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Manager's Notes

KENNY DALGLISH...

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WELCOME to Anfield for this evening's fixture.

Seven days ago we produced a very good home performance that would have got us a victory on most occasions. We created plenty of chances against Manchester United and were a wee bit unlucky not to take more of them.

Their keeper made some decent saves from Luis Suarez, Dirk Kuyt and Jordan Henderson. They were also grateful for Wayne Rooney popping up in the box near the end to head the ball away just as Luis looked like he would make it 2-1.

As is often the case, there wasn't much between the sides. Some people said they were very surprised to see United's starting line-up, with Rooney, Nani and Javier Hernandez all on the bench. We weren't that shocked because we knew Fergie would make changes after the international

break. We keep saying it's a squad game. That applies to every club, not just us. Whatever side they put out we knew we had to get ourselves right first, and we did that. Already this season I've spoken about the strength of our squad. It's not been easy to pick the team because only 11 players can start, and those who aren't included are naturally disappointed.

We had to take into consideration the fact that so many of the lads had been away with their countries, some of them playing two games in that time. If you want to have quality players at the club you have to accept they will be internationals and will be called away.

Steven Gerrard obviously fits in that category but England were very sensible about not taking him. We all know he's only just come back from injury. We felt United

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was the right time for his first start of the season. We didn't put him in because we were playing United. We put him in because he was ready to start, irrespective of the opposition.

It was just like him to score too. We have quite a few people who are capable of taking free-kicks and want to take them. The most important thing is if you are taking it to have belief you can score

When it goes in from a free-kick it looks like the manager has selected the right taker. But it's the players themselves who decide it and Stevie's shot worked out perfectly. When we went ahead we felt we could go on to win, but it wasn't to be. We weren't sure if it actually was a corner in



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MANAGER'S NOTES



Steven Gerrard shoots to score on his return to first team action

the build-up to their goal. I don't think it was clear cut. But the ref gave it and you have to defend it. I think that's the first goal we've lost from a set-piece in the league this season, so we haven't done too badly in that area.

Our response to conceding was very impressive. We didn't become down-hearted. Instead we immediately went looking for another goal and nearly found it. Despite the fact they made some attacking changes I felt if either team was going to win, it would be us. But we had to settle for a point.

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Since then we've been to Ibrox for Tuesday night's friendly with Rangers. Obviously we were disappointed to lose the game and not perform in the way we would have liked. The upside to it was lads who've been out with injuries, or haven't featured too often, got some time on the pitch. That will have done them all some good

Today is a return to league action. I know Paul Lambert from my time at Celtic a few years ago. He was a player there. Paul's Norwich side have done very well this season and in the last few years. During that time they've gone from League One to the Premier League, so obviously everyone there has done an excellent job.

A few weeks ago they went to Old Trafford and played well. They were probably a little unlucky not to get something. So we won't be taking them lightly in any way, shape or form.

Just because they are one of the newly promoted teams doesn't mean this will be an easy game. If you ever adopt that attitude you'll quickly find yourself in trouble. They've already shown they can compete at this level and we'll have to be at our best to defeat them.

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Skipper's Notes

STEVEN GERRARD...

WE WERE ALL FRUSTRATED NOT TO HOLD ON TO THAT LEAD. AS KENNY SAID THOUGH, THE FACT THAT WE WERE DISAPPOINTED IS A GOOD SIGN.

It shows that we're not happy to settle for a draw. We want to win every game against every team.

LAST weekend demonstrated how much we have improved this season. At the same time we all know we still have plenty of work to do if we're to get where we want to be.

A lot of the lads in the squad are new to the club and are still settling in. That takes time. But already the signs are there that the team is gelling well.

Against United, particularly in the second half, we were the better side. In the first half both sides seemed to cancel each other out, which can often happen in the Premier League. After that I thought we took control, put them under pressure and deservedly went ahead.

We were all frustrated not to hold on to that lead. As Kenny said though, the fact that we were



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went close to getting another goal on three or four occasions. Their keeper made some decent saves and we were unlucky not to score a winner. Overall we were pleased with our performance, although we know we need to regularly play like



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SKIPPER'S NOTES



that for 90 minutes.

The new lads coming in means there is now some serious competition for places. Getting on the bench isn't easy. That's a good sign and gives us plenty of options.

Over a long season suspensions and injuries mean everyone will be needed. The game against Rangers provided some of the lads who haven't been involved as much as they'd like with a chance to play. It also gave those returning

from injury a run-out. With so many players available it means picking the team can't be easy, but I know that's the way Kenny wants it.

Today is another home game. Our performances at Anfield so far have been good. We've probably been a little unlucky not to have taken more points from the four games so far.

Norwich seem to have adapted well to the Premier League.

They're only a few points behind

us and caused both Chelsea and Man United plenty of problems. They come here having won three out of their last four. So both sides are in good form and it should be a good game, one we'll be doing everything to win.

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STATS ATTACK

LIVERPOOL FC v NORWICH CITY



DID YOU KNOW?

