

# Match points: Tottenham v Liverpool



## Key battles

### Davinson Sanchez v Roberto Firmino

Firmino was outstanding in August but more subdued last month, meaning he was demoted to the bench at Newcastle. He struck twice against Maribor to signal a return to form. Sanchez has slotted in impressively since becoming Spurs' record buy. It is all the more impressive as Spurs manager Mauricio Pochettino changes tactics, from a back-three to a back-four.



### Dele Alli v Jordan Henderson

Two men who sat out the Champions League ties. Henderson was rested, seemingly with this in mind. Alli was suspended. A boyhood fan of Steven Gerrard and Liverpool whom the Reds failed to sign, Alli has been below his best of late. But if Reds boss Jurgen Klopp's full-backs push up, Henderson will have to drop in alongside the centre-backs to pick up Alli.



### Harry Kane v Dejan Lovren

After his superlative September, Kane is on a mini-drought. He has gone two games without a goal. He also has a mediocre record against Liverpool, scoring only twice. Lovren, who played for Pochettino at Southampton, handled Manchester United's Romelu Lukaku well last week, though he accused the Belgian of deliberately kicking him in the head.



## Key statistics

### Warming up to Wembley

4

Points Tottenham dropped in 19 home games last season.

7

Points they have dropped in just four games at Wembley this season.

### Spurs due a win

DDW

Liverpool are unbeaten in their last three league visits to Tottenham.

W0 D3 L2

Mauricio Pochettino has never beaten Jurgen Klopp in five meetings.

### Reds suspect at the back

+23

Liverpool have conceded 23 goals more than Tottenham since the start of last season.

### Hotshot Harry

50

Shots Harry Kane has taken this season, the most in the Premier League.

1.1

Kane's scoring rate for Spurs and England in 2017. He has 43 goals in 39 appearances.