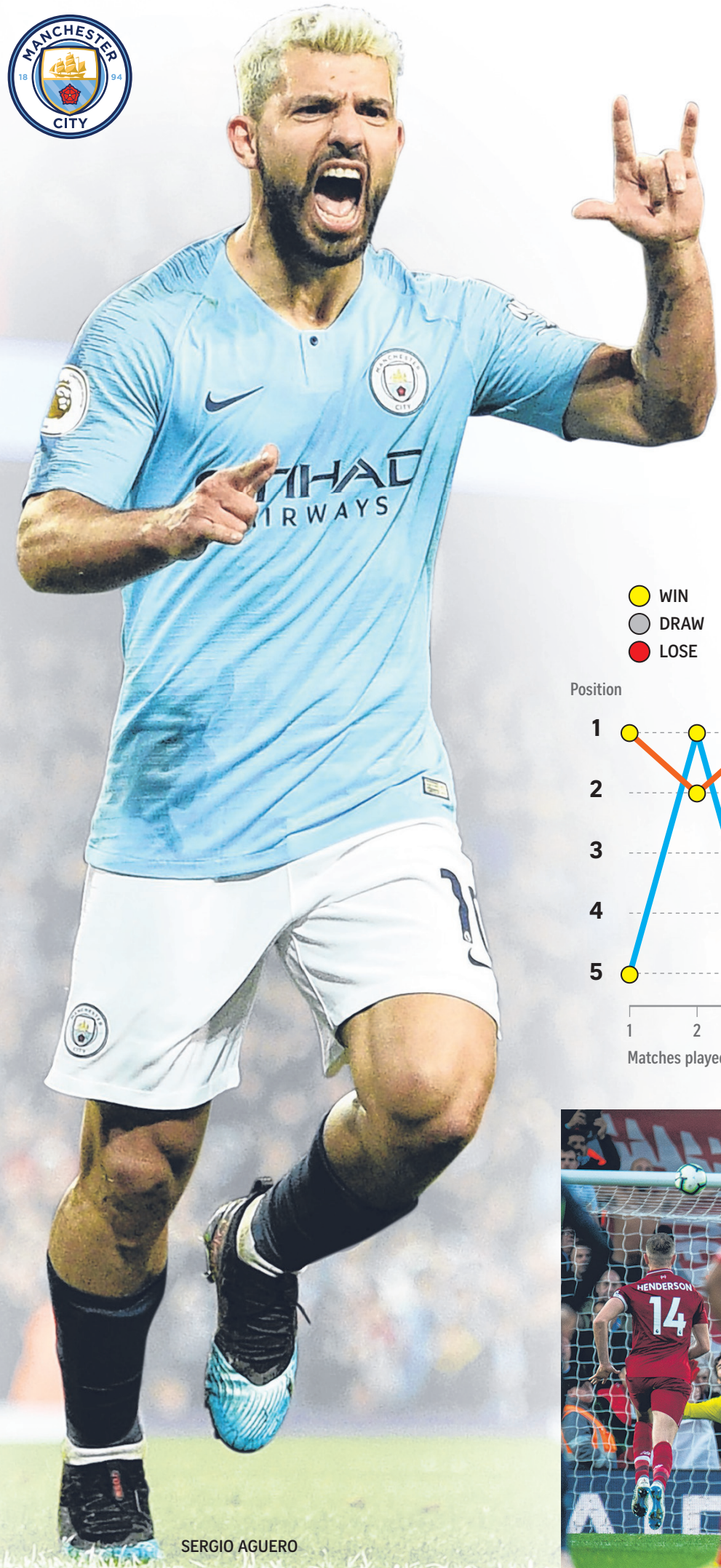


# A title race with twists and turns

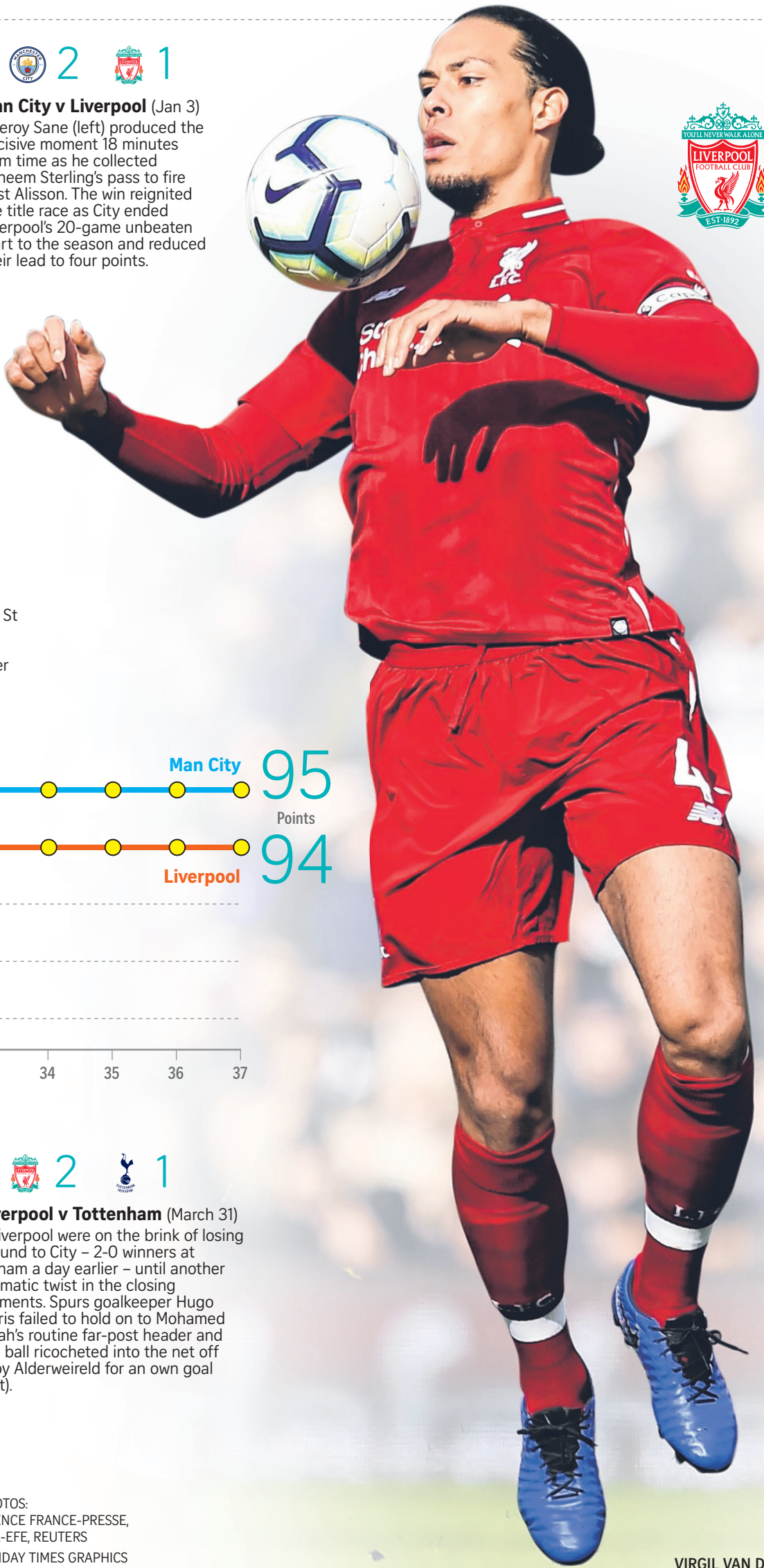
The Sunday Times charts the epic battle between Manchester City and Liverpool as the season reaches its climax on the final day today.



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**Man City v Liverpool** (Jan 3)  
• Leroy Sane (left) produced the decisive moment 18 minutes from time as he collected Raheem Sterling's pass to fire past Alisson. The win reignited the title race as City ended Liverpool's 20-game unbeaten start to the season and reduced their lead to four points.



