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# THE TIMES

Liverpool are easy meat for Bruce's defiant predators

Hull City Livermore 20, Meyler 72, Skrtel (og) 88 3 Liverpool Gerrard 27 1 Referee HWEBB Attendance 24,940 Any owner hoping to boost his side's support across the globe could decide to follow in the footsteps of Assem Allam, the proprietor of Hull City. They could wipe away more than a century of history, infuriate their longstanding fans and rename their team, hoping that a transparent marketing ploy and mention of a jungle predator can convince neutrals that theirs is the club to follow.

Or they could take the path laid out against a callow Liverpool by Steve Bruce and Hull's players. They could build a team who can sweep past one of the Barclays Premier League's big beasts with a performance full of fight and desire. They could earn friends through grit and spirit and no little poise, rather than hoping to attract floating fans who happen to like tigers.

On this evidence, Bruce's plan may be more effective. His side took the lead through Jake Livermore - thanks to a deflection off Martin Skrtel - then resisted the temptation to lay down arms when Steven Gerrard equalised for Brendan Rodgers's team. David Meyler restored their advantage; a Skrtel own goal settled matters.

For all Liverpool's pretensions of challenging Arsenal for the title, it would be a stretch to suggest that this is a result that will reverberate around the world. It is certainly the sort of victory that attracts attention, though, and one that suggests Bruce's team are more than capable of remaining among the elite. That, after all, is the one thing that helps to build a brand more than any other: it's hard to sell shirts in Malaysia, or South Africa, or Bhutan if you're in the second tier.

No wonder, then, that Bruce will take it upon himself to try to "explain" to Allam and the rest of the club's board why the fans are so angry. He is in an awkward position, trapped between an owner who saved Hull and supporters who are furious at his apparent disregard for their feelings. His priority, though, is clear: averting a civil war that could do irreparable damage in the battle for survival.

"Without him, there would not a club," the manager said. "Not many people would put [pounds sterling]70 million into Hull, but I have to have a conversation with him because I don't think he understands the history or tradition "He thinks it is better for the brand; that is what he thinks about. But we cannot let it fester, because it creates an atmosphere none of us wants. The owners do not want brownie points, but perhaps they do not understand what it means to a lot of people."

What it means was abundantly clear here. There is defiance in abundance in the stands. The fans handed out leaflets before the game, encouraging others to voice their objection to Allam's plans. They brought banners - "the history is in the name" and "one love, one club, no to Hull Tigers" - and they sang continually, the chosen refrain dripping with fury. "We're Hull City," it went, "and we'll die when we want."

It is testimony to how well Bruce's team played, to how much defiance they showed on the pitch, that by the end all that was - temporarily - forgotten. Just like the supporters, Bruce's players evidently have no intention of going down without a fight.

They were helped, in truth, by an anaemic Liverpool performance. The visiting team created just one chance of note in open play - missed by Victor Moses, after fine approach play from Luis Suarez and Philippe Coutinho - and the only defensive player to emerge from the game with any credit was Daniel Agger, who remained on the bench throughout. Liverpool have made a fine start to the campaign but this was a reality check, and a brutal one.

They may be tempted to complain that they fell behind only thanks a slice of good fortune for the host team, as Livermore's speculative effort ballooned off Skrtel and over Simon Mignolet - but that would be to ignore Moses squandering possession cheaply a moment before. That summed up Liverpool's afternoon: directionless, lacklustre, uninspired.

They seemed to have recovered seven minutes later when Gerrard fizzed a free kick through Hull's wall and into the far corner of Allan McGregor's net, but they could not rouse themselves from their torpor. They continued to give the ball away, to exert no control in midfield, to find Suarez's boots lined with lead and Moses and Raheem Sterling - drafted in thanks to the absence of Daniel Sturridge - seemingly determined to prove just how important the England striker is to this team.

Hull took full advantage. Tom Huddlestone and Livermore controlled the midfield; Yannick Sagbo tormented Skrtel and Kolo Toure. Both were at fault for Hull's second, failing to clear their lines and allowing Meyler, with the composure they lacked, to fire across Mignolet and into the far corner.

Skrtel's torrid afternoon was completed by an own goal with three minutes to go, when he diverted Huddlestone's tame shot past Mignolet. "You can help me by giving the goal to Tom," Bruce said. "That way he might get his flipping hair cut." It was a light moment on a heavy afternoon. There will be difficult conversations to have in the week ahead. He can take solace in the knowledge that much the same could be said of Rodgers.

@RORYSMITHTIMES Life without Sturridge If the Liverpool striker is missing for a further six weeks, he will miss: Norwich (h) Dec 4 West Ham (h) Dec 7 Tottenham (a) Dec 15 Cardiff (h) Dec 21 Manchester City (a) Dec 26 Chelsea (a) Dec 29 Hull (h) Jan 1 FA Cup (R3) Jan 4 Stoke (a) Jan 12 If out for eight weeks, he will also miss: Aston Villa (h) Jan 18 FA Cup (R4) Jan 25 Everton (h) Jan 28 ratings Hull City (3-5-1-

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Liverpool (4-2-3-1): S Mignolet 6 - G Johnson 5, K Toure 6, M Skrtel 3, J Flanagan 6 - S Gerrard 6, Lucas Leiva 6 - R Sterling 5 (sub: P Coutinho, 66 6), J Henderson 6, V Moses 4 (sub: L Alberto, 74) - L Suarez 6. Substitutes not used: B Jones, D Agger, I Aspas, M Sakho, J Allen.

## the guardian

Liverpool's collective day off allows determined Hull to rewrite history Brendan Rodgers claimed to draw inspiration from Coronation Street in a left-field eulogy to Britain's longest-running soap before kick-off. Managing a Liverpool team with all the vision and footwork of Alan Bradley as he careered into a tram on Blackpool promenade was not what he had in mind.

"We'll see in May how good our own soap opera is," the Liverpool manager had said. On a dark afternoon in Hull it was lamentable. Steve Bruce's tactically tweaked, supremely motivated side capitalised to record Hull City's first victory over Liverpool and leave Rodgers sweating at the thought of a demanding winter programme without Daniel Sturridge.

The England striker will be out for "six to eight weeks" with an ankle ligament strain, according to Rodgers. His bulletin set the tone for a miserable day for the visitors from Anfield, who offered little threat and were defensively inept against a Hull team with only four home league goals before the game.

