

# Match points: Arsenal v Chelsea



## Key battles

### Aaron Ramsey v Cesc Fabregas

While Ramsey has two goals in his last three games, his former team-mate Fabregas had not scored and only mustered two assists in the league before a three-minute spell against Everton when he both scored and created one as a holding player. Hiddink may nevertheless pick him as a No. 10.



### Mesut Oezil v John Obi Mikel

Mikel has returned to favour under Hiddink. Now his task will be to stifle the most creative player in England, though Oezil has only one assist in his last four appearances and missed the Stoke game with a foot injury. Much rests on whether the Dutchman pairs Mikel with Nemanja Matic, or whether the Nigerian will be left to track Oezil on his own.



### Theo Walcott v Branislav Ivanovic

Ivanovic struggled last week when Everton overloaded the left with Leighton Baines, Kevin Mirallas and Ross Barkley. Arsenal may sense the chance of a repeat if Oezil can drift wide and Nacho Monreal can push wide to support Walcott. If the Englishman does not succeed, Wenger could have the option of replacing him with a fit-again Sanchez.



## Key statistics

Arsenal wins



last 8 meetings

Arsenal have not beaten Chelsea in eight league games since 2011, a 5-3 thriller at Stamford Bridge. Three goal-less draws were the best they could muster.

Chelsea have Arsenal's number

Arsenal goals



last 5 meetings

Arsenal have not scored in their last five league games against Chelsea. They have gone 482 minutes without a league goal against the Blues since Theo Walcott scored in January 2013.

Giroud's goals



last 8 meetings

Olivier Giroud has never scored in eight appearances (439 minutes) against Chelsea.

Gunners' home run

Arsenal at home

P	W	D	GF	GA
10	9	1	22	5

A 1-1 Premier League draw with Tottenham was the only blemish for Arsenal in their last 10 home games in all competitions.

Costa on the mend

Mourinho's Costa 4 in 20

Hiddink's Costa 5 in 5

Diego Costa has scored five goals in his last five games. He has scored more goals for Hiddink than Mourinho this season – five to four.