

Match points: Liverpool v Bournemouth



Key battles

Roberto Firmino v Nathan Ake

Firmino is on his third goal drought of the campaign and has not scored in eight matches since his winner at Wolves. Strangest of all, he has no goal at Anfield all season. Ake may shoulder a still bigger burden as the best defender in a Bournemouth side who have no clean sheet in the league since Dec 14. He has to marshal a porous rearguard.



Gini Wijnaldum v Jefferson Lerma

Wijnaldum has been quietly excellent for much of the season but had one of his poorest games at Vicarage Road. Perhaps he is missing his usual sidekick Jordan Henderson but, with Fabinho below par, Liverpool require him at his best against the combative Lerma. The latter is on nine bookings and one more will bring a two-match ban, so he must be careful.



Virgil van Dijk v Callum Wilson

Van Dijk had his worst match for Liverpool against Watford. It was the first time they conceded three goals in a league game he played. It will help that he should be paired with Joe Gomez again today. Wilson used to guarantee goals but, with only two in the league since September, he is a reason for Bournemouth's relegation troubles.



Key statistics

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Liverpool's unbeaten home league streak – 10 more than their overall run which was ended at 44 by Watford. They have won their last 21 at Anfield.

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Bournemouth have never won in their five trips to Anfield in all competitions.

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Months since the Reds lost two straight league games.

775

Days since Liverpool lost a league game Joe Gomez started.



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Bournemouth's Dominic Solanke scored just once in 21 Liverpool appearances.