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**Chelsea v Liverpool** (Sept 29)  
• Eden Hazard's 25th-minute strike looked to have won it for Chelsea, and the Belgian wasted a glorious chance to put the game to bed as Liverpool goalkeeper Alisson denied him when through on goal. The miss proved costly as substitute Daniel Sturridge scored a minute from time to earn an invaluable point.



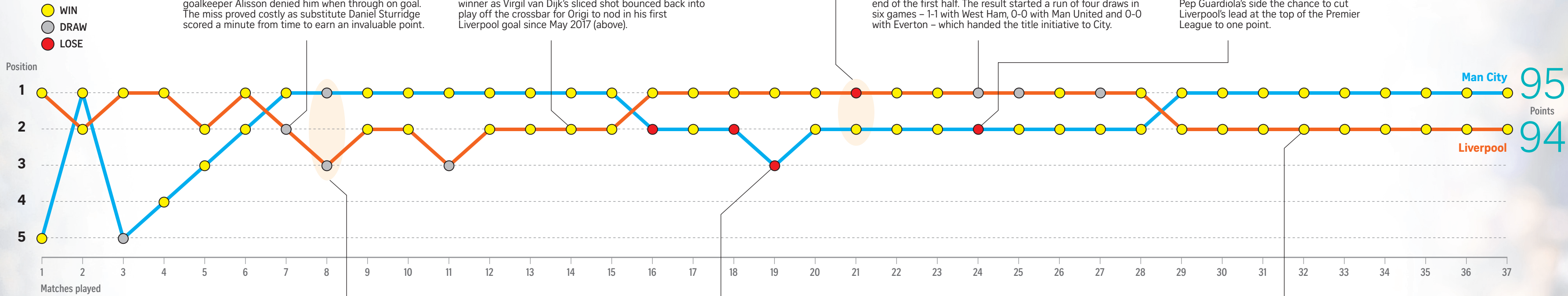
**Liverpool v Everton** (Dec 2)  
• Substitute Divock Origi pounced on a mistake by Everton goalkeeper Jordan Pickford in the 96th minute to clinch three vital points for the Reds. It was a bizarre winner as Virgil van Dijk's sliced shot bounced back into play off the crossbar for Origi to nod in his first Liverpool goal since May 2017 (above).



**Liverpool v Leicester** (Jan 30)  
• Liverpool extended their advantage over City to five points but rued two points dropped as they failed to build on Sadio Mane's early goal, allowing Harry Maguire to equalise at the end of the first half. The result started a run of four draws in six games – 1-1 with West Ham, 0-0 with Man United and 0-0 with Everton – which handed the title initiative to City.



**Newcastle v Man City** (Jan 29)  
• Newcastle came from a goal down to record a remarkable victory over City at St James' Park. Two defensive lapses cost Pep Guardiola's side the chance to cut Liverpool's lead at the top of the Premier League to one point.



**Liverpool v Man City** (Oct 7)  
• Five minutes from time with the score at 0-0, City were awarded a penalty and the opportunity to snatch all three points in their first league meeting of the season against Liverpool. But Riyad Mahrez skied the penalty to the Reds' relief (left).



**Leicester v Man City** (Dec 26)  
• City suffered their second successive defeat as Ricardo Pereira's spectacular late strike gave Leicester a 2-1 win and dropped Pep Guardiola's side down to third, seven points behind Liverpool. It capped a disastrous December for City as they also lost to Chelsea (2-0) and Crystal Palace (3-2).



**Liverpool v Tottenham** (March 31)  
• Liverpool were on the brink of losing ground to City – 2-0 winners at Fulham a day earlier – until another dramatic twist in the closing moments. Spurs goalkeeper Hugo Lloris failed to hold on to Mohamed Salah's routine far-post header and the ball ricocheted into the net off Toby Alderweireld for an own goal (left).

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