Rodgers insisted "the bigger picture" should be considered when dissecting a collective off-day from Liverpool and gave thanks to impending home games against Norwich City and West Ham United. But that would be to overlook several glaring deficiencies in the Liverpool squad and performance. The loss of Sturridge and, for 66 minutes, Philippe Coutinho to another ankle problem naturally disturbed the flow and penetration of Rodgers's team. But further upheaval was unnecessary, principally the decision to recall Kolo Toure at the surprising expense of Daniel Agger and therefore shift Martin Skrtel across central defence. Skrtel inadvertently deflected two of Hull's goals beyond his own goalkeeper as Liverpool's defence crumbled around him. Raheem Sterling and Victor Moses were given opportunities they have craved and only served to increase Rodgers's torment over the injuries to Sturridge and Coutinho. In stark contrast, Hull retained their focus impressively in the face of their own potential distractions, not least the owner Assem Allam's ridiculous attempt to rebrand the club Hull Tigers.

City, that's Hull City, had lost their previous two matches and Bruce switched to the insurance of a three-man central defence against Luis Suarez. Hull coped comfortably before the second-half move to a 4-3-3 and were ahead with their first shot on target. Curtis Davies glanced the game's opening chance wide of Simon Mignolet's goal before Moses lost possession cheaply inside the Liverpool half. Jake Livermore took over, exchanged passes with David Meyler and tried his luck from 22 yards. Luck was on the midfielder's side and the ball looped over Mignolet via Skrtel's calf.

Bruce was submerged beneath his coaching staff in the celebrations but, having seen Hull stifle the Liverpool attack, he was rightly infuriated by one moment's lapse in concentration. Hull's defenders hesitated a fraction too long over a loose ball outside their area, allowing Jordan Henderson to intercept prior to a clattering foul from Davies. Steven Gerrard swept an emphatic free-kick around a crumbling wall and into the bottom corner of Allan McGregor's goal.

Parity did nothing to improve the Liverpool performance and it was Hull who showed more composure on the ball plus intent in the final third. Davies went close with another header, Tom Huddlestone almost capped a fine display with a goal from 20 yards and, after McGregor saved superbly at point-blank range from Moses, the home side regained a deserved lead. Weak defending from Liverpool proved a valuable assist. Davies and Yannick Sagbo caused chaos under a long ball into the visitors' area and Toure flicked a poor clearance straight to Meyler who, after one blocked attempt, drove his second bite low into the far corner.

Suarez almost levelled with his latest sweeping free-kick from distance but the clearer chances came to Hull against a ponderous Liverpool defence. Sagbo should have scored, or at least squared to Ahmed Elmohamady, when sent clear after the Liverpool substitute Luis Alberto lost possession, but the striker made amends seconds later. Collecting a hopeful clearance downfield, Sagbo attacked Skrtel and eventually found Huddlestone arriving in the area. The midfielder's tame flick was heading wide until Skrtel threw himself in the way and diverted a shot beyond his own goalkeeper for the second time. It was a soap opera with no redeeming features for Liverpool.

Man of the match Tom Huddlestone (Hull City)

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## The Mail

Bruce's battlers inflict one Hull of a loss

HULL CITY Livermore 20, Meyler 72, Skrtel 87 og 3 LIVERPOOL Gerrard 27 1 B RENDAN RODGERS paid a visit to the set of Coronation Street last week and hoped to draw some inspiration from the famous old cobbles.

What he got instead at Hull City was, to borrow a phrase from the streets of Weatherfield, a load of old cobbles. Liverpool were utterly abysmal at the KC Stadium, producing a performance so wooden that Hull could not fail to take advantage. They were not flattered by their victory margin.

On days as bad as this, the Champions League ambitions of Liverpool appear hopelessly misguided. This should have been an afternoon when they seized the moment, capitalising on mistakes made by the sides around them. Instead, they were cruelly exposed. Without Daniel Sturridge, who will be sidelined for six to eight weeks with ankle ligament damage, Liverpool lacked an edge, especially as Luis Suarez was out of sorts. The home side capitalised, their goals coming from Jake Livermore, David Meyler and Martin Skrtel, who put through his own net. 'It's an understatement to say it was disappointing,' said Rodgers, who saw Steven Gerrard score Liverpool's reply. 'We thought this was an opportunity. We went into the game with confidence and belief but we made too many mistakes.

'We are all very disappointed. We lacked quality with the ball. We never created enough or kept the ball long enough to move them about.

'In the last two games, we have conceded six goals -- we have to be much, much better than that.' Easier said than done. Liverpool, undoubtedly, made a good start to the campaign and when Sturridge and Suarez dovetail sweetly, they look an accomplished side. Take either out of the equation, along with Philippe Coutinho, who started on the bench here due to injury, and it is very different. Rodgers knows that only too well. Liverpool are about to embark on their biggest test of the season -- they have away games against Chelsea, Manchester City and Tottenham before the year closes -- and he is concerned that they do not have the depth to cope. 'There's no doubt that our squad, with all due respect, isn't big enough to cope with two big players missing,' said Rodgers.

'Daniel could be out for up to eight weeks. Philippe hasn't trained all week (due to an ankle strain) and had some injections to get on the bench. 'You take those two out -- and they are two very good players who have been very efficient for us -- and this period now will test us.

'We still have some very good players and, for those who come in, it will be a great opportunity to stake their place in the team.' Maybe the news about Sturridge had a bigger impact on Liverpool than Rodgers could have envisaged. In the first half, their game lacked pace and threat, and too many of his players were off colour, struggling to make an impact.

Hull, by contrast, started with purpose. The backing for Steve Bruce's unfancied side was noisy, relentless and unfailingly positive, encouragement being given even when a pass was misplaced or a tackle lost.

'I said last week after losing to Crystal Palace that was the most disappointing we had been since the start of the season,' said Bruce. 'It was important to have a response. You need a game like this sometimes.' It came as no surprise, then, when Hull took the lead, giving the KC Stadium faithful the goal for which they had been baying. Fortune went their way -- Livermore's strike from 25 yards took a huge deflection off Skrtel -- but it was fair reward for the enthusiastic start Bruce's side had made. Liverpool's response was almost instant. Jordan Henderson's charge forward was crudely halted by Curtis Davies and Gerrard ensured that crime received the maximum punishment when he fizzed the resulting 20-yard free-kick past Allan McGregor.

