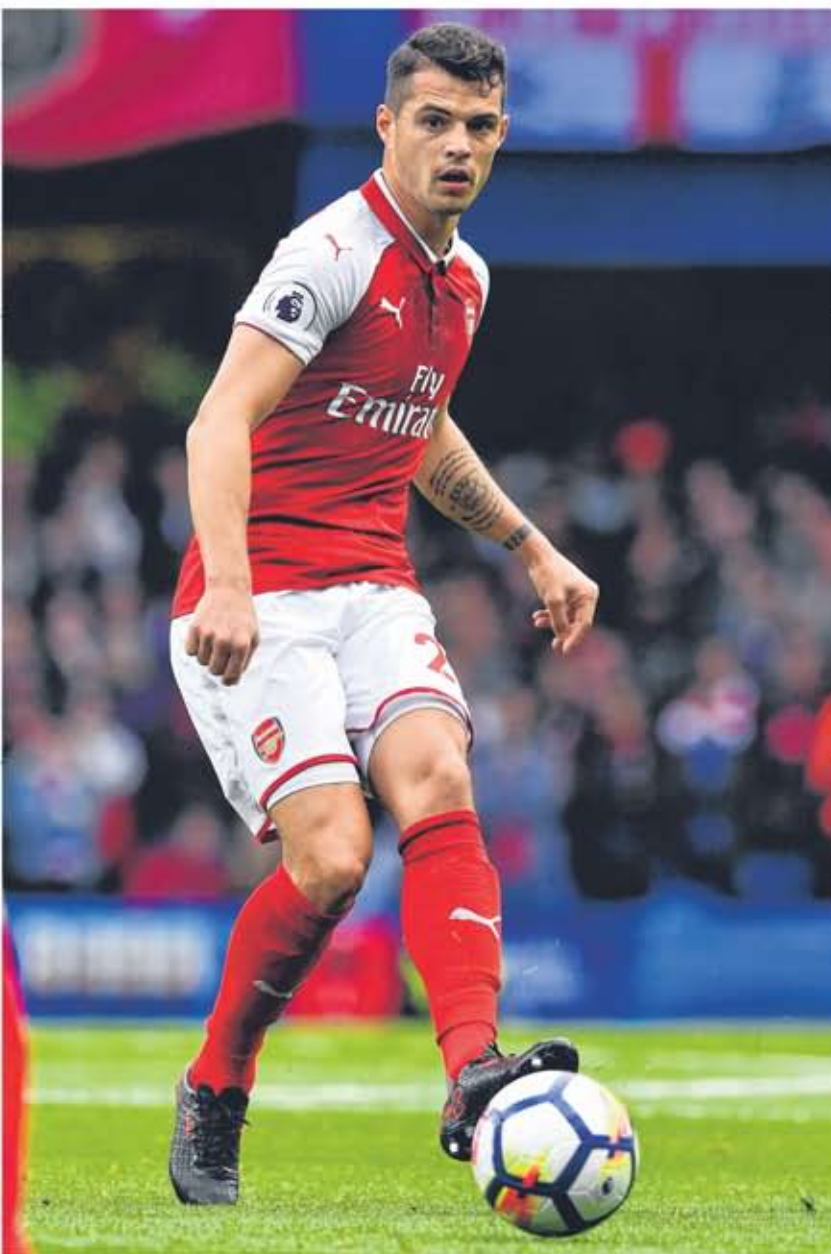


Match points: Arsenal v Tottenham



Key battles

Granit Xhaka v Christian Eriksen

Two men whose countries qualified for the World Cup in the last week. Eriksen produced arguably the outstanding display of his career with a hat-trick against Ireland. The Irish afforded the Dane far too much room and Arsenal, without a specialist defensive midfielder, could make the same mistake unless Xhaka closes him down.



Alexis Sanchez v Davinson Sanchez

Sanchez against Sanchez. Tottenham's excellent Davinson is more important, with Alderweireld out until Christmas. Arsenal's Alexis has only one league goal this season and just one in seven games against Spurs. The collapse of Manchester City's £60 million transfer-deadline bid will only pay off if he gets the goals to fire them into the top four.



Laurent Koscielny v Harry Kane

Koscielny is Arsenal's best defender, but they could do with either Per Mertesacker or Shkodran Mustafi returning to help him halt Kane. The Tottenham top scorer sat out England's stalemates with Germany and Brazil, but is a specialist on these stages. He has six goals in his last five north London league derbies.



Key statistics

Dropping the ball

37

Points Tottenham have dropped from a winning position against Arsenal, the most by any team in any one Premier League fixture.

Evenly-matched

1-1

The last three north London derbies at the Emirates have ended all square with one goal apiece.

Something's got to give

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Arsenal have won their last 10 home league games, their longest run at the Emirates.

3.5



Goals Tottenham have averaged in their last seven away league games, 25 in all.

Gunners' winless run

Played: 6



Drew: 4

Lost: 2

Arsene Wenger has not tasted victory in his team's last six league meetings against Spurs.