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Manager's Notes

KENNY DALGLISH...

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We followed that up with a great away win at Everton.

WELCOME to Anfield for this afternoon's fixture.

Our last two matches have both produced victories which was just the response we wanted after those defeats at Stoke and Spurs. The players have worked tremendously hard in training to put things right and we have been delighted with the way they have gone about their work.

I thought we played well against Wolves and deserved the three points and then we followed that up with the win at Everton.

A lot has been said about the sending off of Jack Rodwell early in the game but the players still had to go about their jobs and maintain their levels of concentration and I thought they did so in a professional manner.

Keeping a clean sheet is always pleasing and scoring in a derby will do Andy Carroll and Luis Suarez no harm at all.

Once again we have only had a few days to prepare for this afternoon's game as we have had to wait and hope that all those involved in the international matches have reported back fit and well. I think we only had six first-team players at Melwood the week before last and a couple of those were boys who have been recovering from injury.

We congratulate those of our players who have helped their countries qualify for next summer's Euros and we commiserate with those who haven't. The lads who have missed out will naturally be disappointed, but we certainly don't think any less of them.

Of course it wasn't just the senior lads who have been away with their countries. Martin Kelly, Jordan Henderson and Jon Flanagan all played for England's Under-21s and we also had a few away with the Under-19s with

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Conor Coady, Adam Morgan and Jack Robinson playing as they won a tournament in France.

We don't like losing the young lads at any time because we think our coaches are some of the best around and we want them to be working with the players as much as possible. But playing at the various levels is important because it helps players' development if they are involved in competitive action.

This afternoon we welcome Manchester United who have made a strong start to the season and come here as league leaders which is where everybody wants to be. They've had a lot of injuries too, but coped with them well.



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MANAGER'S NOTES



Andy Carroll celebrates after scoring the opening goal at Goodison Park



John Henry and Tom Werner attend their first game at Goodison last October

Some people have described this as the biggest game of the season but I disagree as I don't view any match in the Barclays Premier League as being bigger or smaller than any other. It's another fixture where the reward for winning is three points. The only difference this time is the fact that if we win we'll move a bit closer to United. It's an opportunity for us to help ourselves.

In this fixture last season we got our reward for playing very well and won 3-1 with Dirk Kuyt scoring a hat-trick. But we won't get anything today for what we did last time we played United. We know what we're up against and

so do they. Nobody will have an easy 90 minutes and that's what this league is all about.

It's funny how the fixture list can work out sometimes and it seems as though we haven't had too many home games recently. But this afternoon's match starts a run of three out of our next four league matches at Anfield. Hopefully that will give us an opportunity to make that home advantage count.

Today's game also marks the first anniversary of the club's takeover by Fenway Sports Group.

I have said before that if there is a club that has better owners than John Henry and Tom Werner then I would be envious.

They have been fantastic in the support they have given to the football club in all aspects of it and we hope that we can give them the success that they and our supporters deserve.

Collecting three points today would be a fitting way to mark the anniversary.

Thank you for your support.

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Skippers's Notes

STEVEN GERRARD...

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WITHOUT a doubt this is one of the biggest games of the season. Whenever the new fixtures come out in the summer you scan through them for United home and away, and Everton home and away.

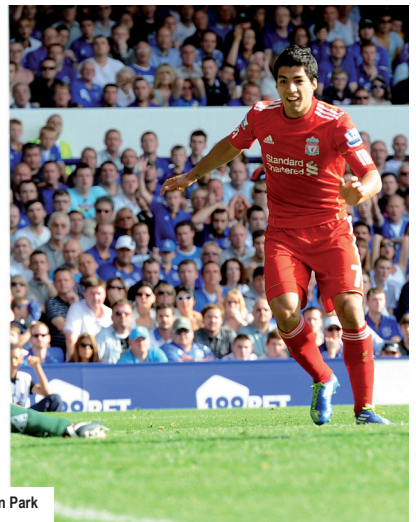
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As everyone knows they've started the season really well. I think they've improved their squad again. Alex Ferguson is good at quickly putting successes to bed and making the changes he feels will help them to become better. He did that in the summer when they invested in some new players.

Because of that this will be a difficult game, it always is. But it's one we go in to in a confident mood. Whenever you suffer consecutive defeats, as we did



Luis Suarez scores the second at Goodison Park



against Stoke and Spurs last month, you have to respond quickly.

We did so in the perfect way by winning our games against Brighton, Wolves and Everton. Trips to Goodison are never easy.

I felt we performed well and showed great patience before taking our chances. We also kept a clean sheet, which is always pleasing.

Of course since then there has been an international break, with



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SKIPPER'S NOTES



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some of the lads playing twice for their countries. Fingers crossed they all return without any knocks.

Our record in this fixture has been very good recently.

We've taken the three points in each of the last three seasons; winning 2-1, 2-0 and 3-1.

There are many reasons for that. We've worked hard with and without the ball, got in their faces, haven't let them settle and made it very difficult for the opposition. I think our home support gives us a huge advantage too. They really push us on and keep us going for the 90-plus minutes.

We'll all need the same effort again this afternoon and to do the right things at the right time, from start to finish.

It's still early in the season, but a win would leave us just three points behind United and in a decent position.

As the derby showed, we've got strikers in form. Both Luis Suarez and Andy Carroll got on the scoresheet that day. When we see that it gives us even more belief. We know we can get a good result.

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STATS ATTACK

LIVERPOOL FC vs MAN UNITED



DID YOU KNOW?

