

Match points: Man United v West Ham



Key battles

Romelu Lukaku v Joe Hart

Lukaku is the £75 million (\$\$133 million) man charged with replacing Zlatan Ibrahimovic. It bodes well he scored in the Uefa Super Cup after debut goals for Everton and West Brom. Hart, exiled from Manchester City, could do his permanent employers a favour but Lukaku, with nine goals in 10 games against West Ham, is their regular nemesis.



Nemanja Matic v Manuel Lanzini

"A great loss" to Chelsea, according to Antonio Conte, Matic was a title winner under Mourinho and is a typical, forceful defensive midfielder. He promises to form a formidable trio with Paul Pogba and Ander Herrera. However Lanzini, linked with Liverpool as a replacement for Philippe Coutinho, could be an elusive opponent.



Victor Lindelof v Javier Hernandez

Lindelof, a £31 million buy from Benfica, was Man United's first summer signing. He looked shaky in pre-season and could be tested by Hernandez, United's player of the year in 2010-11, a superb substitute at Old Trafford and who averages a goal every 130 minutes in the Premier League. He looks a £16 million bargain for West Ham.



Key statistics

Sharpshooters united



2012-17 goals

Manchester United new boy Romelu Lukaku has scored 85 Premier League goals in the last five seasons, hitting a high of 25 with Everton last term. Only Sergio Aguero (99) has more.



2010-14 goals

West Ham's Javier Hernandez scored 59 goals for United during his stint from 2010 to 2015.

Old Trafford fortress



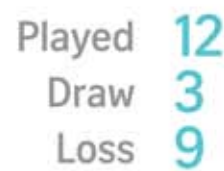
United are unbeaten in 29 home games in all competitions.

Theatre of draws



But the Red Devils won only eight home league games last season – a record low for them in the EPL era.

Hope for Hammers



West Ham have not won on their last 12 games at Old Trafford. At least, they stemmed the tide of losses on their last three trips.