

# Match points: Chelsea v Manchester City



## Key battles

### Alvaro Morata v Nicolas Otamendi

Along with Sergio Aguero and Romelu Lukaku, Morata is the Premier League's joint top scorer. He has had four goals in the last week, including a hat-trick at Stoke. He can glide past defenders and outjump them. His elegance brings a contrast with Otamendi whose rashness and capacity to go to ground needlessly can make him seem a weak link.



### Eden Hazard v Fernandinho

This should be a first league start of the campaign for Hazard, who was outstanding against Atletico, roaming in a central role and showing signs of an understanding with Morata. He scored three goals against City last season, including both in a 2-1 win at Stamford Bridge. Fernandinho, City's lone defensive midfielder, could be overworked.



### Andreas Christensen v Gabriel Jesus

The composed Christensen should make just his third Premier League start in place of the suspended David Luiz. He probably anticipated facing Aguero. Instead Jesus should be his direct opponent and, if Chelsea think that is a lucky escape, the precocious Brazilian averages a goal every 89 minutes in the Premier League.



## Key statistics

### The Only One

3-1 (a)  
2-1 (h)

Last season, Antonio Conte became the only manager to do a league double over Pep Guardiola.

### Will Blues do it again?



Manchester's City's last league defeat - at Stamford Bridge. Since then, they have gone on a 14-match unbeaten run, including 11 wins.

### No more a Blues fortress?

Home points dropped

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2017-18 (8 games) 2016-17

### City the scoring machines



City have become the first club to score at least five goals in three successive league games.

### Spanish eye for goal



City playmaker David Silva's assists, the most in the Premier League.



Chelsea defender Cesar Azpilicueta's assists. Only Silva and Henrikh Mkhitaryan (five) of Manchester United have more.