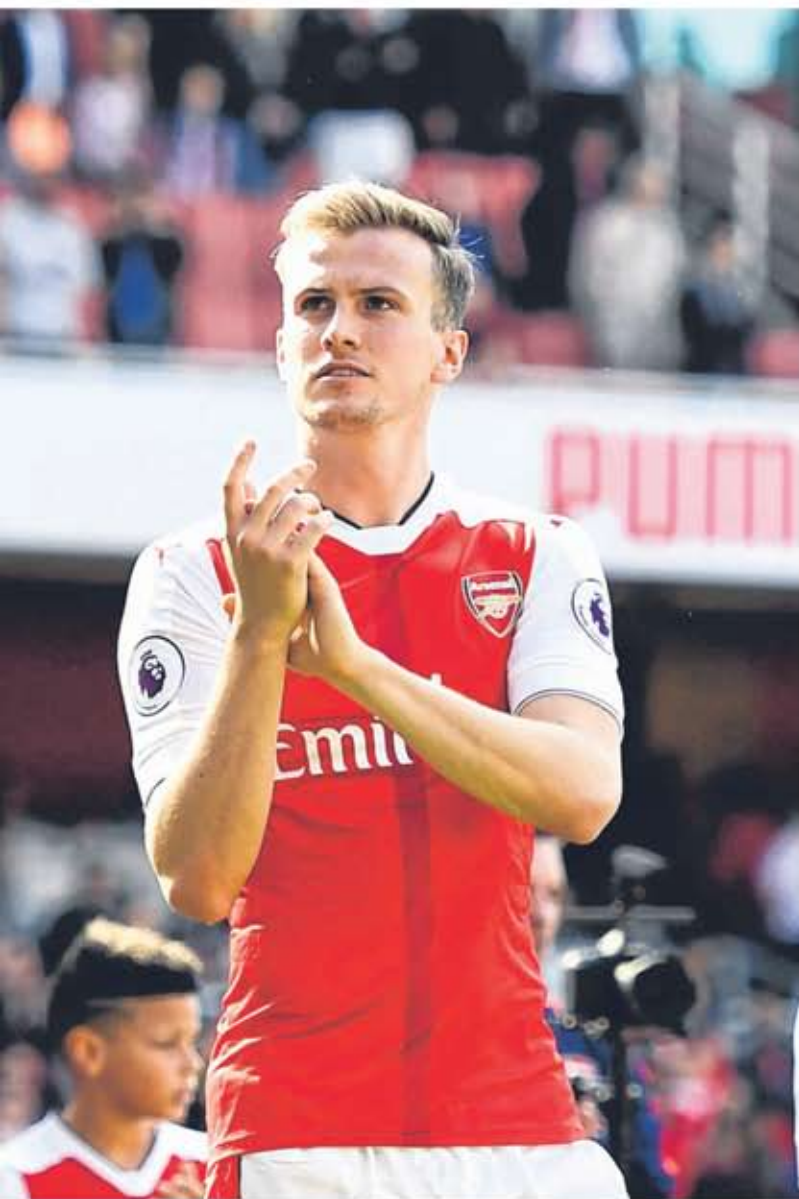


Match points: Arsenal v Chelsea



Key battles

Rob Holding v Diego Costa

Holding was terrific in the semi-final against Manchester City. He becomes pivotal today, given Arsenal's lack of centre-backs. As both Gabriel Paulista and Per Mertesacker were sent off last season after tangling with Costa, the youngster has a tough task. This is likely to be the striker's Chelsea farewell. He has scored only three goals in his last 10 games.



Alexis Sanchez v N'Golo Kante

Sanchez has five goals in his last four games and 29 for the season. He could become the first man to get 30 in a season for Arsenal since Robin van Persie. He is also a reported Chelsea target, making this all the more intriguing. The Player of the Year, in Kante, may have to sacrifice himself to halt arguably the most dynamic and destructive one.



Aaron Ramsey v Eden Hazard

Ramsey scored a belated first league goal of the season last week but the man who got the winner in the 2014 FA Cup final has more defensive duties today. Hazard scored a superb solo strike in Chelsea's 3-1 victory over Arsenal in February and can be elusive within their system. Ramsey, Holding and the right wing-back have to patrol him.



Key statistics

London dominance

12

Number of FA Cups won by Chelsea and Arsenal in the last 20 years.

Gunners' cross-hairs on FA Cup glory



Arsenal have won seven times in the last eight FA Cup finals they played.

20

Arsene Wenger's men will play in their record 20th final, aiming for a record 13th victory.

The double

12

Chelsea are aiming to become the 12th team to complete a league and Cup double.

2-0

Score to Arsenal the last time these two sides met in the final in 2002. Arsenal's win completed their own double.