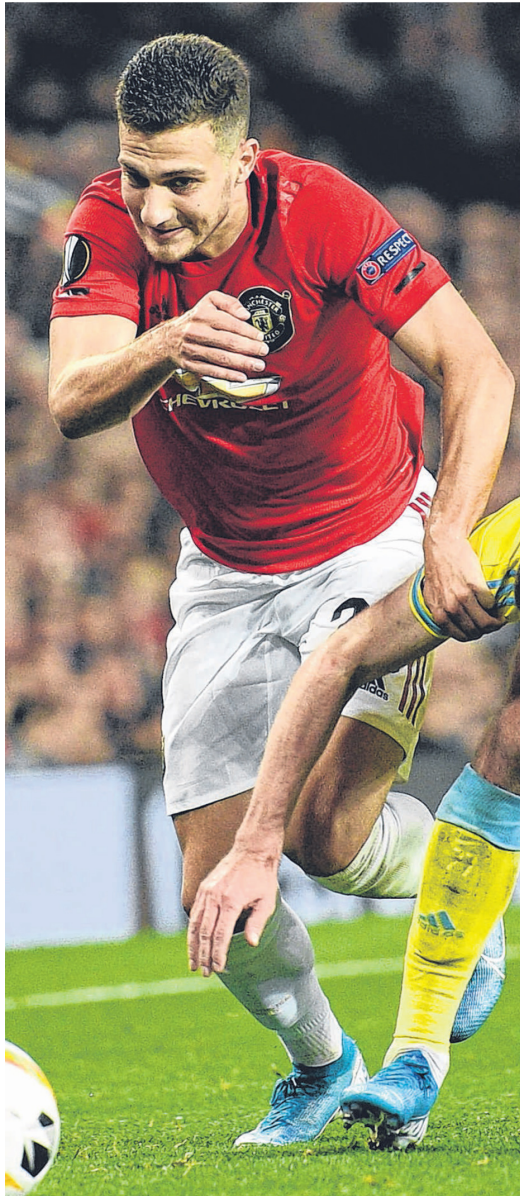


# Match points: Manchester United v Liverpool



## Key battles

### Diogo Dalot v Sadio Mane

Dalot could still be deputising if Aaron Wan-Bissaka is ruled out for a fourth straight game. United could miss the £50 million (\$\$88 million) man's pace as few others can keep up with Mane's speed. The Senegalese has been the MVP of both Liverpool's winning run and their 2019. His goal against Leicester came from a typical run in the inside-left channel.



### Anthony Martial v Virgil van Dijk

Martial has been out for almost two months, far longer than was expected, after scoring in two of the first three games. With Marcus Rashford short of confidence, the Frenchman is needed to lead the line. Van Dijk excelled against Jamie Vardy two weeks ago. Now he faces a further trial by pace. Joel Matip should be fit to partner him.



### Harry Maguire v Mohamed Salah

It has been dubbed "when Harry met Salah". It has a greater significance. Salah should recover from the dreadful challenge of Leicester's Hamza Choudhury to play, but has never scored against United. Maguire is why United, for all their other struggles, have a decent defensive record, but it will be put to the test.



## Key statistics



Goals Manchester United have averaged in their last 23 league games.



Points United have averaged in their last 17 games.



League goals United have scored since the beginning of last month.

## LDDLD

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp has never won at Old Trafford in five matches in all competitions.

## WWWW WWWW

Liverpool are one of two teams to win their first eight EPL games, the other being Chelsea in 2005-06.