

Match points: Tottenham v Manchester City



Key battles

Dele Alli v Ilkay Gundogan

Alli was fortunate not to be sent off in Spurs' 4-1 defeat by City in December for a poor challenge on Kevin de Bruyne. But he also scored home and away against City last season. Gundogan will deputise for the suspended Fernandinho but is less athletic and less of a defensive midfielder. The German will have to track Alli's late runs into the box.



Harry Kane v Nicolas Otamendi

Kane scored belatedly on Wednesday when he was finally awarded Tottenham's weekend winner against Stoke. However, it has been two months since he found the net at Wembley. Otamendi has been at fault for goals in each of City's last three games and, while he has had an excellent season, there is a case for dropping him now.



Kieran Trippier v Leroy Sane

Sane gave the former City player Trippier a torrid time when they last met, but it hardly helped the right-back that Mauricio Pochettino picked a diamond midfield that gave him no protection. The Spurs manager is likely to choose another shape this time. He could also choose Serge Aurier, an erratic figure but a quicker full-back than Trippier.



Key statistics

City under siege



Goals Premier League leaders Manchester City have conceded in their last three games.

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Pep Guardiola's side have lost their last three games, having lost just four in 48 earlier games this season.

Good year

W13 D2 L1

City have won a club record 13 of their 16 away league games this season.



Points Tottenham have won in 2018, the most in the league.

Main men



Average goals Christian Eriksen has contributed in his last four games (four goals, two assists).

25

Goals Harry Kane has, after a panel credited him with Spurs' second against Stoke last week.