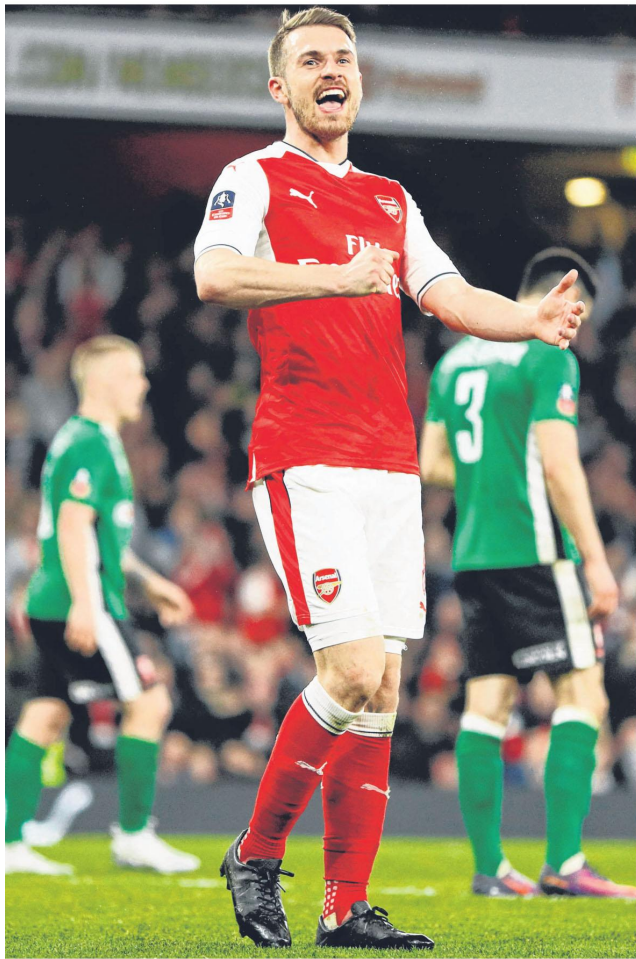


# Match points: Arsenal v Manchester United



## Key battles

### Aaron Ramsey v Paul Pogba

Ramsey was wanted by United when he joined Arsenal in 2008. This has been one of the least impressive of his nine seasons in London and he could do with supplying a reminder of why he was such a potent force three years ago. A fit-again Pogba has been criticised for his record in big games. It renders this significant for him too.



### Laurent Koscielny v Anthony Martial

If Marcus Rashford joins Zlatan Ibrahimovic on the sidelines, Jose Mourinho will have to turn to his third-choice striker. Martial has had few chances up front but starred and scored as a centre-forward against Burnley two weeks ago. Koscielny is Arsenal's key defender and has the speed to keep up with his fellow Frenchman.



### Alexis Sanchez v Ander Herrera

After Herrera man-marked Chelsea's Eden Hazard so well, it is possible that Mourinho will ask him to stay close to Sanchez. If Wenger sticks with the same system, Sanchez will come into the Spaniard's sphere of influence. It would be a way of protecting United's latest makeshift centre-back partnership, but it involves sacrificing Herrera.



## Key statistics

### Mourinho's men hard to beat

25

Games Manchester United have gone unbeaten.

2

Premier League defeats for United this season, the lowest in the division.

P12 W0 D7 L5

In their 12 previous Premier League meetings, Arsene Wenger has never beaten Jose Mourinho.

### Devilish nemesis

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The Frenchman has not been able to celebrate an Arsenal goal against a team coached by the Portuguese at the Emirates since May 2007.

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Arsenal have won just one of their last five home games against United.

### Old heads

14

Goals Wayne Rooney has scored against Arsenal in his career, including his first Premier League goal as an 18-year-old in Everton's colours in 2002.

9

Saves Petr Cech made in the Gunners' 2-0 defeat by Tottenham last week. The Czech 'keeper made his Chelsea debut in 2004 under Mourinho.