Nani effort that was deflected wide, all that early pressure fizzled out and it wasn't until much later in the half United started to force the pace again.

Yet they did appear to lack conviction, with neither Phil Jones nor Giggs willing to commit fully to attack. Such tentativeness was perhaps understandable given the hammering meted out at the weekend. Some kind of relief was required. And it arrived through Hernandez's goal a minute after the re-start. Liverpool responded to the setback with impressive vigour. Indeed, they should have been level when United's defence got themselves in a muddle attempting to subdue a joint raid involving Suarez and Sturridge and succeeded only in presenting Jordan Henderson with a shooting chance.

The England man had enough time to do better than merely drag a disappointing shot wide. And he knew it.

Excellent approach play involving Hernandez and Kagawa deserved a better ending than Nani's poor finish too as the second-period delivered the goalmouth action that had been lacking beforehand.

Kagawa, proving exactly why so many United fans were baffled at his lack of action so far this term, saw his dipping effort flick off the bar before play immediately switched to the other end, where Enrique fired wide.

So unhappy was Gerrard with that waste of possession that he very publicly rebuked his team-mate, who kept his head down as he ran back to his defensive station.

It was the prelude to a thrilling finish, in which Moses, Suarez and Rooney, twice, all came close.

In the end though, United held Liverpool at bay for what could turn out to be a very valuable victory for their manager.



Luis Suarez could not rescue Liverpool on his return from a 10-match ban as Manchester United's Javier Hernandez netted an early second-half winner in their League Cup third-round tie.

Hernandez's volley from Wayne Rooney's corner - 39 seconds after the restart - avenged the defeat Liverpool inflicted on United when the teams met at Anfield this month, and will help new boss David Moyes put Sunday's thrashing by Manchester City behind him.

But the visitors were unlucky not to get on the scoresheet at Old Trafford, where they were on top for long periods.

Suarez, who was suspended for biting Chelsea's Branislav Ivanovic in April, helped create a host of opportunities alongside Daniel Sturridge and hit the bar with a second-half free-kick.

But there was also evidence of his ring-rustiness in a match that only came to life in the second period.

Before Suarez's set-piece, a Victor Moses header drew a superb save from David De Gea while Shinji Kagawa struck the woodwork at the other end.

Moyes had asked for a reaction from his side after their derby mauling - although he made eight changes to the side humbled at the Etihad - and the Scot certainly saw an improvement on that showing.

Victory for Moyes makes it the best start for a new Manchester United manager since Matt Busby in 1945 and extended his side's run to six successive home wins over Liverpool.

After a promising start to the season for Brendan Rodgers' side, they are now without a win in three games but the Reds boss will hope Suarez's return will see an upturn in their form.

The 26-year-old was thrown straight into the starting XI and, though booed by the home supporters whenever he touched the ball early on, looked immediately at home in an adjusted 3-5-2 formation in which the Uruguayan and strike partner Sturridge were supported by Moses.

It was a system the hosts struggled to cope with in the first half as the Liverpool front trio found plenty of space in deep and wide areas.

Tellingly though, given his extended absence, Suarez was twice let down by a poor touch when well placed, while Sturridge was denied by solid United defending as he bore down on goal and almost connected with a Jose Enrique centre.

Any notion that Suarez would rein in his competitive streak disappeared halfway through the first period when he miscontrolled another Enrique cross, but still went in for a 50-50 challenge with United keeper De Gea, Suarez just touching the ball first before the Spanish keeper smothered it.

As fluid as Liverpool were, they were aided by some poor passing from United and, when the hosts did attack, new Liverpool defender Mamadou Sakho denied them with a series of superb blocks and challenges.

But when United won a corner seconds after the restart, Rooney - captain for the night - found the unmarked Hernandez five yards out, and the Mexican fired home, sparking celebrations from Moyes who was still on the way back to his seat.

After a first half where the defences were on top, the second saw several clear-cut chances with Jordan Henderson side-footing wide from eight yards after cute link-up play between Suarez and Sturridge, before Kagawa hit the crossbar after turning past Lucas.

Liverpool responded and came close to equalising twice in two minutes as De Gea saved Moses's diving header and Suarez's deflected free-kick clipped the bar and went behind for a corner.

Rooney then went close to adding a second for United from another free-kick but Simon Mignolet saved.

