

Reds Welcome Back Gerrard for Fulham Fixture

Liverpool Captain Steven Gerrard is set to return to his sides starting eleven against Fulham after serving a three match suspension for his red card against Manchester United a fortnight ago.

Gerrard will likely slot into the centre of midfield, meaning Danish international Christian Poulsen is likely to miss out as Kenny Dalglish looks for his first win at Anfield since replacing Roy Hodgson.

"It's just great to have our Captain back," Dalglish stated, in his midweek press conference. "Everybody will be delighted to see him back. The whole place will get a lift - the punters, the players and the staff."

The England midfielder is presently sitting at 13/8 to score at any point during the match, or is 18/1 to score the only goal of the game, that was originally meant to be played in December.

Dalglish will have a near-full strength side, as the only long term absentee is Jamie Carragher, who is still recovering from a shoulder injury. Martin Kelly is expected to keep his right-back position, with Glen Johnson being utilised on the left-hand side.

His side will be high on morale and belief after a well deserved 3-0 away win at Wolves at the weekend, with Raul Meireles netting a contender for goal of the season. The Portuguese midfielder has really started to show his class over recent weeks, and is 9/1 to score either the first or last goal of this match.

Fulham gaffer Mark Hughes will be sweating on the match-fitness of both Aaron Hughes and Dickson Etuhu for the evening game, as both players have hamstring strains; should the latter not recover in time to start, then Steve Sidwell will make his debut after his signing from Aston Villa earlier this month. Sidwell, who hasn't scored in the Premier League for over two years, is 8/1 to break his barren spell against the Merseyside club.

Hughes will also be without goalkeeper Mark Schwarzer, who is still away on International duty with Australia. His absence may be crucial to the match, in which Liverpool are currently 4/7 favourites to be victorious. Fulham, however, are creeping in at 11/2.

Bet Highlight

Two important stats to consider: Liverpool have recorded six clean sheets in their last eight matches against Fulham, who are yet to register a win at Anfield in 29 tries. A 2-0 home win at 6/1 is hard to overlook.

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Liverpool 0-0 Fulham

Fulham 3-1 Liverpool