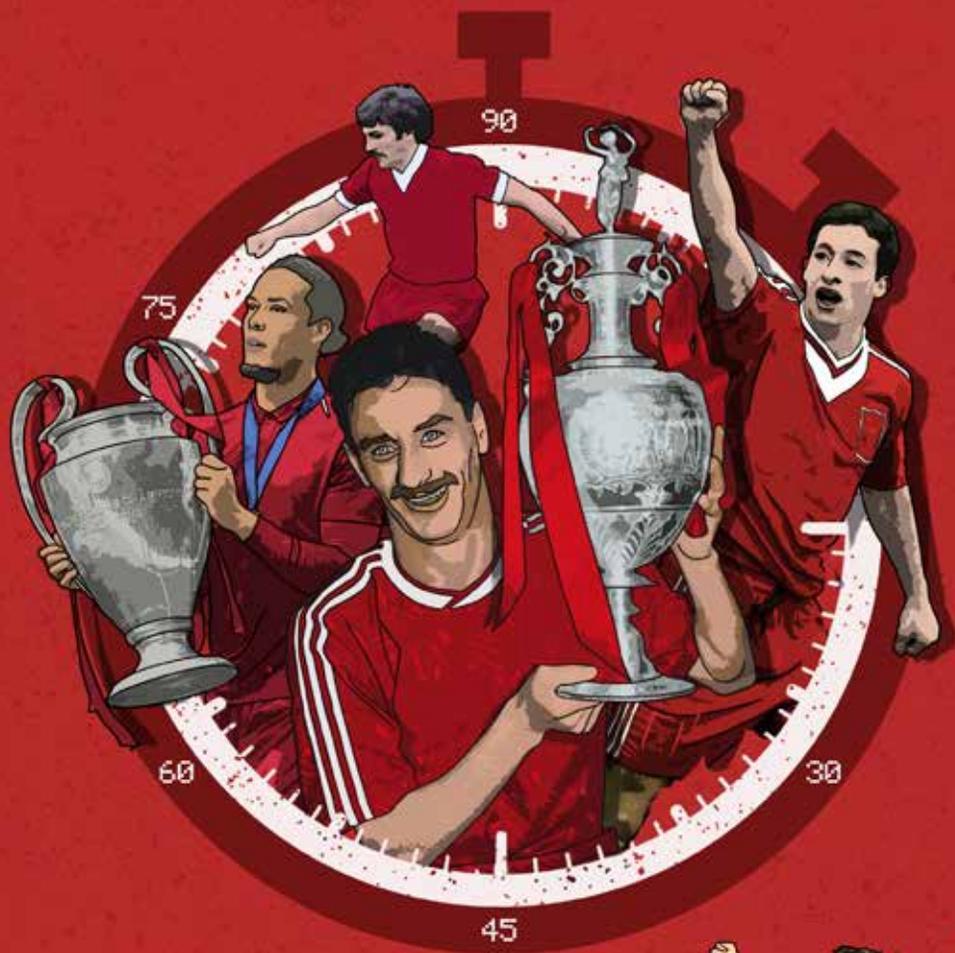


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16 February 1938

Jack Balmer scores Liverpool's fastest league goal as the Reds get the perfect start in the Merseyside derby at Goodison Park. Though reports vary, the officially recorded time is just ten seconds, as T.G. Jones's poor clearance falls to Balmer, who makes no mistake to put Liverpool 1-0 up. Though the Toffees level just seven minutes later, two late John Shafto goals complete a much-needed 3-1 win for the Reds.

27 August 1984

Paul Walsh makes an incredible start to life as a Liverpool player by scoring after just 14 seconds of his home debut against West Ham United. The diminutive striker, signed for £700,000 from Luton Town, will score 37 goals in 112 games for the Reds, though injuries affect his time at Anfield. The Reds go on to win the game against the Hammers 3-0.