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90:00+3:42 Full time The referee ends the match.
 90:00+3:01 Jonny Evans makes a clearance.
 90:00+2:21 Clearance made by Steven Gerrard.
 90:00+2:19 Sanchez Jose Enrique manages to make a clearance.
 90:00+2:17 Centre by Rafael Da Silva.
 90:00+1:06 Phil Jones makes a clearance.
 90:00+1:02 Free kick taken by Simon Mignolet.
 90:00+0:49 Unfair challenge on Sanchez Jose Enrique by Wayne Rooney results in a free kick.
 90:00+0:20 Substitution Substitution Danny Welbeck is brought on as a substitute for Luis Nani.
 88:49 Free kick taken by David De Gea.
 88:19 The assistant referee flags for offside against Daniel Sturridge.
 88:18 Kolo Toure has an effort at goal and missed to the left of the target.
 87:34 David De Gea manages to make a clearance.
 87:32 Jordan Henderson sends in a cross.
 87:30 Raheem Sterling takes a short corner.
 87:16 Rafael Da Silva manages to make a clearance.
 87:14 The ball is sent over by Raheem Sterling.
 87:00 Direct strike on goal from the free kick comes in from Luis Suarez. Blocked by Wayne Rooney.
 86:21 Jonny Evans challenges Raheem Sterling unfairly and gives away a free kick.
 85:11 Martin Skrtel takes the free kick.
 84:31 Handball decision goes against Ryan Giggs.
 82:34 Clearance made by Martin Kelly.
 82:32 The ball is delivered by Adnan Januzaj.
 82:15 Free kick taken by Michael Carrick.
 81:56 Unfair challenge on Wayne Rooney by Kolo Toure results in a free kick.
 81:22 Substitution Substitution Raheem Sterling is brought on as a substitute for Victor Moses.
 80:46 Jonny Evans manages to make a clearance.
 80:44 Clearance by Chris Smalling.
 80:43 Centre by Martin Kelly.
 80:39 Jonny Evans makes a clearance.
 79:58 Clearance by Chris Smalling.
 79:27 Wayne Rooney takes the chance to get an effort at goal. Mamadou Sakho gets a block in.
 78:43 Clearance made by Jonny Evans.
 78:42 Clearance made by Chris Smalling.
 78:41 Kolo Toure crosses the ball.
 78:17 Free kick taken by Jordan Henderson.
 77:53 Free kick awarded for an unfair challenge on Luis Suarez by Jonny Evans.
 76:08 Luis Nani takes a shot and went wide of the left-hand post.
 76:00 Ryan Giggs takes a short corner.
 75:34 Wayne Rooney takes the chance to get an effort at goal. Simon Mignolet parries the ball away.
 75:29 Short corner taken by Wayne Rooney.
 75:05 Shot on goal comes in from Wayne Rooney from the free kick. Simon Mignolet parries the effort to safety.
 74:17 Jordan Henderson is cautioned by the ref for unsporting behaviour.
 74:17 Booking
 74:14 Free kick awarded for a foul by Jordan Henderson on Rafael Da Silva.
 73:13 Substitution Substitution Michael Carrick joins the action as a substitute, replacing Javier Hernandez.
 72:55 Substitution Substitution Shinji Kagawa leaves the field to be replaced by Adnan Januzaj.
 72:23 Shot by Jordan Henderson went wide of the right-hand upright.
 72:19 Clearance made by Phil Jones.
 72:17 Corner taken by Steven Gerrard.
 71:39 Strike on goal comes in from Luis Suarez from the free kick. Blocked by Phil Jones.
 70:43 Phil Jones goes into the book for unsporting behaviour.
 70:43 Booking
 70:40 Phil Jones gives away a free kick for an unfair challenge on Luis Suarez.
 70:29 Shinji Kagawa manages to make a clearance.
 70:26 Clearance made by Jonny Evans.
 70:24 Headed chance falls to Victor Moses. Parried by David De Gea back into danger.
 70:23 The ball is crossed by Sanchez Jose Enrique.
 70:21 Chris Smalling manages to make a clearance.
 70:20 A cross is delivered by Jordan Henderson.
 69:16 Luis Suarez takes a shot and went wide left of the target.
 69:12 Phil Jones makes a clearance.
 69:11 Corner taken by Victor Moses from the right by-line.
 68:05 Clearance by Shinji Kagawa.
 68:04 Jonny Evans manages to make a clearance.
 68:02 The ball is sent over by Jordan Henderson.
 67:43 Chris Smalling makes a clearance.
 67:42 Centre by Daniel Sturridge.

