

Liverpool

• 2014-15:
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• Manager:
Brendan
Rodgers



RODGERS' POSSIBLE XI (4-3-3)



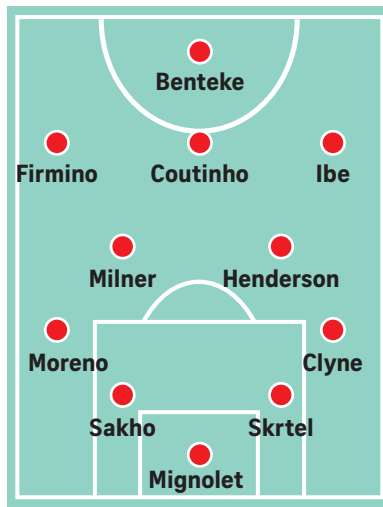
An ultra-attacking team with Milner replacing Steven Gerrard as the holding player in midfield.

JOLLY'S XI (4-3-3)



Sacrificing the unlucky Ibe, but giving greater balance with Lucas and using Coutinho further forward.

PLAN B (4-2-3-1)



It involves asking Firmino to play as a winger, but bringing in Ibe could provide more crosses for Benteke.

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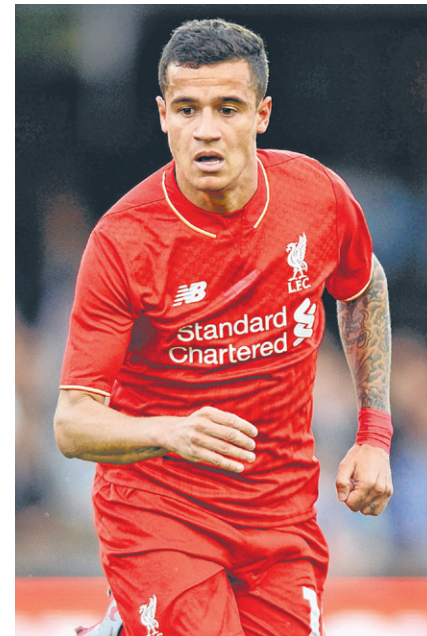
- Christian Benteke (£32.5m)
- Roberto Firmino (Hoffenheim, £21.3m)
- Nathaniel Clyne (Southampton, £10m)
- James Milner (Manchester City, free)
- Joe Gomez (Charlton Athletic, £3.5m)
- Danny Ings (Burnley, tribunal)
- Adam Bogdan (Bolton Wanderers, free)

TRANSFERS OUT

- Steven Gerrard (LA Galaxy, released)
- Raheem Sterling (Manchester City, £44m)
- Javier Manquillo (Atletico Madrid, loan)
- Iago Aspas (Celta Vigo, £5m)
- Sebastian Coates (Sunderland, £4m)
- Glen Johnson (Stoke, released)
- Brad Jones (released).

Key man: PHILIPPE COUTINHO

His playmaking abilities were a bright spot in an otherwise underwhelming 2014-15 season for Liverpool. And with two whole seasons at Anfield under his belt, the 23-year-old will get only better. His link-up play with fellow Brazilian Roberto Firmino will be something to look forward to in the new campaign.



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