8 May 1979

Liverpool make a dream start against Aston Villa as Bob Paisley's side look for the win that will clinch an 11th top-flight title. With only 47 seconds on the clock, Terry McDermott crosses in to find full-back Alan Kennedy, who makes no mistake from close range. The Reds go on to win 3-0 and the victory ensures second-placed West Brom can't catch Bob Paisley's side, who also post a

record number of points – 68 – during the two-points-for-a-win era.

14 December 1996

Robbie Fowler moves on to 99 goals for Liverpool as he puts the Reds ahead against Middlesbrough after just 29 seconds at Anfield. It leaves the youngster just one shy of reaching a century in record time – and he won't have to wait long to achieve that feat ...

1 November 1997

Robbie Fowler gives Liverpool the perfect start at the Reebok Stadium against Bolton Wanderers. With just one win from their opening six Premier League away games, the Reds look set to go on to claim three points, but will be pegged back by a late Wanderers leveller.

26 April 2019

Naby Keita scores Liverpool's fastest ever Premier League goal. Hosting Huddersfield Town at Anfield, the visitors kick off and play the ball back to their goalkeeper, who in turn, plays a pass to a team-mate just outside the box. But Keita is quick to dispossess him and play it to Mo Salah, who returns the ball to Keita just inside the box, and he hits a low shot across the keeper and into the far corner with just 15 seconds on the clock.

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16 March 1977

Trailing 1-0 on aggregate in the European Cup third round, Liverpool look to use the red-hot Anfield atmosphere to rattle the French champions – and with only two minutes played, Kevin Keegan scores a goal that sends the 55,043 crowd wild. After receiving a short corner from Steve Heighway, Keegan sends in a deep cross that the St Etienne keeper misjudges, and the ball sails over his head and into the back of the net. It was almost certainly a cross, but the Liverpool fans don't care.

15 March 1997

Robbie Fowler gets Liverpool off to the perfect start away to Nottingham Forest. Jamie Redknapp's crossfield pass to Jason McAteer sees the Reds No. 4 get past one challenge before whipping a low ball into the box, where Fowler makes no mistake.

21 November 1998

Liverpool get off to a great start at Villa Park, as Paul Ince rises highest to head a free kick past Michael Oakes to put the Reds 1-0 up against Aston Villa with only a couple of minutes on the clock.

12 August 2001

Gary McAllister gives Liverpool the perfect start in the 2001 FA Charity Shield clash with Manchester United

at the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff. Danny Murphy is fouled in the box and from the resulting penalty, McAllister sends Fabien Barthez the wrong way to make it 1-0.

1 June 2019

Mo Salah emphatically thumps home the opening goal of the 2018/19 Champions League Final from the penalty spot after Sadio Mané's cross had been handballed by Moussa Sissoko. After the disappointment of 12 months earlier, it is the perfect start to the final and one Tottenham won't recover from.

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17 August 1964

Liverpool play their first ever game in European competition, beginning in the European Cup preliminary round away to Icelandic minnows Knattspyrnufélag Reykjavíkur. The Reds take to European competition like the proverbial ducks to water, and Gordon Wallace has the honour of scoring Liverpool's first European goal, after fine work from Roger Hunt sets up the young Scot on the edge of the six-yard box, and his mishit shot beats the keeper and opens the scoring with just 180 seconds of the game played. It looked like the Reds might enjoy playing in Europe ...

22 January 1966

Liverpool host Chelsea in the FA Cup third round at Anfield, looking to defend the trophy they'd won against Leeds United the previous season. The Reds couldn't ask for a better start as Peter Thompson weaves past one challenge on the left before his cross finds the head of Ian St John, and his knock-down is emphatically thumped home by Roger Hunt from close range. The visitors, playing some excellent football, would come back to win the tie 2-1.

17 September 1974

When Alec Lindsay puts Liverpool ahead against Strømsgodset from the penalty spot in the European Cup

Winners' Cup first round first leg at Anfield, few could predict what would follow, as the Reds go on to put the Norwegians to the sword in an 11-0 romp.

