Match points: West Brom v Chelsea

Key battles

Darren Fletcher v Cesc Fabregas

Two with a past. Fletcher missed the 2009 Champions League final after he was wrongly sent off for a challenge on Fabregas. The Scot seemed to encourage referee Mike Jones to dismiss Fabregas in May. There may be an undercurrent when the organiser and the passer clash in the centre of the field again.

Saido Berahino v John Terry

Two with an uncertain future. Berahino scored twice in May's 3-0 win over Chelsea and Albion rejected an £18 million (S$39.6 million) bid from Tottenham for the striker. Rondon seems his replacement. Meanwhile, Terry faces questions on whether his lack of pace is a problem, after Mourinho substituted him for the first time in a league match last week.

Gareth McAuley v Diego Costa

Albion have spent £8 million on a younger centre-back, James Chester, but veteran McAuley regained his place last week. Costa is yet to score for the season and could do with proving to be prolific, rather than simply making more enemies as he did in May. Then, his tussle with McAuley led to the incident where Fabregas was dismissed.

Key stats

Chelsea 0

Tony Pulis 2

Chelsea have lost their last two games against Tony Pulis' teams, failing to score in both – 0-3 to West Brom in May and 0-1 to Crystal Palace in March 2014.

Costa's strike rate

First 19 games	Last 9
17	3

Chelsea's Diego Costa has scored only three goals in his last nine Premier League games. He netted 17 in his first 19.

Defensive blues

Previous 15	Last 4
10	9

Chelsea have conceded nine goals in their last four league games. They had only conceded 10 in the previous 15.

Mourinho's last six league defeats have been to managers whose surnames begin with a P:

Pulis (Tony)
Poyet (Gus)
Pardew (Alan)
Pochettino (Mauricio)
Pulis
Pellegrini (Manuel)

His next two opponents are Pulis and Pardew.

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Chelsea have failed to win on their last four trips to The Hawthorns, losing three.

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