

Match points: Manchester United v Southampton

Key battles



Paul Pogba v Oriol Romeu

With Henrikh Mkhitaryan out, Pogba could operate in a more advanced role, perhaps as a No. 10. That said, he has also showed his passing range from deep of late. But if he ventures forward, he will encounter Romeu, who has had an excellent season as Southampton's holding midfielder. The Spaniard was forced off after 12 minutes of August's 2-0 league defeat at Old Trafford.



Zlatan Ibrahimovic v Jack Stephens

Ibrahimovic struck twice against Southampton in August and has 18 goals in his last 21 games. He is a player with 478 career goals for club and country. The rookie Stephens, 23, has had a sudden rise. He was on loan in the third-tier League One 12 months ago and has only three top-flight starts but was terrific to frustrate Liverpool at Anfield in the semi-final second leg.



Chris Smalling v Manolo Gabbiadini

Gabbiadini, the £15 million (\$26.4 million) January buy, has added much-needed incision to Southampton, scoring three goals in his first two games. His fourth could produce a trophy. Smalling has re-established himself in the United team since Phil Jones was injured but his last Cup final ended in a red card at Wembley last May.



Saintly shutouts



Number of goals Southampton have conceded in seven League Cup games this season.

10 of 12

Number of finals the Manchester United boss has won as a manager.

Mourinho's pedigree



Number of clean sheets his sides have kept in those 12 finals.

Key statistics



Number of times the Portuguese has won the League Cup with former club Chelsea.

Red Devils on a roll



Manchester United have lost just one of their last 25 games, an inconsequential 1-2 loss to Hull in their Cup semi-final second leg.

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United's last five matches at Wembley.

Barren run



Number of years since Southampton last won any silverware.