

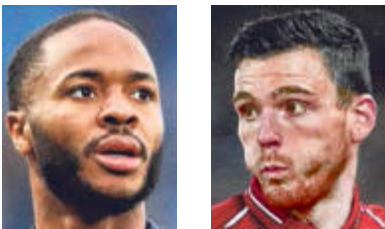
# Match points: Manchester City v Liverpool



## Key battles

### Sergio Aguero v Virgil van Dijk

Aguero looked to have rediscovered his sharpness when he scored at Southampton. While Pep Guardiola sometimes benches him for bigger games, his record at the Etihad, 16 goals in 14 league matches last year, ought to count in his favour. Van Dijk was majestic in subduing Arsenal's Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang. He is looking to make it a double this week.



### Raheem Sterling v Andrew Robertson

Sterling has not scored in nine games against Liverpool since leaving Anfield, but was excellent against Southampton. He will probably move back to the right to incorporate Leroy Sane, pitting the Englishman against Robertson, who was superb at the Etihad last season and drew admiring comments from Jose Mourinho last month.



### Oleksandr Zinchenko v Mohamed Salah

With Benjamin Mendy injured and Fabian Delph suspended, the third-choice left-back Zinchenko will start, unless Guardiola plays Aymeric Laporte out of position. The Ukrainian was at fault for Southampton's goal on Sunday and Jurgen Klopp might be tempted to shift Salah to the right to try and expose a converted winger's defensive deficiencies.



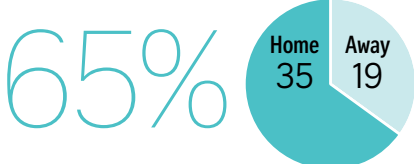
## Key statistics

### Guardiola's Klopp hoodoo

	Wins	Draws	Losses
<b>Overall</b>	5	2	8
Germany	4	-	4
England	1	2	2
Europe (Man City)	-	-	2

Pep Guardiola has lost more games against Jurgen Klopp than against other managers.

### Goal machine v best defence



Percentage of home Premier League goals scored by City this season. They had 61 home goals last term, 58 per cent of their 106 total.



Away goals conceded by Liverpool this season, the lowest in the league ahead of City (7).

### Troubled backline



Games since City kept a clean sheet in all competitions, conceding 15 during a run of five wins, two draws and three losses.

### Points taken



More points Liverpool took than City in December.



Points both teams took in 2018, the most in English football.