

Match points: Liverpool v Manchester United

Key battles

Mohamed Salah v Ashley Young

If Salah's record at Anfield, where he has scored 35 goals in 38 games, is exceptional, so is his form, with four goals in his last two games, including a terrific winner against Napoli on Tuesday. Young, a scorer against Fulham last week and a fine substitute in Valencia, is also playing well. It may help that he is right-footed when Salah comes infield to shoot.



Virgil van Dijk v Marcus Rashford

When United beat Liverpool last season, Rashford scored twice as a winger while Romelu Lukaku tried to avoid van Dijk and play up against Dejan Lovren. It is a sign of how good the Dutchman is. Rashford, one of the three United players manager Jose Mourinho guaranteed would start, has scored in his last two appearances and is playing with urgency.



Sadio Mane v Antonio Valencia

This will be a test of how much Mourinho trusts his captain. The Ecuadorian has been poor this season and was fortunate not to be sent off in Valencia on Wednesday. Diogo Dalot is challenging for his place but the veteran may get the nod. Mane squandered a host of chances against Napoli but his pace continues to get him in great positions.



Key statistics

Patchy United

11 

Goals Manchester United have conceded in their last five away league games.

Drew 0-0 | Drew 0-0 | Lost 2-0

United have not scored on their last three Anfield visits.

Anfield stronghold

28 

Liverpool's current unbeaten run at home.

1 

Goals Liverpool have conceded in their last 12 home league games.

Reds' bogey

8 

Liverpool have not beaten United in their last eight league games.

50% 

Jose Mourinho has won on four of his eight league visits to Anfield, the best record of any manager to have played five games or more at the Reds' home.