Gerrard was the only Liverpool player in an attacking sense who took responsibility but, for all his movement and prompting, he never received any support. Raheem Sterling and Victor Moses, the replacements for Sturridge and Coutinho, were anonymous. The longer the game progressed, the less Liverpool offered and it then became a question of whether Hull, for whom Tom Huddlestone and Livermore were particularly impressive, could seize their big moment. With the help of some appalling defending from the visitors, they did just that. When Moses missed Liverpool's best chance of the second period, Hull charged straight upfield and the ball ended up breaking to Meyler, whose left-foot drive sped past his former Sunderland team-mate Simon Mignolet and nestled in the corner of the net. An exultant Bruce danced a jig on the touchline but better was to come 10 minutes later. Yannick Sagbo held up play impressively before finding Huddlestone, whose attempt to chip Mignolet was diverted into the net by Skrtel. 'You have got to give the goal to Tom so he can get his flaming hair cut,' said Bruce, referring to the wild hairstyle Huddlestone has promised to have shorn when he scores again. 'But he is a class act. We have now got 17 points going into the Christmas period.

'We have got five wins and we need another five. If we can get 10 or 11 wins, that is usually enough to keep you up. Long may this continue.' match facts HULL CITY (3-5-2): McGregor; Davies, Bruce, Figueroa; Elmohamady, Meyler, Huddlestone, Livermore, Brady (Boyd 90); Koren (Rosenior 66), Sagbo (Graham 88). Subs not used: Harper, Chester, Gedo, Faye. Booked: None.

LIVERPOOL (4-2-3-1): Mignolet; Johnson, Toure, Skrtel, Flanagan; Lucas, Gerrard; Moses (Alberto 74), Henderson, Sterling (Coutinho 66); Suarez. Subs not used: Jones, Agger, Aspas, Sakho, Allen. Booked: Davies, Brady. Referee: Howard Webb. Attendance: 24,940.

## The Daily Telegraph

Liverpool helpless as Hull earn their stripes

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The admission from Brendan Rodgers was as startling as the ineptitude of Liverpool's performance against Hull City. "There's no doubt our quality in our squad, with all due respect, isn't big enough to cope with two big players like that [Philippe Coutinho and Daniel Sturridge] missing," he said after watching his side lose 3-1. Two, just two, players are forced out - Coutinho started on the bench - and it all becomes rather too much like pre-January 2013 for Liverpool.

It has taken a bit longer than usual, but yet again the club will head into a transfer window amid a clamour for new recruits.

The inference from Rodgers cannot be brushed aside. The club's much lauded transfer committee spent [pounds sterling]50million on eight players last summer.

Here they are again, still a couple of recruits from looking capable of a Champions League return and a few injuries from being thrust into what has become an annual scrap to finish above seventh.

Hull City took advantage of Rodgers's need to utilise the fullness of his squad, not just deserving their victory, but raising deeper questions as to whether Liverpool's decent start to the campaign is about to unravel.

It may seem harsh given that Liverpool were second at the start of the day, but the hints were there prior to Jake Livermore, David Meyler and a Martin Skrtel own goal inflicting this damage.

For the Merseyside club, this may have been only their third defeat of the season, but the last time they won away from home (at Sunderland in September) their opponents did not have a manager. Poor at Newcastle, hammered at Arsenal and fortunate a week ago at Goodison Park, they were dire at the KC Stadium. The sense of foreboding was apparent as soon as the team sheet was printed.

You will recall those dark days on Merseyside at the start of last season, the club languishing in mid-table, applying the doctrine of possession football but ultimately relying on a second of individual brilliance, usually from Luis Suarez, to win a game or take a point. It began to change when Sturridge and Coutinho signed, two signings having that rare effect of being instantly impressive upon walking through the Shankly Gates.

Here - and much credit must go to the vastly underrated Steve Bruce for the superb exposing of Liverpool's weaknesses - we witnessed why they have become as critical as Suarez. Their replacements have shown nothing to suggest they can fill the void. Victor Moses and Raheem Sterling should have relished an opportunity to prove the last few months of bench duty was a waste of their talent.

Sterling continues to struggle to justify the hype that elevated him to an England call-up. Yes, he is a teenager, but for those with memories of Fowler, Owen and Gerrard at the same age, the months of haggling over his contract last season look preposterously premature.

Moses, meanwhile, was quoted suggesting that his lack of action was stopping him accumulating a target of 20 goals this season. He was voted Nigeria's Player of the Year this week. The runner-up in that poll must have had a shocking dip in form. All Moses's performance achieved was confirmation when Chelsea start sending players on loan, Everton are getting the better deals.

It was Moses's lethargic flick on 16 minutes that enabled Livermore to give Hull the lead. There was some fortune as it deflected off Skrtel beyond Mignolet, but Liverpool could hardly bemoan their luck.

They equalised 11 minutes later because they have become something of set-piece specialists in the last fortnight.

Curtis Davies tripped Jordan Henderson, who was playing in an advanced midfield role, and Steven Gerrard stepped up to place the kick beyond Allan McGregor. Hull simply regrouped, denying Liverpool any space and countering dangerously. Tom Huddlestone's elegant display was a reminder to Liverpool it is possible to sign mid-fielders who can pass more than six yards with both feet.

Bruce ordered his side to allow the visitors possession in their own half with the confidence they were not threatening to do much with it, but when called upon to defend Liverpool were pedestrian. Meyler shot across Mignolet to restore the lead on 72 minutes, and Skrtel ensured there would be no anxious finale, heading into his own net with four minutes left. Liverpool looked shambolic in the closing stages, and face a daunting Christmas period.

"It's an understatement to say it was disappointing," Rodgers said. "We lacked quality with the ball. We never created enough or kept the ball long enough to move them about."

Hull City's supporters began the day planning a demonstration against their owner's name change, but ended it feeling like they had finally arrived in the Premier League.

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## THE INDEPENDENT

### Hull triumph won't stop Bruce tackling owner over comments

Perhaps Hull City owner Assem Allam should tell the club's fans they can die when they want more often.

An East Yorkshire crowd united as never before this season in their determination to support their side, while making it clear to Allam exactly what they thought both of his plan to change the club's name to Hull Tigers and his apparent contempt for their opinion, roared their side to a famous victory against a Liverpool side that gave a performance as poor as any since Brendan Rodgers became manager.

Asked about Dr Allam's astonishingly inflammatory interview in The Independent on Sunday, City manager Steve Bruce said he now intended to speak to his employer.

"Well, it created a fantastic atmosphere, which I was delighted about," said Bruce, after the Tigers lifted themselves in to the top half of the Premier League.

"Look, the chairman has put [pounds sterling]70m in to this club and without him there wouldn't be a Hull City, in my opinion. However I've got to have a conversation with him because I don't think he quite understands what it means to the supporters in the history and tradition.

"All he thinks about is going forward and that the brand would be better. That's his opinion, but obviously there's thousands who don't share it, and I understand them because there's no one more of a traditionalist than me. But we can't let it fester because when things aren't going so well it creates an atmosphere, which none of us want."

