

Match points: Bournemouth v Chelsea



Key battles

Adam Smith v Eden Hazard

Just like two years ago, Hazard has provided crucial contributions in spring to help Chelsea get over the line. His brace against City showed he is stepping up his bid to regain the Footballer of the Year award – team-mate N'Golo Kante is the favourite – and his roving brief means right-back Smith is one of several who must track him.



Steve Cook v Diego Costa

Cook scored an own goal at Stamford Bridge and at the right end against Liverpool in December. Costa is free to play after escaping punishment for an apparent kick at Vincent Kompany on Wednesday. He has been on 17 Premier League goals for a month, just as his goals dried up in the second half of Chelsea's last title-winning campaign.



Josh King v David Luiz

King's 87th-minute leveller at Anfield was his eighth goal in his last eight league games. The in-form forward has the pace to burst beyond defences. But he also dropped deeper against Liverpool, suggesting he may find joy in the pockets David Silva occupied against Chelsea, and if Luiz steps out to mark him, there could be space to be exploited.



Key statistics

No home comfort

1988

It is 29 years since Bournemouth's only home win against Chelsea – in their very first league encounter in Division 2. It has been followed by three defeats.

Draw? Don't bet on it

Wins
Bournemouth 2
Chelsea 6

There has never been a draw between the two teams.

Emerging nemesis

3

Eden Hazard's goals in the last two games against Bournemouth.

Championship form

83%

Chelsea have won 20 of their last 24 league games.

Defensive weakness?

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Clean sheets Chelsea have kept in eight league games.