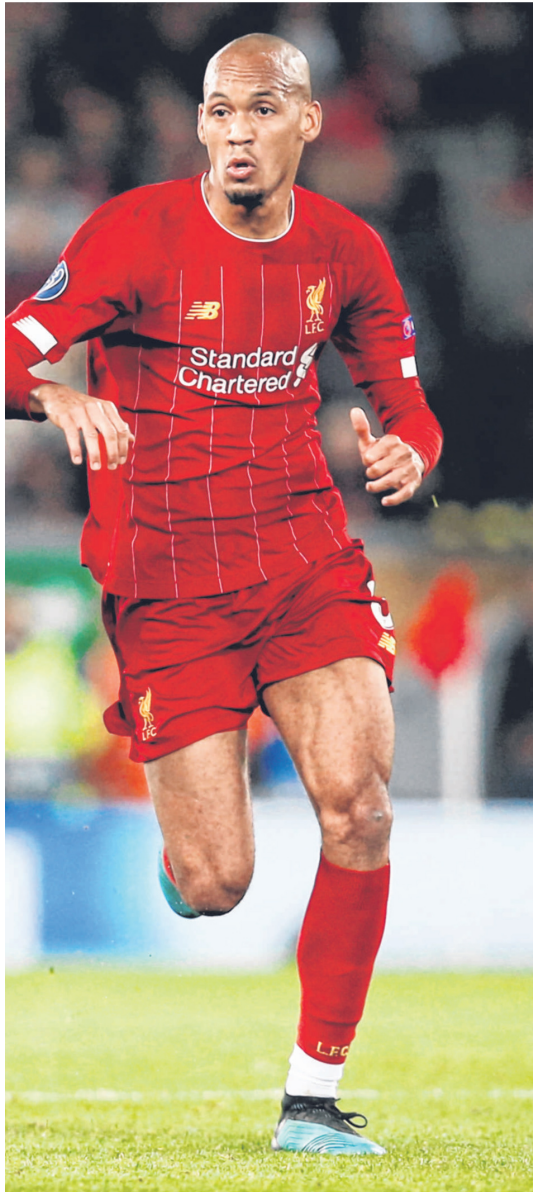


# Match points: Liverpool v Man City



## Key battles

### Fabinho v Kevin de Bruyne

De Bruyne has more than twice as many assists as anyone else. He is the best crosser from infield positions and is the most incisive passer from his own half. Fabinho must decide whether to follow him when he goes deeper and wider. The Brazilian was superb against Tottenham and rested against Aston Villa to ensure he was not banned for this match.



### Mohamed Salah v Fernandinho

Salah's form has been mixed at times this season but a man who has been the scourge of Nicolas Otamendi should worry City defenders. In the absence of Laporte, Fernandinho has been City's finest centre-back this season but, with Rodri a doubt, City could have done with him in midfield as well. This is another test of his ability to adapt.



### Trent Alexander-Arnold v Raheem Sterling

Alexander-Arnold's crossing makes him a formidable attacking weapon and Sterling could find himself spending the game chasing the Scouser back. Equally, Alexander-Arnold will have to be aware of the predatory Sterling's propensity to end up in the six-yard box to score, though he has never found the net for City at Anfield.



## Key statistics

8

Jürgen Klopp's wins against Pep Guardiola, the most of any manager.



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Liverpool's clean sheets in 11 Premier League games this season. Last term, they had at least one every other match for 21 in all.

61%

League minutes (166 out of 270) that the Reds have trailed against Manchester United, Tottenham and Aston Villa in their last three matches.



The day Manchester City last won at Anfield, something they have not done in their last 18 trips there in all competitions.

90%

City striker Sergio Aguero's conversion rate, with nine league goals from his last 10 shots on target.