Allam, as he made clear in the interview which caused such a reaction, is not a man for turning, and the thousands of objectors can only hope Bruce's advice carries more weight than theirs. It might, because this was a result which suggested he can keep the Tigers up this season.

Deprived of Daniel Sturridge after the England forward suffered a serious ankle strain in training on Friday, Liverpool stuttered from the start. Sensing their opponents' discomfort, Hull, initially set up in a solid 3-5-2 formation, gradually became more adventurous, and Curtis Davies had already glanced a header wide from an Alex Bruce cross when the home team took the lead.

There was a huge slice of luck involved when Jake Livermore's speculative drive clipped Martin Skrtel's out-stretched foot and looped over the stranded Simon Mignolet, but Victor Moses had lost the ball to hand Hull possession well inside his own half.

Liverpool had not really threatened the Hull goal before they equalised, shortly before the half hour. Steven Gerrard's 22-yard free-kick was wonderfully accurate, but City goalkeeper Allan McGregor was unimpressed by the manner in which Robbie Brady moved off the end of the defensive wall.

Rodgers must have hoped the goal would settle his players, but the lack of fluency and understanding up front began to pervade his entire team, including the back four, where the surprising decision to recall Kolo Touré at the expense of Daniel Agger looked increasingly hard to understand.

Tom Huddlestone, a class act in the Hull midfield, twice went close from distance, while the visitors' only serious attempt in the first half was Luis Suarez's side-foot straight at McGregor, after being set up by Raheem Sterling.

Nor did Liverpool improve in the second half, though Moses did force McGregor to make one brave point-blank save. Huddlestone, increasingly imperious in midfield, curled a left-foot shot just wide, and with 18 minutes took a deserved lead. Curtis Davies won a header in the Liverpool penalty area, Touré and Skrtel got in each other's way attempting to clear, and having seen his first shot come back off a defender, City midfielder David Meyler collected the rebound and drove an angled shot beyond Mignolet.

The celebrations in the stands, which included the pointed parading of a banner reading "The history is in the name", redoubled when, shortly after Yannick Sagbo had wasted one marvellous opportunity, the City striker collected a hopeful clearance and laid the ball off to Huddlestone. A tame attempt to flick the ball beyond Mignolet was going well wide until Skrtel threw himself at the ball and succeeded only in diverting it past his hopelessly wrong-footed goalkeeper. Having seen his side concede three goals in two consecutive games, Rodgers acknowledged the poverty of his team's efforts.

"It was very disappointing, we made too many mistakes and I thought we lacked quality with the ball. We never created enough or even kept it long enough in order to move them about," he said.

Being without Sturridge, and with Philippe Coutinho only fit enough to take a place on the bench, had left his side lacking options, he said.

"There's no doubt the quality in our squad isn't big enough to cope with losing two players like that. Daniel is out for up to eight weeks, and Philippe never trained all week, he had some injections to even get on the bench.

"Hull didn't surprise me, of the promoted teams they've done the best. We need to reflect, because we've now got a massive game [against Norwich at Anfield] on Wednesday. Today hurts us all."

Having beaten Liverpool for the first time in their history, Hull travel to Arsenal with their confidence rather higher than it was after being beaten by 10-man Crystal Palace in their previous game.

"It was important to get a response, but with this group I knew that there would be," said Bruce.

## DAILY Mirror

### REDS ARE FLAGGING BADLY; Early promise fading as Liverpool failings exposed by Bruce boys

HULL CITY 3 LIVERPOOL 1 Livermore 20, Meyler 72, Skrtel 87 og Gerrard 27 Liverpool committed the two cardinal sins of creating little and defending poorly B@CKCHAT Shameful display today. Defending a joke, poor attack. Slack passing, Sterling, Moses gave nothing, missed Enrique, Sturridge and Coutinho badlyrednickooo1 Rodgers lol... taking over from where kenny left off... progress lol. ah well theres always the league cup to go for... oh wait... lolaidy37well done Hull City, good 3 points, you deserved the win, we didn't turn up todayalways a red899 Mirror.co.uk/football to have YOUR say.. for FREE LIVERPOOL travelled 130 miles to get to Hull yesterday - but they are a million miles from reaching the Champions League based on this performance. This was a game they needed to win if they are to fulfil their goal of qualifying for Europe's top club competition for the first time since 2009. Instead they crumbled against opponents who had lost four of their previous five league games. It was a defeat as much down to the Reds' failings in defence and attack as their opponents' superior commitment and work rate. Liverpool committed the two cardinal sins of creating little and defending poorly and the Tigers - or City depending on your viewpoint - fully deserved their historic first victory over their visitors. Liverpool's squad looked paperthin yesterday with Daniel Sturridge out injured and Philippe Coutinho only fit enough to start on the bench. Replacements Raheem Sterling and Victor Moses were disappointing, while Jordan Henderson was below par. Steven Gerrard did his best, equalising with a brilliant free-kick, and Luis Suarez showed flashes of his brilliance, but it was nowhere near good enough from a Liverpool side with Champions League ambitions. Their fine start under Brendan Rodgers is in danger of petering out and they have taken just four points from their last four games. It would be wrong if Liverpool's poor display masked Hull's magnificent performance, and manager Steve Bruce got the perfect response after defeat at home to Crystal Palace. City are in the top half of the table and well on the way to achieving Bruce's target of 10 league wins for survival. Hull got better as the game wore on and battered Liverpool into submission through their relentless pressure in the second half. The first half was fragmented, with little flowing football, and Curtis Davies went close when he headed just wide from Alex Bruce's cross. The only entertainment was coming from the home fans, who campaigned against owner Assem Allam's proposed name change to Hull Tigers, chanting, "City till I die" and, "We are Hull City, we'll die when we want".

On 20 minutes they had a different reason to sing when Hull took the lead with only their fifth league goal at the KC this term. Moses gave away the ball on the left, and after a neat interplay, David Meyler fed Jake Livermore, whose 25-yard drive was deflected home off Martin Skrtel's foot, wrongfooting Simon Mignolet. Hull could not build on their good fortune and Liverpool levelled seven minutes later when Davies took out Henderson with a late, knee-high challenge to earn himself a booking. Gerrard perfectly executed the free-kick from 22 yards into the bottom corner, giving Allan McGregor no chance.

Although Liverpool bossed possession, they were doing nothing with the ball and Hull asserted themselves after half-time. Davies headed wide and the busy Tom Huddlestone curled a left-foot effort just past the far post. j p Then came the game's turning point on 71 minutes when McGregor saved Moses' point-blank effort and 60 seconds later Hull retook the lead. Once more, Liverpool defended poorly, failing to clear their lines, and when Kolo Toure blocked Meyler's first shot, he fired the rebound into the far bottom corner. Apart from a 30-yard Suarez free-kick, which whistled wide, Sw LIVERPOOL offered nothing and after Mignolet denied Yannick Sagbo, Hull netted a third three minutes from time. Again it was a goal which will have irked Rodgers. Sagbo latched on to a long punt upfield before squaring the ball to Huddlestone, whose shot appeared to be going wide until Skrtel headed it into his own net.

