

Match points: Tottenham v Chelsea



Key battles

Toby Alderweireld v Alvaro Morata

It will be Atletico Madrid v Real Madrid and perhaps the league's best defender against maybe its finest forward, provided Antonio Conte actually starts his £58 million (\$\$1.02 million) striker. Morata made a major difference against Burnley, scoring as a substitute, but missed a penalty at Wembley in the Community Shield shoot-out against Arsenal.



Dele Alli v N'Golo Kante

Few got the better of Kante last season but Alli can claim to have done so. The elusive Englishman twice got behind the Chelsea midfield to head in goals in Spurs' 2-0 win in January, both from Christian Eriksen's crosses. Now Kante faces the problem of how to track both, and perhaps halt Mousa Dembele, while working with a makeshift partner.



Harry Kane v Antonio Rudiger

It is a strange statistic. Kane has more Golden Boots than league goals in August. Indeed, he has not scored this month, though he hit the post at Newcastle. Nevertheless, he presents a challenge for the £34 million newcomer Rudiger. The Germany international may be joined by youngster Andreas Christensen in a new-look defence.



Wembley woes

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Tottenham have won only one of their last nine games at Wembley.

Red mist over Blues



Chelsea have had three men sent off in their first two games this season.



Premier League games since Tottenham have had a red card.

Key statistics

Spurs' home advantage

53

Points Mauricio Pochettino's men won at home last season, the most in England.

P17 W2 D7 L8

Tottenham have beaten Chelsea just twice in their last 17 clashes in all competitions.

Champions' sluggish start

44

Years since Chelsea have lost their opening two league games. They have lost in the Community Shield and their league opener so far.