Match points: Arsenal v Manchester United

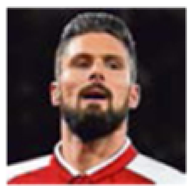
Key battles

Mesut Ozil v Paul Pogba

Ozil, who is in superb form, excelled for Mourinho at Real Madrid and could be reunited with the Portuguese, who has dropped Henrikh Mkhitaryan, at United next season. Pogba missed the away games at Liverpool and Chelsea, where United did not score. Besides his defensive duties, he could make them more potent by venturing forward.

Shkodran Mustafi v Romelu Lukaku

Arsenal have conceded only one league goal this season with Mustafi on the pitch, and that was in August. The German has made a huge difference at the heart of the back three. Lukaku has only one goal in 11 games and just five in his last 38 against the big six, but did score for Everton at the Emirates Stadium last season.



Olivier Giroud v Chris Smalling

Giroud is yet to start a league game this season but, with Alexandre Lacazette injured, should be promoted after his two-goal cameo in Wednesday's 5-0 win over Huddersfield. He got a late equaliser against United last season. Smalling, who had been a substitute, has become crucial again when Phil Jones and Eric Bailly have been out.

Key statistics

Flat-track bullies

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Goals Manchester United have scored away to top-six opponents.

4 x 6

United have scored four goals against six teams in the league this season. Of those, only Watford (8th) are not in the table's bottom half.

Emirates advantage?

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Identical 100% home records of Arsenal and Man United in the league this season.

Head to head

11.8%

Arsene Wenger's win rate against Jose Mourinho, with the Frenchman coming up tops just twice in 17 meetings.

1 in 6

United have beaten Arsenal just once in their last six games.

Safe hands

9

League-leading number of clean sheets United's David de Gea has this term.

196

Appearances Petr Cech made for Chelsea under Jose Mourinho.

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