

Match points: Manchester City v Liverpool



Key battles

John Stones v Roberto Firmino

As an old Evertonian, Stones has a particular incentive to beat Liverpool. Firmino, who missed the Burnley game with a muscle injury, presents a formidable opponent on such stages. The false nine is at his best against the best and scored home and away against City last season as Liverpool won 4-1 and 3-0, aided by his relentless running.



Kevin de Bruyne v Emre Can

Can was Liverpool's match winner against Burnley last week, but was also culpable for the Claret's goal. With captain Jordan Henderson injured, he shoulders a huge responsibility. De Bruyne and David Silva will look to find space either side of the German, especially with City's wingers adopting wide positions, to make his task tougher.



Raheem Sterling v James Milner

Two players who swapped clubs in 2015, Milner has had the better of their meetings, scoring at Anfield last season and keeping Sterling quiet in December. But then Liverpool scored early so he pushed forward less than usual and now the £49 million (\$85 million) Sterling is in better form. Opponents are starting to target Liverpool's makeshift left-back.



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League of seven

	P	W	D	L	Pts
1 Liverpool	10	6	4	0	22
2 Chelsea	9	5	1	3	16
3 Tottenham	10	3	4	3	13
4 Everton	8	2	3	3	9
5 Man City	8	2	2	4	8
6 Man United	7	1	4	2	7
7 Arsenal	8	1	2	5	5

Raising the Reds' game

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Liverpool coach Jurgen Klopp's record against City in three league matches.

Key statistics

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City coach Pep Guardiola has led City to just one league defeat in their 13 home matches.

Since their New Year's Eve clash...

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Matches City have won in all competitions.

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Wins Liverpool have picked up in 2017.

Liverpool have won 22 points from games against the top seven. Manchester City have taken just eight.