67:11 David De Gea takes the free kick.
 66:56 Substitution Substitution Leiva Lucas leaves the field to be replaced by Martin Kelly.
 66:29 Free kick awarded for an unfair challenge on Alexander Buttner by Luis Suarez.
 65:37 Clearance by Rafael Da Silva.
 65:10 Free kick taken by Leiva Lucas.
 65:04 Phil Jones gives away a free kick for an unfair challenge on Leiva Lucas.
 64:15 Sanchez Jose Enrique takes a fantastic shot and missed to the left of the goal.
 63:32 Shinji Kagawa takes a shot and bounced off the bar.
 63:01 Free kick taken by Steven Gerrard.
 62:52 Luis Nani challenges Sanchez Jose Enrique unfairly and gives away a free kick.
 60:44 Alexander Buttner makes a clearance.
 60:05 Luis Nani takes a shot and cleared the crossbar.
 60:03 The ball is sent over by Alexander Buttner.
 59:51 Clearance made by Martin Skrtel.
 59:49 Clearance by Mamadou Sakho.
 58:20 Luis Nani takes a shot and goes over the bar.
 58:06 Sanchez Jose Enrique takes a weak shot. David De Gea catches the ball.
 58:03 Corner from the left by-line taken by Steven Gerrard.
 57:20 Luis Suarez takes the chance to get an effort at goal. Rafael Da Silva gets a block in.
 56:49 Clearance by Jonny Evans.
 56:45 Martin Skrtel manages to make a clearance.
 56:44 Rafael Da Silva takes a shot and went wide of the left-hand post.
 56:41 Wayne Rooney takes the chance to get an effort at goal. Mamadou Sakho gets a block in.
 55:42 Clearance made by Jonny Evans.
 55:38 Corner taken by Steven Gerrard from the right by-line.
 55:15 Luis Suarez takes a short corner.
 54:55 Jonny Evans manages to make a clearance.
 54:53 Sanchez Jose Enrique delivers the ball.
 54:49 Clearance by Rafael Da Silva.
 54:47 Luis Suarez takes a shot. Jonny Evans gets a block in.
 54:33 Clearance by Alexander Buttner.
 53:10 Jordan Henderson takes the chance to get an effort at goal and missed to the left of the target.
 52:30 Clearance by Sanchez Jose Enrique.
 52:27 Free kick crossed by Ryan Giggs.
 52:04 Steven Gerrard gives away a free kick for an unfair challenge on Rafael Da Silva.
 51:52 Simon Mignolet manages to make a clearance.
 51:03 Free kick taken by Chris Smalling.
 50:37 Booking
 50:37 Kolo Toure is cautioned by the ref for unsporting behaviour.
 50:31 Kolo Toure concedes a free kick for a foul on Wayne Rooney.
 50:26 The ball is delivered by Sanchez Jose Enrique.
 50:26 Clearance made by Rafael Da Silva.
 50:16 Kolo Toure produces a cross.
 49:39 Simon Mignolet takes the free kick.
 49:15 The referee penalises Wayne Rooney for handball.
 48:50 Free kick taken by Luis Nani.
 48:41 Unfair challenge on Alexander Buttner by Jordan Henderson results in a free kick.
 45:40 The assist for the goal came from Wayne Rooney.
 45:40 Goal scored Goal! - Javier Hernandez - Man Utd 1 - 0 Liverpool Javier Hernandez scores with their right foot. Man Utd 1-0 Liverpool.
 45:38 Corner from the left by-line taken by Wayne Rooney.
 45:15 Kolo Toure manages to make a clearance.
 45:13 Luis Nani produces a cross.
 45:01 The referee gets the second half underway.
 45:00+1:06 Half time The referee calls an end to the first half.
 45:00+0:32 Clearance made by Rafael Da Silva.
 45:00+0:12 Clearance made by Phil Jones.
 43:30 Luis Nani takes the chance to get an effort at goal. Leiva Lucas gets a block in.
 43:07 Clearance by Victor Moses.
 42:41 Clearance by Kolo Toure.
 42:20 Kolo Toure makes a clearance.
 42:18 Clearance made by Jordan Henderson.
 42:17 A cross is delivered by Alexander Buttner.
 41:44 Sanchez Jose Enrique makes a clearance.
 41:42 Clearance by Mamadou Sakho.
 41:40 Shinji Kagawa has an effort at goal and missed to the right of the net.
 41:32 Shot by Javier Hernandez. Martin Skrtel gets a block in.
 40:55 Booking
 40:55 Ryan Giggs is booked.
 39:09 Clearance made by Jordan Henderson.

