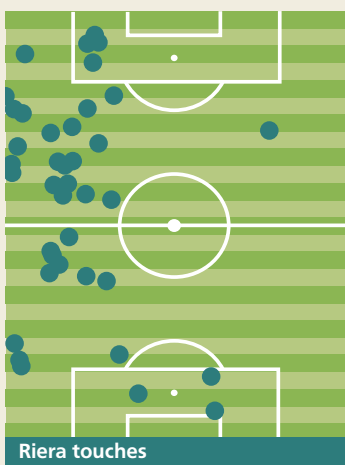
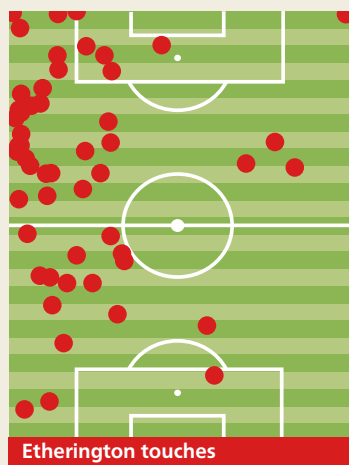


# Tactical Analysis

## Wide boys

Stoke City have been accused of being a one-dimensional team who rely on set-pieces but the arrival of Matthew Etherington has added a new dimension to their game. Stoke were unlucky not to beat Liverpool at the Britannia Stadium on Saturday and Etherington was the man of the match. The winger, who was

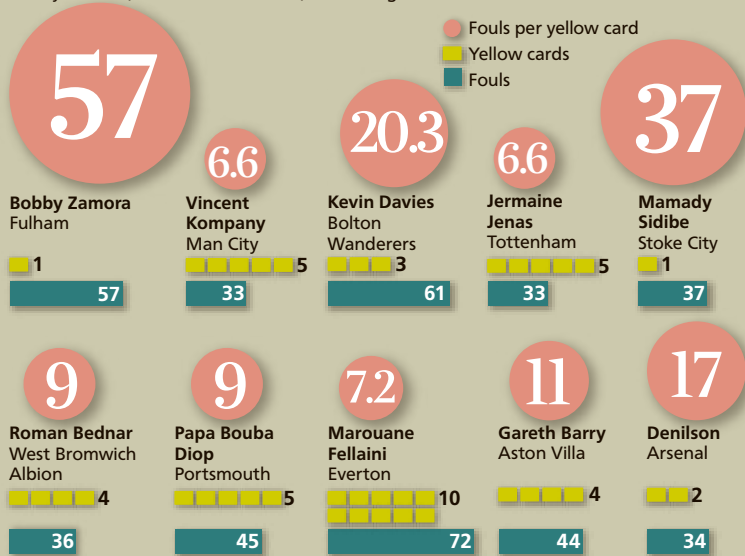
signed from West Ham United for £3 million last week, set up a string of chances for his team-mates despite not being match-fit. Albert Riera, the Liverpool winger, who cost £8 million from Espanyol, struggled to get in the game and was replaced by Fernando Torres after an hour



## Marked man

Marouane Fellaini will miss two Merseyside derbies after he received his tenth yellow card of the season on Saturday, but does the Everton midfielder deserve his bad-boy reputation? David Moyes thinks that Fellaini gets a hard time from referees and the Everton manager may have a point. Bobby Zamora, the Fulham forward, has

received only one yellow card after committing 57 fouls this season, while Fellaini has seen yellow ten times for 72 fouls. Fellaini is not allowed to get away with anything, while players such as Zamora and Mamady Sidibe, who has committed 37 fouls and received one yellow card, are given the benefit of the doubt



## Total football

How do you win without any forwards? Simple. Tell four of your midfield players to get forward as much as possible and leave everything else to Mikel Arteta - and Phil Neville. Everton looked as if they were playing in a 2-4-4 formation during the 2-0 victory against Hull City at Goodison Park on Saturday. At this rate, Yakubu Aiyegbeni and Louis Saha may struggle to get a game when they are fit again



## Medicine man

Gabriel Agbonlahor spent most of last week in bed with flu but he declared himself fit to play on Saturday and he was one of the stars of the show as Aston Villa beat West Bromwich Albion 2-1 at Villa Park. "He's had flu, tonsillitis, chickenpox - you name it, he's had it," Martin O'Neill, the Villa manager, said. That did not stop the England forward from giving all of West Brom's defenders plenty to think about for 90 minutes to help Villa consolidate their place in the top four

