

Match points: Chelsea v Arsenal



Key battles

N'Golo Kanté v Mesut Özil

Özil is often accused of failing to show up in big games but he and Alexis Sanchez were superb as Arsenal raced to a 3-0 lead at home to Chelsea in September. The responsibility will fall on Kanté to prevent a repeat. He will have to pick up the elusive German but has the wrong sort of 100 per cent record against Arsenal: three games, three defeats.



Eden Hazard v Francis Coquelin

Coquelin may find himself overworked. Without Granit Xhaka and Mohamed Elneny, the Frenchman is Arsenal's lone defensive midfielder. He should be accompanied by Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain, but they could have Eden Hazard and either Pedro or Willian to pick up. The Belgian was below his best at Liverpool and was substituted with 20 minutes left.



Diego Costa v Shkodran Mustafi

Costa tends to be Arsenal's nemesis, not so much because of his scoring record against them but because he makes them lose their cool. He got two Gunners centre-backs sent off last season. Now it is Mustafi's turn. He belatedly suffered a first defeat in an Arsenal shirt against Watford on a night when Costa missed a penalty at Anfield.



Key statistics

Chelsea's mean machine

100

Percentage of wins in their last 10 games at home.

90.2

Percentage of points won in their last 17 games.

80

Percentage of wins coach Antonio Conte has in his last 10 league games.

Smoking barrels

17

Goals Arsenal have scored in their last six games.

Gunners' Blues

10

Goals Arsenal have conceded in their last three games at Stamford Bridge.



Arsenal did so well to finish the game with 11 men, having had three sent off in the two corresponding games last season. Their 12th man, manager Arsene Wenger will serve a touchline ban.

Theo's century hunt

100

Theo Walcott, who scored in Arsenal's 3-0 win in this season's reverse fixture, will be looking to complete a 100-goal milestone against Chelsea. The English winger is on 99 goals.