RATING McGregor 8 Great game-changing save to deny Moses at 1-1 Elmohamady 6 Solid in defence and dealt with the threat of Moses Bruce 7 Was solid and provided the cross for Davies' chance Davies 6 Booked. Conceded free-kick for Liverpool's equaliser Figueroa 7 Superb goal-saving clearance to deny Henderson Brady 6 Booked. Rightly booked for diving, but played part in win Livermore 7 Deflected goal was his reward for all his hard work Huddlestone 8 MOTM. Kept Hull going with his passing Meyler 7 Set up Livermore for his goal and slotted home second Koren 7 Tracked back well and made a fine tackle on Moses Sagbo 7 Kept going despite little service. Set up Hull's third SUBS Rosenior (Koren 6) 6 Graham (Sagbo 89) - Boyd (Brady 90) -39% Possession 61% 4 Shots on target 4 6 Shots off target 2 Corners 6 3 Offside 0 10 Fouls 16 Referee: H Webb Att: 24,940 Hull City beat Liverpool for the first time ever - a total of 17 meetings in all competitions LIVERPOOL OUR RATING Mignolet 7 Fine save to deny Sagbo and could do nothing about goals Johnson 6 Did not get forward as much as expected down the right Toure 6 Made some meaty challenges Skrtel 5 Wilted towards the end and headed into his own net Flanagan 6 Continued at left-back and again did not look fazed Gerrard 7 Terrific range of passing and his free-kick was perfect Lucas 6 Anchored the midfield and was pretty effective in role Moses 5 Gave the ball away for Hull's goal and was disappointing Henderson 6 Did not get his passing or running game going Sterling 4 Did not make the most of his opportunity to shine Suarez 6 Flashes, but cannot do it all on his own SUBS Coutinho (Sterling 66) 6 Alberto (Moses 74) 5

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#### From SAS to SOS - dismal Reds suffer at Hull

A dismal afternoon which began with devastating news about SAS ended with Brendan Rodgers sending out an SOS to Boston. Having lost half of his prolific striking double act due to a freak training ground injury, the Liverpool boss could only stand and watch as his side crashed to a humiliating setback at the KC Stadium. Rather than rise to the challenge in the absence of 11-goal top scorer Daniel Sturridge, the Reds served up a performance of scarcely believable ineptitude. Supporters can accept defeats but not when they are self-inflicted in such timid fashion. The character and resilience Rodgers had saluted following Liverpool's late fightback at Goodison a week earlier was nowhere to be seen on the east coast. Hull City celebrated their first victory over the Reds in 17 attempts. It was no freak result – no tale of a heroic backs-to-the-wall display from Steve Bruce's newly promoted Tigers. Worryingly, a team beaten at home by 10-man Crystal Palace in their previous outing were worthy winners as the Reds were outplayed and outfought. It wasn't just the error-strewn nature of the display which was cause for concern but how meekly the players accepted their fate. Some need to take a long, hard look in the mirror today because hunger, desire and commitment when you pull on the shirt are not optional. After priding himself on the progress which has been made throughout 2013, this was a painful backwards step for Rodgers. The timing could not have been any worse.

December was always going to be a make-or-break month in the Reds' push for a Champions League spot with 21 points up for grabs and tough trips to Tottenham, Manchester City and Chelsea ahead. It has begun in the worst possible fashion with Sturridge facing eight weeks out with ankle ligament damage and confidence rocked by such a chastening result. The striker will be sorely missed and Rodgers' frank admission about the depth of his squad underlines the importance of the January transfer window. "There's no doubt our quality in our squad, with all due respect, isn't big enough to cope with two big players like that missing," Rodgers said. "This period now will test us." It was no coincidence that without Sturridge and Philippe Coutinho, who was only fit enough for a short cameo after having a pain-killing injection in his ankle, Liverpool resembled the team they were in the first half of last season. Creativity was in short supply and lone frontman Luis Suarez, who endured a rare off day, was left to feed off scraps.

Rodgers may have spent nearly £50million and snapped up eight players last summer but too many of them are simply squad players. The reality is they haven't significantly improved the starting XI.

If Liverpool are serious about landing a top four berth this season then it's crystal clear that an injection of proven quality will be required when the window opens. Until then and with Sturridge sidelined, how the Reds need the likes of Luis Alberto and Iago Aspas to come to the party and show over the coming weeks why they were brought to Anfield. Faced with such a hectic schedule, Liverpool must dig deep and respond positively when they host Norwich City on Wednesday night. Changes will be made – they simply have to be after the contribution from some was so pitiful. If Victor Moses really left Chelsea for Liverpool because he was desperate for game-time he has a funny way of showing it.

Handed a first league start since mid-October, the on-loan Nigerian should have been on a mission to impress. Instead Moses merely demonstrated why he been on the periphery of Rodgers' squad as he ran down blind alleys and repeatedly gave the ball away. His efforts were replicated by Raheem Sterling on the right flank. It's nearly a year since Liverpool handed the teenager a bumper contract – insisting it had been structured to ensure his hunger remained. However, the reality is Sterling has gone backwards and on his second league start of the campaign he looked out of his depth. He did well to last until past the hour mark. If picking Sterling and Moses backfired, the same could be said about Rodgers' decision to once again alter his back four. A penny for the thoughts of vice-captain Daniel Agger, who watched from the bench as Kolo Toure struggled alongside Martin Skrtel. Just one clean sheet in Liverpool's past 11 games tells a story. On their travels their defensive woes have been acute with 10 goals conceded in their last four league trips and they haven't won away since September.

There was a lack of energy and intensity about the Reds in all departments. In stark contrast Hull, who had conceded just two home league goals all season, were combative and well organised. There was a warning when Curtis Davies headed Alex Bruce's cross wide but it wasn't heeded and the Tigers struck in the 20th minute. Moses tried to flick the ball over Ahmed Elmohamady inside his own half but only succeeded in putting the Reds under pressure.

Jake Livermore swapped passes with Meyler before his effort hit Skrtel and looped over the stranded Simon Mignolet. Seven minutes later the Reds were level. Davies brought down Jordan Henderson 20 yards out and Steven Gerrard stepped up to fire the free-kick beyond Allan McGregor and into the far corner. However, Liverpool's joy was shortlived. Rather than come to life, they continued to toil. After Henderson had coughed up possession, Mignolet kept out Tom Huddleston's drive. When Moses and Sterling finally combined to find Suarez, the Uruguayan opted to hit it first time and fired tamely at the keeper.

