Liverpool vs Middlesbrough Prediction

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Liverpool FC takes on Middlesbrough FC, Saturday August 23 at Anfield, as the quest for the Barclays Premier Title continues. Both teams won their opening matches and one of them is going to have to go home a loser. Oddsmakers at BodogLife.com figure Liverpool as -310 moneyline favorites over Middlesbrough (+850) with the over/under set at 2 ½ goals. Get your Liverpool vs Middlesbrough Prediction in now at BodogLife.com

Liverpool got off to a good start with a 1-0 win over Sunderland FC thanks to a goal from Fernando Torres in the 83rd minute. Liverpool boss Rafael Benitez will have two of his three Olympic stars back in the squad for Saturday's game with Middlesbrough. Ryan Babel will be back in the line-up to help install more offense after a lack luster performance that only saw one goal hit the onion bag. The Dutch attacker should claim a place in the side immediately after two lacklustre performances from Yossi Benayoun and Dirk Kuyt on the flanks. Robbie Keane and Fernando Torres will be hoping for more service than they received in this match. I know they won, but they should’ve won by more.

Middlesbrough won their opening match against Tottenham 2-1 after goals from Hossam Mido and Didier Digard sent the Spurs home. Middlesbrough will be looking to build on that opening victory over Spurs despite having a fairly poor record at Anfield. The likes of Stewart Downing, Afonso Alves, Tuncay Sanli and Jeremie Aliadiere will be their main hope for goals at a notoriously tough away venue. The Brazilian Alves has struggled to get going in English football, but his double against Manchester United late last season was an indication of the threat he possesses. Former Arsenal right-back Justin Hoyte is expected to make his debut for his new club in this fixture. The only change anticipated is that Hoyte will come into the side at the expense of Taylor for the visit to Anfield. New signing Didier Digard will be hoping to also make it into the first eleven after an impressive substitute appearance at the weekend.

Head to Head in 10 matches:
- Liverpool leads 4W-5D-1L
- Liverpool scored 11 goals
- Middlesbrough scored 6 goals

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The Bottom Line: Ansfield is a tough place to place, especially for a weaker team like Middlesbrough. Look for Liverpool to get more than one goal. Get your Liverpool vs Middlesbrough Prediction in now at BodogLife.com and receive a 10% sign-up bonus on your initial deposit!