3 May 1980

David Johnson gets Liverpool off to the perfect start as he scores after just three minutes against Aston Villa at Anfield. It's the Reds striker's 26th goal of the campaign and it sets up a 4-1 victory that confirms a 12th top-flight title triumph for Bob Paisley's side.

3 April 1996

Robbie Fowler scores the first of what will be a seven-goal thriller against Newcastle United. Stan Collymore does well on the left of the Magpies box and hooks a cross into the six-yard box, where Fowler nods home from close range to get the Reds off to the perfect start against Kevin Keegan's side.

22 February 2015

Liverpool strike first at St Mary's with a wonder-strike from Philippe Coutinho. The Brazilian collects the ball midway inside the Saints half, then looks up and fires a 30-yard shot that hits the underside of the crossbar before bouncing down and high up into the roof of the net to put the Reds 1-0 up.

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4 May 1965

In front of a capacity Anfield crowd, Roger Hunt puts Liverpool ahead after just four minutes against Inter Milan in the European Cup semi-final first leg. Hunt sweeps home Ian Callaghan's low cross from the right to give Bill Shankly's side the perfect start.

20 May 1989

In the second all-Merseyside FA Cup Final in three years, the Reds strike first as Steve McMahon leads a counter-attack, before squaring to the edge of the box for John Aldridge to fire a shot high and powerfully past Neville Southall to give Liverpool the perfect start.

6 November 1991

Trailing 2-0 on aggregate to Auxerre in the UEFA Cup second round, the Reds make the perfect start in the second leg at Anfield after Steve McManaman is fouled in the box and Jan Mølby coolly converts the spot kick to halve the deficit.

16 May 2001

Markus Babbel puts Liverpool ahead in the UEFA Cup Final against Alavés at the Westfalenstadion in Dortmund. After being awarded a free kick on the right of the Alavés box, Gary McAllister whips in a cross that Babbel rises to and heads the Reds in front from close range.

3 May 2005

Luis Garcia scores a controversial goal to give Liverpool a dream start in the Champions League semi-final second leg. Having drawn the first leg 0-0 with Chelsea at Stamford Bridge, the Reds are looking to get an early goal and a lead to defend. As Milan Baros chases Steven Gerrard's clever flick into the box, Petr Cech manages to stop the first shot, but Garcia follows up to knock the loose ball towards the empty net and despite William Gallas's attempt to clear it, it is judged to have marginally crossed the line and a goal is awarded. It proves to be the only goal of either leg, with the Reds booking a place in the final thanks to a 1-0 aggregate victory.

31 March 2007

Liverpool take an early lead with a well-crafted goal that starts with Jermaine Pennant's back-heel releasing Álvaro Arbeloa on the right flank, and his low cross is slid home from close range by Peter Crouch to put the Reds 1-0 up.

11 April 2009

Title-chasing Liverpool, with the added desire to win for the Anfield faithful ahead of the 20th anniversary of the 96 fans who died at Hillsborough, take an early lead against Blackburn in spectacular style, as Fernando Torres controls a long pass out of defence on his chest before swivelling and volleying a superb shot past Rovers keeper Paul Robinson to put the Reds 1-0 up.

4 December 2013

Norwich City's Leroy Fer's misplaced pass doesn't look like too much of an issue when Luis Suarez collects the ball midway inside the Canaries half – but the Uruguayan allows it to bounce once in his path before unleashing a shot from almost 40 yards out that flies past keeper John Ruddy and into the top corner. A stunning goal and his first of four goals that evening.

20 April 2014

Raheem Sterling takes just four minutes to put Liverpool ahead away to Norwich City. The young winger cuts inside past a couple of challenges before hitting a ferocious rising shot into the top left-hand corner from 20 yards out to put Brendan Rodgers's title-chasing side 1-0 up.