- At Anfield: Liverpool 38 wins, United 22 wins, 18 draws.
- Overall: Liverpool 53 wins, United 60 wins, 43 draws.
- Last season Liverpool won 3-1 at Anfield with Dirk Kuyt scoring 3 for the Reds before Javier Hernandez scored a late consolation. It was Alex Ferguson's 50th league game against Liverpool.
- Kuyt's hat-trick was only the second one scored against United in the Premier League with the first coming from Blackburn's David Bentley. It was also the first by a Liverpool player in this fixture since Peter Beardsley in 1990.
- Liverpool have won the last 3 league meetings on this ground. The last time they beat United in 4 successive league games at Anfield was on Boxing Day 1979 when Kenny Dalglish played in the side that won 2-0 with Alan Hansen and David Johnson scoring. That was the last in a run of 7 successive wins against their rivals.
- Of the 38 Premier League clashes between the teams there has only ever been 1 goalless draw. That came on this ground in September 2005.
- Andy Carroll made his Liverpool debut in this fixture last season as a 74th minute substitute for Raul Meireles.
- Steven Gerrard's last start for Liverpool came against United at Anfield last season. Since then he has not started any of the last 20 games.
- The Reds are 1 goal short of recording 1200 in the Premier League.
- If Pepe Reina plays he will become only the 6th Liverpool player to appear in 160 consecutive league games – the others being Phil Neal, Chris Lawler, Ray Clemence, Bruce Grobbelaar and Ian Callaghan.
- This game will be Kenny Dalglish's 250th league fixture in charge of the club. He will be only the 6th manager to reach that landmark with Liverpool. He has won 150 – more than anyone else with Bob Paisley next best with 144.

OFFICIAL HEAD TO HEAD PREMIER LEAGUE - LAST 6 MATCHES

Liverpool		Man United
4	Won	2
0	Drawn	0
2	Lost	4
14	For	8
8	Against	14
6	Goal Difference	-6

Results

Liverpool	3 1	Man Utd
	6 Mar 2011	
Man Utd	3 2	Liverpool
	19 Sep 2010	
Man Utd	2 1	Liverpool
	21 Mar 2010	
Liverpool	2 0	Man Utd
	25 Oct 2009	
Man Utd	1 4	Liverpool
	14 Mar 2009	
Liverpool	2 1	Man Utd
	13 Sep 2008	

Glen JOHNSON	2	■	1	David de GEA
José ENRIQUE	3	■	3	Patrice EVRA
Daniel AGGER	5	■	4	Phil JONES
Fabio AURELIO	6	■	5	Rio FERDINAND
Luis SUÁREZ	7	■	6	Jonny EVANS
Steven GERRARD	8	■	7	Michael OWEN
Andy CARROLL	9	■	8	Anderson
Maxi RODRIGUEZ	11	■	9	Dimitar BERBATOV
Jordan HENDERSON	14	■	10	Wayne ROONEY
Sebastian COATES	16	■	11	Ryan GIGGS
Dirk KUYT	18	■	12	Chris SMALLING
Stewart DOWNING	19	■	13	Park JI-SUNG
Jay SPEARING	20	■	14	Javier HERNÁNDEZ
Lucas LEIVA	21	■	15	Nemanja VIDIĆ
Danny WILSON	22	■	16	Michael CARRICK
Jamie CARRAGHER	23	■	17	Nani
Pepe REINA	25	■	18	Ashley YOUNG
Charlie ADAM	26	■	19	Danny WELBECK
Alexander DONI	32	■	20	Fábio
Martin KELLY	34	■	21	Rafael
Martin SKRTEL	37	■	23	Tom CLEVERLEY
Jon FLANAGAN	38	■	24	Darren FLETCHER
Craig BELLAMY	39	■	25	Antonio VALENCIA
Jack ROBINSON	49	■	27	Federico MACHEDA

Team	Home					Away					PTS	GD	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F			A
1 Man. Utd.	7	4	0	0	16	3	2	1	0	8	2	19	19
2 Man City	7	3	0	0	9	0	3	1	0	14	5	19	18
3 Chelsea	7	3	0	0	9	3	2	1	1	8	5	16	9
4 Newcastle	7	2	1	0	5	2	2	2	0	4	2	15	5
5 Liverpool	7	2	1	0	6	3	2	0	2	4	5	13	2
6 Tottenham	6	2	0	1	7	6	2	0	1	4	4	12	1
7 Aston Villa	7	2	2	0	6	2	0	3	0	3	3	11	4
8 Stoke	7	1	2	0	2	1	1	1	2	2	7	9	-4
9 Norwich	7	1	1	1	3	3	1	1	2	4	7	8	-3
10 Swansea	7	2	2	0	5	0	0	0	3	1	9	8	-3
11 Q.P.R.	7	0	2	1	1	5	2	0	2	4	8	8	-8
12 Fulham	7	1	3	0	9	3	0	1	2	1	4	7	3
13 Everton	6	1	1	2	5	6	1	0	1	1	2	7	-2
14 Wolves	7	1	0	3	3	7	1	1	1	3	3	7	-4
15 Arsenal	7	2	0	1	4	2	0	1	3	6	14	7	-6
16 Sunderland	7	1	1	2	7	5	0	2	1	2	3	6	1
17 West Brom	7	0	1	2	1	3	1	1	2	4	7	5	-5
18 Wigan	7	1	1	1	4	3	0	1	3	1	8	5	-6
19 Blackburn	7	1	0	3	5	10	0	1	2	3	7	4	-9
20 Bolton	7	0	0	4	4	15	1	0	2	5	6	3	-12