Match points: Man United v Tottenham



Key battles

Wayne Rooney v Toby Alderweireld

The departures of Robin van Persie and Radamel Falcao leave Rooney without any challengers for the status of United's main striker. He has the responsibility of proving prolific. Alderweireld was one of the division's best centre-backs for Southampton last season and should be the reliable partner Jan Vertonghen lacked last year.





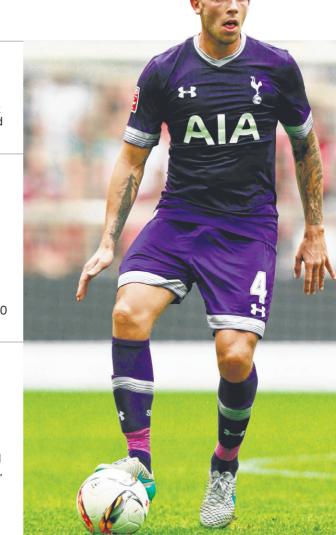
Morgan Schneiderlin v Ryan Mason Had Schneiderlin signed for Spurs in 2014, perhaps Mason would have remained a fringe figure. Instead he is now an England international. Yet he does not shield a defence the way the Frenchman does and left Tottenham's back four exposed in the 3-0 defeat. United will try and drag him out of position again.





Daley Blind v Harry Kane

Like United, Spurs look very reliant on one striker. Kane scored 31 times last season and, given a lack of other trustworthy forwards, the pressure is on him to repeat such extraordinary feats. The versatile Blind has been converted into a centre-back in pre-season. Now he faces a test if he can stop one of the top strikers.



Memphis Depay's Dutch league goals at PSV Eindhoven



Key stats United have lost their opening league in

two of the last three seasons.

LOST	WIN	LOST
2014-15	2013-14	2012-13
1-2	4-1	0-1
at home to	at	at
Swansea	Swansea	Everton
Louis	David	Alex
van Gaal	Moyes	Ferguson



Last season Kane became the first player to score 30 times in a season for Tottenham since Gary Lineker in 1991-92.

Leaky backline



Last season Tottenham conceded 53 goals - two more than relegated Hull and the same number as Burnley, who also went down.