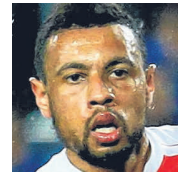


Match points: Everton v Arsenal

Key battles

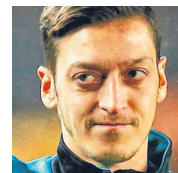
Romelu Lukaku v Laurent Koscielny

Koscielny's comeback this week is welcome news for Arsenal, as both Gabriel Paulista and Per Mertesacker have struggled of late. He faces the in-form Lukaku, who has scored five goals in his last four games and whose slaloming solo run led to a magnificent opener against Chelsea. The Belgian's ability to let fly with either foot makes him lethal.



Ross Barkley v Francis Coquelin

Coquelin lost his cool in his last league game, the 2-2 draw against Tottenham, and was sent off for a rash tackle. He has to be calmer as the senior member of an inexperienced partnership with Mohamed Elneny. He also has to subdue Everton's No. 10, Barkley, who has 12 goals and 10 assists in a productive season. He has come of age.



Muhamed Besic v Mesut Oezil

Bosnian midfielder Besic came to prominence by marking Lionel Messi in the last World Cup. Now, as he stands in for the banned Gareth Barry, his mission will be to keep Oezil quiet. The German has 18 Premier League assists this season, only two away from Thierry Henry's record, but just two of them have come in 2016.



Key statistics

Prolific hitmen



Goals Olivier Giroud has scored in his last five games against Everton.



Goals this season by Romelu Lukaku, the most by an Everton player since Gary Lineker got 40 in 1985-86.



Home league goals Everton have conceded. Only France's Troyes (29) have let in more in any of Europe's top five leagues.



Defeats in Everton's last seven home league games, taking only four points from a possible 21.

Struggling for form



Losses in Arsenal's last seven games, with 14 goals conceded.

Bogey team



Win in Everton's last 18 games against Arsenal, with 11 defeats in that stretch.