In the second half it was a similar story as Liverpool displayed an alarming lack of composure. Coutinho coming on for Sterling instantly improved them. The Brazilian picked out Moses inside the six-yard box but McGregor made the block.

It proved to be a costly miss as within seconds Hull were in front. A long punt into the box caused panic as Toure and Skrtel got in each other's way.

Toure finally hacked clear but only as far as David Meyler, who unleashed a low drive beyond Mignolet. Alberto came on for Moses and Suarez curled a free-kick just wide but there was no way back. Liverpool's misery was complete three minutes from time when Hull broke away and Huddleston's shot was headed into his own net by Skrtel. It was an embarrassing end to a wretched day.



#### Tigers claim shock victory as Reds fail to find their form

Brendan Rodgers made a trip to Coronation Street last week and departed marvelling at the hard work required to keep the national institution at the pinnacle of its profession. But when the Liverpool coach pulled out of the KC Stadium yesterday, the Northern Irishman was instead left with the stark realisation it will take more than simple hard graft to elevate his team back to the upper echelons. Shocking defeat at promoted Hull City exposed in full gory detail what has been lurking dangerously amid the shadows over recent weeks, gnawing away at the optimism engendered by what, in terms of position and points haul, has been an encouraging start to the campaign. Prefacing their trip to Humberside, Rodgers declared the difference in mentality between the side that began his reign 16 months ago and his current charges was akin to night and day. Liverpool subsequently reverted to the dark ages.

Embarrassing. Humiliating. Poor. Alarming. Or just plain awful. Take your pick. The tone for a dismal afternoon was set before kick-off when Liverpool's worst fears were realised by the news Daniel Sturridge could be out until February with an ankle ligament strain suffered in training on Friday.

How Rodgers' side cope without their leading goalscorer – Sturridge will miss trips to fellow top-four challengers Tottenham Hotspur, Manchester City and Chelsea, and potentially the Anfield derby – will arguably determine whether their Champions League aspirations this season remain realistic on his return.

The initial evidence, then, will be alarming to the Anfield manager, as Liverpool responded with their worst performance of the season and their most insipid Premier League away display of his tenure. It left Rodgers bemoaning the strength of his squad, an astonishing admission given £50m was splashed out to bring in eight players during the summer transfer window. January, it would seem, cannot come soon enough. Not even a trademark free-kick from Steven Gerrard, who days earlier had celebrated the 15th anniversary of his debut for the club, could prevent the Anfield outfit falling to their first-ever defeat to Hull following a succession of self-inflicted blows. By the time Martin Skrtel compounded the misery of unwittingly deflecting in Jake Livermore's shot for the opener by nodding a Tom Huddleston shot past Simon Mignolet, Liverpool were already well beaten, their defensive woes highlighted by David Meyler capitalising on a failure to clear by scoring Hull's second. If he may have rightly expected more from his players, Rodgers cannot be absolved from blame for this shambles. He picked the wrong team, his search for the right combination in central defence seeing Skrtel this time partnered with Kolo Toure. It didn't work, with Liverpool having now shipped six goals in their last two games and with only one clean sheet in their last 11 outings. The statistics going forward are no less worrying as, for all the promise of a passing philosophy and more expansive approach, nine of Liverpool's last 15 goals have come from set-pieces.

This should have been a chance for Raheem Sterling and on-loan Victor Moses, both on the periphery in recent weeks, to stake their first-team claims. That both were substituted long before the final whistle tells its own story, their negligible impact meaning Luis Suarez was too often cut adrift up front save from the supporting efforts of the hard-working Jordan Henderson. Rodgers had last week visited the set of Coronation Street at Granada Studios in Manchester with daughter Mischa, who is studying A-level drama. And the script for yesterday was apparent from the 20th minute when Hull forged ahead with a goal that owed a huge debt to the visitors.

Moses wastefully coughed up possession down the Hull right and Livermore played a one-two with Meyler before advancing 25 yards from goal and smashing a shot that deflected off Skrtel and looped over the helpless Simon Mignolet. The lead lasted only seven minutes. After Curtis Davies was booked for a high challenge on Jordan Henderson just outside the area, Gerrard curled a fine effort through the space vacated in the wall by Skrtel and beyond Hull goalkeeper Allan McGregor. Liverpool, though, remained painfully laboured going forward, Suarez striking their only other effort of the half weakly at McGregor after a good diagonal pass from Sterling. Suarez did better shortly after the interval when, having been found by Toure, his angled drive was well held by the Hull goalkeeper at his near post. But the second half saw no change in the pattern of play, Liverpool rarely lifting themselves out of their collective slumber while slack distribution out of defence indicated an accident waiting to happen.

The game was decided in a 60-second spell. On 71 minutes, having been found by Suarez, substitute Coutinho fired a ball across goal where Moses somehow contrived to fire against McGregor from point-blank range.

And Liverpool were made to pay for that miss. Hull pumped the ball into the box and, after the visitors passed up several attempts to clear, the ball fell kindly for Meyler to strike into the bottom corner.

Suarez curled a free-kick wide from 30 yards but Liverpool's misery was made

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complete in the 87th minute when a catalogue of errors culminated with the hapless Skrtel, in attempting to clear the excellent Huddlestone's shot, succeeded only in directing the ball beyond Mignolet.  
From the Weatherfield cobbles to a load of old cobblers, these have been a few days Rodgers shouldn't forget in a hurry.  
MAN OF THE MATCH: Jordan Henderson. Ran around a lot, which is more than could be said for some of his team-mates.

