

# Match points: Man United v Tottenham

## Key battles

### Paul Pogba v Victor Wanyama

Pogba may not be justifying his world-record fee but he has improved of late, aided by Michael Carrick's return to the side. He has been freed to operate as an attacking midfielder. Wanyama has been Spurs' premier defensive midfielder but, with Eric Dier no longer needed to play centre-back, may face a battle for his place.



### Zlatan Ibrahimovic v Toby Alderweireld

Alderweireld returned after 10 games out as a substitute against CSKA and the best centre-back in the league soon illustrated his range of passing. He is also a threat in the box and scored one of Spurs' three goals in seven minutes against United in April. Ibrahimovic, with seven goals in six games, is back in scoring form.



### Phil Jones v Harry Kane

Jones, who could be partnered by Eric Bailly for the first time, has become a Jose Mourinho favourite and helped United keep two clean sheets against Spurs in 2014-15. None of Kane's 73 Spurs goals have come against United but, with seven in six games, he is sharp. He also links play well, which has helped Spurs' midfielders excel.



## Key statistics

### Switching off

80:01

Manchester United have dropped seven points in the last 10 minutes of games.

### United homesick

77

Days United have not won a home league game.

### Worse than Louis van Gaal

28

2015-16 points  
(14 games)

21

2016-17 points  
(14 games)

United have taken only 12 points from their last 11 league games, meaning they have seven points fewer than the 28 at this stage (14 games) last season.

### Spurs' high five

5-0

Tottenham's 5-0 rout of Swansea last week was their biggest league win since Feb 11, 2012 - also 5-0 against Newcastle.

### High chance of a draw



57%

Tottenham have drawn four of seven away league games and United four of seven at home this season.