

Match points: Arsenal v Chelsea



Key battles

Alexandre Lacazette v David Luiz

Arsenal supporters long called for Wenger to sign a first-choice striker. Now, at a cost of £46.5 million, he has. Lacazette scored 37 goals for Lyon last season and the Frenchman showed signs he can combine with Mesut Ozil in Sunday's loss to Sevilla. Luiz was one of the revelations of last season, being a reliable rock in Chelsea's defence, but was that a one-off?



Aaron Ramsey v Cesc Fabregas

Arsenal's present against their past. The Wembley specialist Ramsey scored the winner in the FA Cup final for the second time in three years. Fabregas was only a substitute then, and Conte ought to have brought him on sooner, but with Nemanja Matic sold and Tiemoue Bakayoko injured, he has the chance to stake his case for a place.



Per Mertesacker v Alvaro Morata

The £58 million man Morata averaged a goal every 90 minutes in La Liga for Real Madrid last season, but Conte has admitted he is not fully up to speed yet. Now for the task of replacing the combustible Costa. Mertesacker was outstanding in the FA Cup final but begins the final year of his career after some awkward outings in pre-season.



Key statistics

Curtain-raising records

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Number of times Arsenal have won the Community Shield. Only Manchester United (21) and Liverpool (15) have more wins.

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Chelsea were on the losing side in their last three Community Shield appearances.



Blues' advantage

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Chelsea have won eight of their last 13 meetings against Arsenal.

Spending head-to-heads

Summer transfer buys (£million)

Chelsea Arsenal

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