

Match points: Manchester City v Manchester United



Key battles

Sergio Aguero v Chris Smalling

Smalling has had some torrid times at the Etihad Stadium in recent years, but was United's unlikely match winner on their last visit. This promises to be a tougher assignment. Aguero, who is averaging better than a goal a game at home in the Premier League this year, also got two assists in the 6-1 thrashing of Southampton and was rested on Wednesday.



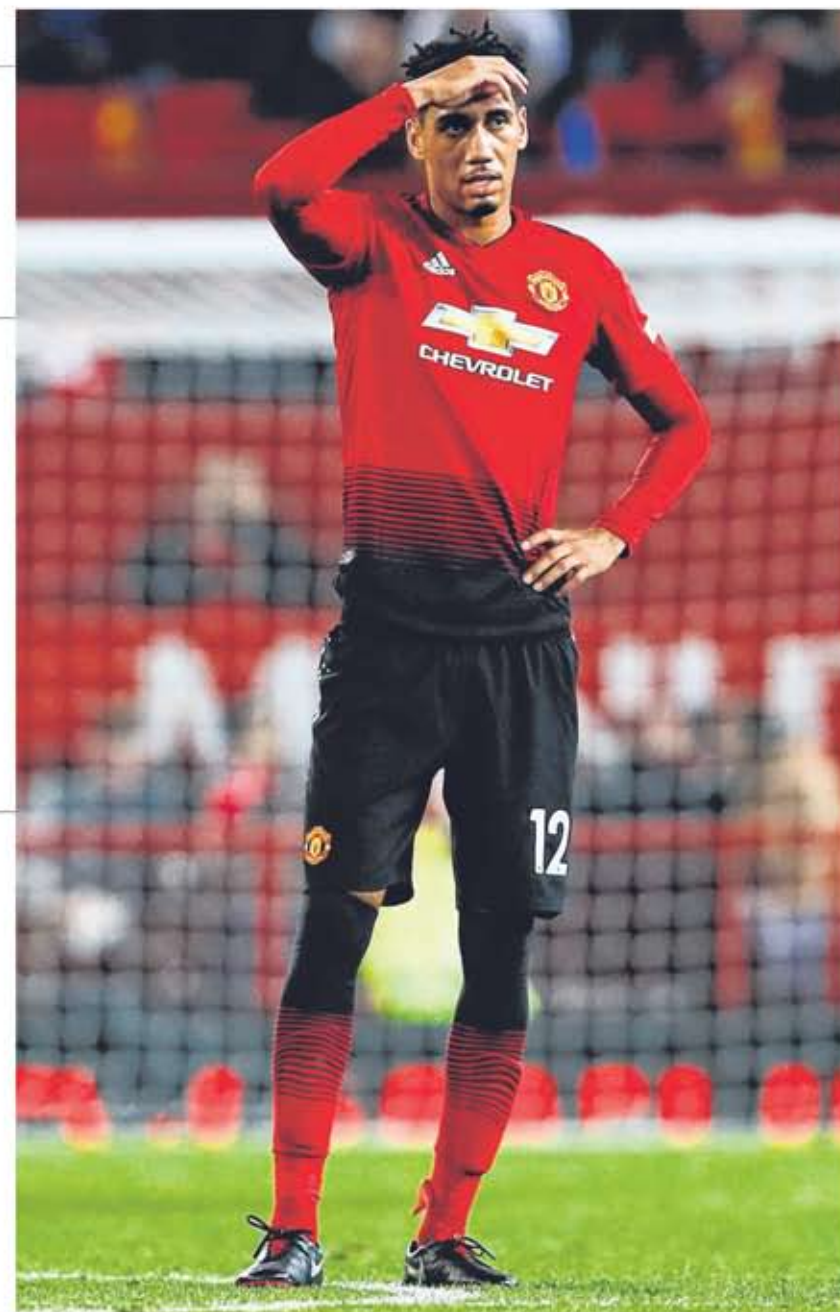
Fernandinho v Paul Pogba

Pogba struck twice in swift succession in United's win in April. He has been a common denominator in many of the team's recent comebacks. As Jose Mourinho did against Juventus on Wednesday, the boss should select a midfield trio to give him more opportunity to go forward, where he can do damage. If so, Fernandinho could be busy and outnumbered.



Kyle Walker v Anthony Martial

Possibly the quickest duel in the Premier League so far this season. After a summer when Mourinho was willing to sell him, Martial has surged into form, scoring five goals in United's last four league games. The Frenchman's pace on the counter-attack should mean Walker goes forward less than usual and less than Benjamin Mendy.



Key statistics

City's bragging rights

6 v Southampton
5 v Burnley

Manchester City have scored 11 goals in their last two home league games.

W22 D2 L1

In 25 league games at the Etihad since last season, City have lost just once – to neighbours Manchester United.

United's divided defence

21:00

Man United have conceded within 21 minutes in four of their last five league games.

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Jose Mourinho's side have kept just one clean sheet in the league this season.

At the back

40

Saves United goalkeeper David de Gea has made in the league, 21 more than City's Ederson.

Up front

11

City goals Raheem Sterling (scored six, assisted five) has been involved in, the joint highest in the league.