

Match points: Tottenham v Liverpool



Key battles

Harry Kane v Martin Skrtel

Kane sliced a shot into his own goal at Swansea two weeks ago and did everything but score for England in Lithuania. He seems luckless right now but he keeps on persevering. Skrtel's only Liverpool red card came in a 4-0 defeat at White Hart Lane but, despite his flaws, looks likely to become a regular for a fifth successive manager.



Dele Alli v James Milner

Alli is the one who got away, a Liverpool fan they failed to sign. The precocious teenager then made his England debut after just four Premier League starts. He comes across as a prodigy from an earlier generation. The industrious Milner has covered more ground than any other Premier League player. He should suit Klopp.



Tom Carroll v Philippe Coutinho

With the in-form Eric Dier suspended and both Ryan Mason and Nabil Bentaleb injured, Spurs are suddenly short of central midfielders. It could mean Carroll, a slight passer, gets a chance. He will be charged with nullifying Coutinho, who has shown flickers of brilliance this season.



Key statistics

Kane not able

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Goal

1

Own goal

Harry Kane has scored as many goals as own goals (one) in the Premier League this season.

Wins hard to come by

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Brendan Rodgers was sacked when Liverpool had gone six games unbeaten in all competitions. However, they have only won once in nine games.

Reds' favourite scoreline

1-1

Liverpool have drawn 1-1 in five of their last six games, scoring the opening goal in each but letting the lead slip.

Favourite opponents

P5 W5 GF18 GA4

Liverpool have won their last five games against Tottenham, scoring 18 goals. However, 12 of those goals came from players who are no longer at Anfield, three from Jordan Henderson and Jon Flanagan, who are injured, and a fourth was an own goal.

Foreign connection

1998-2004

Gerard Houllier (France)

2004-2010

Rafael Benitez (Spain)

Klopp is Liverpool's 22nd manager and the third foreigner. He is the second German to manage in the Premier League after Felix Magath (Fulham). Klopp's last game in England was in North London – a 2-0 defeat for Dortmund by Arsenal in last season's Champions League.