Match points: Manchester United v Liverpool

Key statistics

Feeling at home



Goals Manchester United have conceded at home, the lowest in the league.

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United have lost just once in 14 matches at Old Trafford this season, to Manchester City.

Cavalier on the road

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Goals Liverpool have scored on their travels, the most in the league.

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Goals the Reds averaged in their last three away league matches.

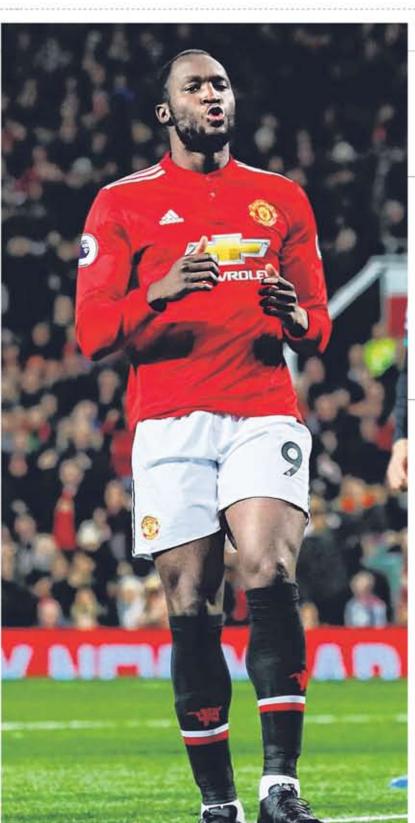
Stalemates

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Two of their last three meetings have finished goal-less.

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Their last four meetings have finished all square.



Key battles

Romelu Lukaku v Virgil van Dijk

Lukaku finally scored a first United goal against top-six opponents in the 2-1 win over Chelsea two weeks ago but was ineffective against Liverpool in October. He has not been in a winning side against them since his West Brom days. Van Dijk, like him, cost £75 million (S\$137 million) and has stabilised the Liverpool defence which has conceded only one goal in five games.





Alexis Sanchez v Trent Alexander-Arnold

Sanchez scored in Arsenal's 3-3 draw against Liverpool in December but has only two goals in seven games against the Merseysiders. He represents a test for the attack-minded, in-form Alexander-Arnold, who will have to be more defensively disciplined than usual. The teenager is the nephew of the United club secretary John Alexander.





Ashley Young v Mohamed Salah

Young's defensive positioning has been excellent for a man who has spent much of his career as a winger. He will have to tuck in as close to his centre-backs as possible to prevent Salah from finding a gap. The Egyptian has scored in seven consecutive starts, though he failed to find the net in a 16-minute cameo against Porto.