## HULL DAILY MAIL

**Tigers bounce back with historic win over Reds**  
HULL City picked up three massive points after a historic 3-1 win over Liverpool at the KC Stadium this afternoon, their first ever over the Reds in the club's 109-year history.  
Although they went into the match as firm underdogs, City pulled off the shock result after an impressive team display, a win which takes them up to tenth place in the Premier League table.  
Jake Livermore's heavily deflected strike gave the Tigers a deserved 1-0 lead after 20 minutes, but Steve Gerrard's free-kick put Liverpool back on level terms just seven minutes later.  
But in a second half where they took the game to the Reds, Steve Bruce's side took a deserved 2-1 lead through David Meyler's fine finish low into the corner after 72 minutes.  
Things got even better for the Tigers as Martin Skrtel's 87th-minute own goal wrapped up matters, deflecting in a shot from Tom Huddlestone which was heading wide of the target.  
The seasonal best performance by the Tigers was just the boost required after last week's 1-0 defeat to lowly Crystal Palace.  
Hull had started the day by digesting another round of inflammatory comments from owner Assem Allam, who told The Independent on Sunday newspaper that members of campaign group 'City til We Die' against his renaming plan could "die as soon as they want".  
With the match just a couple of minutes old supporters in the East Stand gave their response, chanting: "We'll die when we want, we'll die when we want, we're Hull City, we'll die when we want" which was sung again and again throughout the 90 minutes.  
The match itself quickly settled into a pattern of Liverpool going forward and City clearing their lines, before Yannick Sagbo and Livermore created a promising counter-attack in the 14th minute only for Robert Koren to linger too long over a final ball.  
Six minutes later, City were ahead as Victor Moses gave the ball away to Ahmed Elmohamady when trying to attack from the back and bringing Livermore into the game. He exchanged a quick one-two with Meyler, advanced on goal and saw his 20-yard strike loop past Simon Mignolet via a heavy deflection off Skrtel.  
After 26 minutes, Curtis Davies fouled the advancing Jordan Henderson and offered Liverpool the most inviting of free-kicks, which Gerrard scored.  
The leveller settled Liverpool and both Gerrard and Suarez began to play with greater freedom as they probed Hull for further openings.  
Liverpool started the second half shakily, Kolo Toure at times resembling an accident waiting to happen at the back.  
Hull threatened on the hour when Davies headed a Robbie Brady free-kick a yard wide of Mignolet's goal and the momentum began to tilt in the home side's favour.  
Huddlestone almost capped an impressive performance with a neat touch and shot from the edge of the area and Hull pressed home their advantage at the next attempt.  
Meyler was the scorer, driving into the bottom corner after his initial strike was blocked by Toure, but Davies, Sagbo and Livermore all had a hand in the build-up. Just before the goal McGregor made a brave close-range save to deny Moses, a contribution just as vital to the cause.  
Liverpool went to pieces in the last 15 minutes, and a third goal seemed inevitable. It came when Sagbo met a hopeful punt from the back and held the ball up long enough for Huddlestone to arrive in the box.  
His chance to finally end a long goal drought - and go for the haircut he has promised to have when he next scores - was not taken as his shot looked to be heading well wide until Skrtel intervened and left Mignolet stranded.



Hull claimed their first ever win over Liverpool as the visitors missed the chance to close on leaders Arsenal.  
The hosts went ahead when Jake Livermore's shot took a wicked deflection off defender Martin Skrtel.  
A precise free-kick from Steven Gerrard pulled Liverpool level but David Meyler capitalised on some poor defending to put the hosts back in front.  
Luis Suarez fired wide but the Reds rarely threatened before Skrtel's headed own-goal ended their hopes.  
The victory, Hull's first in 17 meetings with Liverpool, only partially distracted the home fans from their defiance in the face of owner Assem Allam's comments earlier in the day.  
Allam had claimed that fans opposed to renaming the team Hull Tigers could "die as soon as they want" and the Egyptian-born businessman was in the stands to hear chants of "we know who we are" in response.  
Disruption to Liverpool's own preparations came as striker Daniel Sturridge, scorer of nine league goals so this season, was ruled out for six to eight weeks earlier in the day.  
His team-mates missed the focal point that the England striker provides as they enjoyed plenty of the ball, but Victor Moses and Raheem Sterling struggled to support lone striker Suarez.  
After last weekend's 3-3 draw with Everton, today's result means Liverpool have conceded three or more goals in successive games for the first time since 1998. The Reds started the season with three successive clean sheets.  
Hull's opener came as Moses ambitiously attempted to beat Ahmed Elmohamady in his own half and was dispossessed by the Egyptian.  
As the visitors tried to readjust, Livermore neatly swapped passes with Meyler before his low shot turned from solid to unstoppable courtesy of a flick off the back of Skrtel's heels.  
The visitors lacked the attacking edge of recent weeks, and Curtis Davies's foul on Jordan Henderson on the edge of the box seven minutes later immediately looked like their best chance of the match so far.  
And so it proved as Gerrard swept the set-piece through a hole in the wall created by Skrtel and into the bottom corner.  
A tame first-time strike from Suarez was the closest either side came to heading into the break ahead, although Yannick Sagbo's chasing and physicality unsettled the Liverpool backline on a couple of occasions.  
As the visitors' passing game continued to break down in the attacking third, Hull grew into the second half with Davies's header going just wide before Skrtel was forced into a hurried clearance.  
Philippe Coutinho's introduction, after he had been unable to train during the week with an ankle injury, jump-started a spluttering Liverpool attack.  
But moments after Moses had seen a close-range effort bravely saved by Allan McGregor, the Reds' creaking defence folded again.  
Kolo Toure and Skrtel got in each other's way attempting a routine clearance and Hull were hungrier in their pursuit of the loose ball, David Meyler holding off Glen Johnson to plant a composed finish into the bottom corner.  
Liverpool's attempt to take at least a point yielded few clear openings and the nearest they came was another free-kick as Suarez had McGregor scrambling.  
Instead, after Sagbo and Elmohamady had both squandered one-on-one chances, Liverpool were outnumbered for a third time and Skrtel's despairing attempt to block could only turn Tom Huddlestone's scooped shot into his own net.  
It completed a miserable afternoon for both the Slovak defender and his team.

