

Match points: Chelsea v Man City

Key battles

Diego Costa v Willy Caballero

One of City's reserves is guaranteed to play. Manuel Pellegrini has said that Caballero is his 'keeper in the domestic Cups. The Argentinian has erred too often in his City career and an in-form Costa could be confronted by two reserves, if the declining Martin Demichelis is deployed in the centre of defence as Vincent Kompany's deputy.



Cesc Fabregas v Fernando

Guus Hiddink's catalytic effect has been apparent as Fabregas has started to thread more penetrative passes again. He has excelled both as a No. 10 and as a deeper midfielder. If he takes up the former role, Fernando will have a particular responsibility for marking him. If not, the Brazilian has to cut out his passes before they reach the attackers.

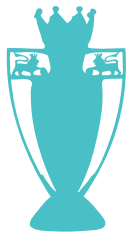


Gary Cahill v Kelechi Iheanacho

Iheanacho has started only six games for City and has scored nine goals, including an unstoppable effort against Tottenham last week. He is a rare youth product whom Pellegrini is comfortable fielding. With doubts surrounding John Terry's fitness and Kurt Zouma out, Cahill has gone from backup to senior central defender in a fortnight.



Key statistics



On for English Treble



Premier League
2013-14

League Cup
2013-14

FA Cup
2015-16?

Manchester City's Manuel Pellegrini could become only the second foreign manager to win the Premier League, the League Cup and the FA Cup. Only Jose Mourinho has done it so far – with Chelsea.

Golden Guus

100%

Guus Hiddink has won all his six FA Cup matches. Chelsea have scored 16 goals in those games. He has lost only two of his 34 games as Blues manager.

City dominate head-to-head

Last 11 meetings

6
City wins

2
Chelsea wins

3
Draws

FA Cup

City 4
Chelsea 0

City have won the last four FA Cup ties between them. Chelsea have not knocked City out of the Cup since 1915 – a 2-1 win 101 years ago.

Strikers on song

7

Sergio Aguero
Goals in his last six appearances

8

Diego Costa
Goals in his last 11 games. He scored only one in his previous 12.