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39:06 The ball is sent over by Ryan Giggs.
 39:00 Phil Jones takes the free kick.
 38:39 Booking
 38:39 Leiva Lucas goes into the referee's book.
 38:34 Free kick awarded for a foul by Leiva Lucas on Phil Jones.
 38:24 Chris Smalling manages to make a clearance.
 38:03 Jonny Evans makes a clearance.
 37:39 Ryan Giggs restarts play with the free kick.
 37:00 Martin Skrtel concedes a free kick for a foul on Luis Nani.
 36:51 Clearance by Rafael Da Silva.
 36:49 Steven Gerrard crosses the ball in from the free kick.
 36:06 Free kick awarded for a foul by Ryan Giggs on Daniel Sturridge.
 35:50 Jonny Evans manages to make a clearance.
 34:08 Mamadou Sakho makes a clearance.
 34:05 The ball is sent over by Wayne Rooney.
 33:49 Corner taken by Luis Suarez from the left by-line.
 33:23 Rafael Da Silva manages to make a clearance.
 33:20 Chris Smalling makes a clearance.
 33:19 A cross is delivered by Steven Gerrard.
 33:08 Clearance made by Jonny Evans.
 33:05 Corner taken by Steven Gerrard.
 32:25 Chris Smalling makes a clearance.
 31:36 Chris Smalling manages to make a clearance.
 31:11 Jonny Evans makes a clearance.
 30:32 Sanchez Jose Enrique makes a clearance.
 30:29 The ball is sent over by Rafael Da Silva.
 29:11 Centre by Sanchez Jose Enrique.
 29:00 Chris Smalling makes a clearance.
 28:59 The ball is sent over by Jordan Henderson.
 28:34 Steven Gerrard restarts play with the free kick.
 28:19 Unfair challenge on Luis Suarez by Phil Jones results in a free kick.
 26:44 Shot by Luis Suarez went wide of the right-hand post.
 26:39 The ball is crossed by Leiva Lucas.
 26:31 Short corner worked by Steven Gerrard.
 26:15 Clearance made by Chris Smalling.
 26:10 Corner taken by Steven Gerrard.
 25:35 Shot by Daniel Sturridge. Blocked by Jonny Evans.
 24:18 Centre by Sanchez Jose Enrique.
 22:19 Daniel Sturridge takes a shot. Chris Smalling gets a block in.
 21:51 Alexander Buttner manages to make a clearance.
 21:11 Luis Suarez takes the chance to get an effort at goal. David De Gea blocks the ball.
 21:07 Sanchez Jose Enrique sends in a cross.
 20:12 Clearance made by Mamadou Sakho.
 19:35 Daniel Sturridge takes a shot and went wide right of the target.
 18:26 Luis Nani crosses the ball.
 17:24 Shot by Luis Suarez. Jonny Evans gets a block in.
 15:30 Corner taken by Ryan Giggs.
 13:28 Steven Gerrard manages to make a clearance.
 13:25 Corner from the right by-line taken by Luis Nani.
 13:02 Martin Skrtel makes a clearance.
 13:01 The ball is delivered by Rafael Da Silva.
 12:00 Clearance made by Phil Jones.
 11:57 Corner from the right by-line taken by Steven Gerrard.
 11:23 Alexander Buttner manages to make a clearance.
 11:22 The ball is sent over by Sanchez Jose Enrique.
 10:27 The ball is delivered by Shinji Kagawa.
 10:08 Rafael Da Silva makes a clearance.
 9:57 Free kick taken by Simon Mignolet.
 9:26 The assistant referee flags for offside against Javier Hernandez.
 8:48 Shinji Kagawa has an effort at goal. A parry by Simon Mignolet prevents the goal.
 7:52 Martin Skrtel takes the free kick.
 7:31 Foul by Shinji Kagawa on Victor Moses, free kick awarded.
 7:26 Clearance made by Steven Gerrard.
 7:24 Corner taken by Wayne Rooney.
 6:46 Wayne Rooney has an effort at goal. Blocked by Martin Skrtel.
 6:23 Chris Smalling restarts play with the free kick.
 5:59 Unfair challenge on Jonny Evans by Sanchez Jose Enrique results in a free kick.
 5:56 Jonny Evans manages to make a clearance.
 5:46 Clearance by Ryan Giggs.
 5:44 Steven Gerrard crosses the ball in from the free kick.
 5:12 Free kick awarded for a foul by Ryan Giggs on Daniel Sturridge.
 4:26 Chris Smalling makes a clearance.
 3:51 A cross is delivered by Rafael Da Silva.
 3:26 Clearance made by Steven Gerrard.
 3:23 Corner from the right by-line taken by Ryan Giggs.

2:57 Luis Nani takes a shot. Martin Skrtel gets a block in.
 2:50 Clearance by Martin Skrtel.
 2:47 The ball is delivered by Luis Nani.
 2:29 Clearance made by Martin Skrtel.
 2:24 Clearance made by Kolo Toure.
 1:46 Clearance made by Mamadou Sakho.
 0:53 Rafael Da Silva delivers the ball.
 0:49 Steven Gerrard manages to make a clearance.
 0:47 Luis Nani takes the chance to get an effort at goal and missed to the left of the net.
 0:44 Javier Hernandez takes the chance to get an effort at goal. Mamadou Sakho gets a block in.
 0:44 Mamadou Sakho makes a clearance.
 0:00 The referee gets the game underway.