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Full time Match ends, Hull City 3, Liverpool 1.  
90:00+4:11 Full time Second Half ends, Hull City 3, Liverpool 1.  
90:00+1:58 Substitution Substitution Substitution, Hull City. George Boyd replaces Robbie Brady.  
90:00+0:52 Attempt missed. Ahmed Elmohamady (Hull City right footed shot from the right side of the box misses to the left. Assisted by David Meyler following a fast break.  
89:07 Substitution Substitution Substitution, Hull City. Danny Graham replaces Yannick Sagbo.  
86:29 Goal scored Goal! Own Goal by Martin Skrtel, Liverpool. Hull City 3, Liverpool 1.  
86:27 Attempt missed. Tom Huddlestone (Hull City left footed shot from the centre of the box is close, but misses to the left. Assisted by Yannick Sagbo.  
85:56 Attempt saved. Yannick Sagbo (Hull City right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Jake Livermore.  
82:29 Attempt missed. Luis Suárez (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is close, but misses to the left from a direct free kick.  
81:35 Luis Suárez (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.  
81:35 Foul by Alex Bruce (Hull City).  
77:32 Foul by Lucas Leiva (Liverpool).  
77:32 Yannick Sagbo (Hull City wins a free kick in the attacking half.  
76:20 Foul by Martin Skrtel (Liverpool).  
76:20 Yannick Sagbo (Hull City wins a free kick on the right wing.  
75:18 Attempt blocked. Luis Suárez (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Philippe Coutinho.  
73:39 Substitution Substitution Substitution, Liverpool. Luis Alberto replaces Victor Moses.  
73:07 Foul by Victor Moses (Liverpool).  
73:07 Robbie Brady (Hull City wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
71:08 Goal scored Goal! Goal! Hull City 2, Liverpool 1. David Meyler (Hull City left footed shot from the left side of the box to the bottom right corner.  
71:06 Attempt blocked. David Meyler (Hull City left footed shot from outside the box is blocked.  
70:33 Foul by Jon Flanagan (Liverpool).  
70:33 Ahmed Elmohamady (Hull City wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
70:10 Attempt saved. Victor Moses (Liverpool right footed shot from very close range is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Philippe Coutinho.  
69:39 Attempt missed. Tom Huddlestone (Hull City left footed shot from outside the box misses to the left.  
68:42 Foul by Steven Gerrard (Liverpool).  
68:42 Maynor Figueroa (Hull City wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
68:24 Lucas Leiva (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
68:24 Foul by Yannick Sagbo (Hull City).  
67:49 Attempt missed. Luis Suárez (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box misses to the left. Assisted by Victor Moses.  
67:04 Corner, Hull City. Conceded by Martin Skrtel.  
65:38 Substitution Substitution Substitution, Hull City. Liam Rosenior replaces Robert Koren.  
65:18 Substitution Substitution Substitution, Liverpool. Philippe Coutinho replaces Raheem Sterling.  
60:55 Attempt missed. Curtis Davies (Hull City header from the centre of the box misses to the left. Assisted by Robbie Brady with a cross following a set piece situation.  
60:08 Foul by Lucas Leiva (Liverpool).  
60:08 Jake Livermore (Hull City wins a free kick in the attacking half.  
56:47 Foul by Victor Moses (Liverpool).  
56:47 Maynor Figueroa (Hull City wins a free kick on the left wing.  
56:09 Foul by Martin Skrtel (Liverpool).  
56:09 Curtis Davies (Hull City wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
55:44 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Robert Koren.  
54:55 Delay over. They are ready to continue.  
54:09 Delay in match Robbie Brady (Hull City because of an injury).  
52:14 Raheem Sterling (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
52:14 Foul by Ahmed Elmohamady (Hull City).  
50:20 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Alex Bruce.  
49:59 Raheem Sterling (Liverpool wins a free kick on the right wing.  
49:59 Foul by Robbie Brady (Hull City).  
48:06 Foul by Glen Johnson (Liverpool).  
48:06 Maynor Figueroa (Hull City wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
47:13 Foul by Victor Moses (Liverpool).  
47:13 Ahmed Elmohamady (Hull City wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
46:48 Attempt saved. Luis Suárez (Liverpool right footed shot from a difficult angle on the right is saved in the bottom right corner. Assisted by Kolo Touré.  
45:00 Second Half begins Hull City 1, Liverpool 1.  
45:00+1:02 Half time First Half ends, Hull City 1, Liverpool 1.  
45:00+0:39 Attempt blocked. Kolo Touré (Liverpool right footed shot from the left side of the box is blocked. Assisted by Raheem Sterling.  
45:00+0:03 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by David Meyler.  
44:35 Attempt saved. Luis Suárez (Liverpool right footed shot from the left side of the box is saved in the centre of the goal. Assisted by Raheem Sterling.  
43:44 Booking Robbie Brady (Hull City is shown the yellow card.  
43:35 Robbie Brady (Hull City has gone down, but that's a dive.  
42:43 Raheem Sterling (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
42:43 Foul by Tom Huddlestone (Hull City).  
42:30 Attempt blocked. Robbie Brady (Hull City left footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Tom Huddlestone.  
41:11 Attempt blocked. Raheem Sterling (Liverpool right footed shot from outside the box is blocked. Assisted by Jordan Henderson.

37:51 Foul by Luis Suárez (Liverpool).  
37:51 Curtis Davies (Hull City wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
34:41 Attempt saved. Tom Huddlestone (Hull City right footed shot from outside the box is saved in the centre of the goal.  
29:38 Foul by Raheem Sterling (Liverpool).  
29:38 Maynor Figueroa (Hull City wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
28:56 Attempt missed. Tom Huddlestone (Hull City right footed shot from outside the box is high and wide to the right following a set piece situation.  
27:52 Foul by Luis Suárez (Liverpool).  
27:52 Maynor Figueroa (Hull City wins a free kick on the left wing.  
26:16 Goal scored Goal! Goal! Hull City 1, Liverpool 1. Steven Gerrard (Liverpool from a free kick with a right footed shot to the bottom right corner.  
24:55 Booking Curtis Davies (Hull City is shown the yellow card for a bad foul.  
24:52 Jordan Henderson (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.  
24:52 Foul by Curtis Davies (Hull City).  
19:43 Goal scored Goal! Goal! Hull City 1, Liverpool 0. Jake Livermore (Hull City right footed shot from outside the box to the bottom left corner. Assisted by David Meyler.  
19:01 Hand ball by Raheem Sterling (Liverpool).  
16:39 Raheem Sterling (Liverpool wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
16:39 Foul by Robbie Brady (Hull City).  
15:00 Attempt missed. Curtis Davies (Hull City header from the centre of the box is close, but misses to the right. Assisted by Alex Bruce with a cross following a corner.  
14:30 Corner, Hull City. Conceded by Jon Flanagan.  
12:17 Offside, Hull City. Yannick Sagbo tries a through ball, but Robert Koren is caught offside.  
9:50 Foul by Jon Flanagan (Liverpool).  
9:50 Ahmed Elmohamady (Hull City wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
8:19 Offside, Hull City. Allan McGregor tries a through ball, but Yannick Sagbo is caught offside.  
7:07 Jon Flanagan (Liverpool wins a free kick in the attacking half.  
7:07 Foul by Robert Koren (Hull City).  
6:34 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Maynor Figueroa.  
4:51 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Ahmed Elmohamady.  
3:48 Foul by Jon Flanagan (Liverpool).  
3:48 Yannick Sagbo (Hull City wins a free kick in the defensive half.  
3:14 Corner, Liverpool. Conceded by Maynor Figueroa.  
2:22 Offside, Hull City. Maynor Figueroa tries a through ball, but Yannick Sagbo is caught offside.  
1:02 Hand ball by Tom Huddlestone (Hull City).  
0:00 First Half begins.  
0:00 Lineups are announced and players are warming up.