- At Anfield: Liverpool 15 wins, 4 draws, Norwich 4 wins.
- Overall: Liverpool 24 wins, 11 draws, Norwich 11 wins.
- Last meeting: 3rd January 2005
Norwich City 1 Liverpool 2 (league)
Scorers: Garcia 58, Riise 63 Norwich: Jarvis 87
- Liverpool scorers this season (league in brackets):
Suarez 5(4), Carroll 2(1), Adam 1(1), Bellamy 1(0),
Gerrard 1(1), Henderson 1(1), Kuyt 1(0), Maxi 1(0),
Skrtel 1(1), own goals 2(2).
- The last season they met was in 2004-05 - Liverpool won both games.
- Craig Bellamy began his career with Norwich and made 91 appearances in total between 1997 and 2000 scoring 34 goals.
- Glen Johnson made his professional debut against Norwich 9 years ago while on loan at Millwall from West Ham. His side lost 3-1 at Carrow Road.
- Dirk Kuyt is in line to make his 250th appearance for Liverpool, while Charlie Adam will play the 200th league game of his career if selected.
- Steven Gerrard scored his 85th league goal for the Reds last week – taking him into 14th place in the club's all time list.
- 5 of the 11 goals conceded by Liverpool in all competitions this season have been scored from the 80th minute onwards.
- The first goal Jordan Henderson scored in his career came against Norwich while he was on loan at Coventry in a 2-1 win in February 2009.
- Last season Norwich finished 2nd to Q.P.R. in the Championship to earn promotion finishing 4 points behind.
- Earlier this season Norwich set a Premier League record by conceding a penalty in 5 successive fixtures – their opening 5 games.

OFFICIAL HEAD TO HEAD PREMIER LEAGUE - LAST 6 MATCHES

Liverpool		Norwich City
4	Won	1
1	Drawn	1
1	Lost	4
13	For	5
5	Against	13
8	Goal Difference	-8

Results

Norwich	1 2	Liverpool
	3rd Jan 2005	
Liverpool	3 0	Norwich
	25th Sep 2004	
Norwich	1 2	Liverpool
	29th Apr 1995	
Liverpool	4 0	Norwich
	2nd Jan 1995	
Liverpool	0 1	Norwich
	30th Apr 1994	
Norwich	2 2	Liverpool
	5th Feb 1994	

Glen JOHNSON 2 ■	■ 1 John RUDDY
José ENRIQUE 3 ■	■ 2 Russell MARTIN
Daniel AGGER 5 ■	■ 3 Adam DRURY
Fabio AURELIO 6 ■	■ 4 Bradley JOHNSON
Luis SUÁREZ 7 ■	■ 5 Steve MORISON
Steven GERRARD 8 ■	■ 6 Zak WHITBREAD
Andy CARROLL 9 ■	■ 7 Andrew CROFTS
Maxi RODRIGUEZ 11 ■	■ 8 James VAUGHAN
Jordan HENDERSON 14 ■	■ 9 Grant HOLT
Sebastian COATES 16 ■	■ 10 Simeon JACKSON
Dirk KUYT 18 ■	■ 11 Andrew SURMAN
Stewart DOWNING 19 ■	■ 12 Anthony PILKINGTON
Jay SPEARING 20 ■	■ 13 Declan RUDD
Lucas LEIVA 21 ■	■ 14 Wesley HOOLAHAN
Danny WILSON 22 ■	■ 15 David FOX
Jamie CARRAGHER 23 ■	■ 16 Chris MARTIN
Pepe REINA 25 ■	■ 17 Elliott BENNETT
Charlie ADAM 26 ■	■ 18 Korey SMITH
Alexander DONI 32 ■	■ 19 Simon LAPPIN
Martin KELLY 34 ■	■ 20 Leon BARNETT
Martin SKRTEL 37 ■	■ 21 Aaron WILBRAHAM
Jon FLANAGAN 38 ■	■ 23 Elliott WARD
Craig BELLAMY 39 ■	■ 24 Marc TIERNEY
Jack ROBINSON 49 ■	■ 25 Ritchie DE LAET

Team	Home					Away					PTS	GD	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F			A
1 Man City	8	4	0	0	13	1	3	1	0	14	5	22	21
2 Man. Utd.	8	4	0	0	16	3	2	2	0	9	3	20	19
3 Chelsea	8	4	0	0	12	4	2	1	1	8	5	19	11
4 Newcastle	8	2	2	0	7	4	2	2	0	4	2	16	5
5 Liverpool	8	2	2	0	7	4	2	0	2	4	5	14	2
6 Tottenham	7	2	0	1	7	6	2	1	1	6	6	13	1
7 Stoke	8	2	2	0	4	1	1	1	2	2	7	12	-2
8 Aston Villa	8	2	2	0	6	2	0	3	1	4	7	11	1
9 Norwich	8	2	1	1	6	4	1	1	2	4	7	11	-1
10 Arsenal	8	3	0	1	6	3	0	1	3	6	14	10	-5
11 Q.P.R.	8	0	3	1	2	6	2	0	2	4	8	9	-8
12 W.B.A.	8	1	1	2	3	3	1	1	2	4	7	8	-3
13 Swansea	8	2	2	0	5	0	0	0	4	2	12	8	-5
14 Fulham	8	1	3	0	9	3	0	1	3	1	6	7	1
15 Everton	7	1	1	2	5	6	1	0	2	2	5	7	-4
16 Wolves	8	1	0	3	3	7	1	1	2	3	5	7	-6
17 Sunderland	8	1	1	2	7	5	0	2	2	3	5	6	0
18 Bolton	8	0	0	4	4	15	2	0	2	8	7	6	-10
19 Wigan	8	1	1	2	5	6	0	1	3	1	8	5	-8
20 Blackburn	8	1	0	3	5	10	0	2	2	4	8	5	-9