

Premier League – Matchround 1 (13-15 August 2016)

Everton – Tottenham Hotspur (13 August)

Head-to-Head

- Everton have not beaten Tottenham in their last seven league meetings (home and away) (D4-L3).
- In the PL era (since 1992/93), Everton have won just five of 24 home matches vs Spurs (D11-L8). For example, the Toffees have won more PL matches at Goodison Park against Manchester United (6), Liverpool (7) and Chelsea (8).
- Everton (49) are one short of 50 league wins against Spurs (all divisions): W49-D51-L58 in 158 matches.
- The record between these teams at Everton in the top flight: 32 home wins, 28 draws, 18 away wins.

Everton

- Everton have started their last three PL campaigns with a 2-2 draw.
- Everton won their last two home games last season, which was only the second time all season they won back-to-back home matches.
- Romelu Lukaku, who can make his 150th PL appearance, has failed to score in all seven PL appearances against Spurs. None of these matches resulted in a win for Lukaku's side (D4-L3).
- Lukaku has scored 43 PL goals for Everton. He needs one more goal to equal Leon Osman and Kevin Campbell, who are joint third on the all-time list behind Tim Cahill (56) and Duncan Ferguson (60).
- Kevin Miralles has scored twice vs Spurs. He needs one more goal to equal David Unsworth as the most prolific Everton players against Spurs in the PL era.
- Ronald Koeman's faces Mauricio Pochettino, the coach he replaced at Southampton. The Argentine has the upper hand in their four previous encounters with two wins, one draw and one defeat.
- Koeman and Pochettino faced each other three times during their playing career. In the 1994/95 season, both players were based in Barcelona with Koeman playing for FC Barcelona and Pochettino for RCD Espanyol. The match at Espanyol finished 0-0, while Barça won 3-0 at Camp Nou. The third match was also played in Barcelona, with Koeman's Feyenoord winning 3-0 at Espanyol in the first leg of the UEFA Cup second round.
- Koeman led Southampton to sixth (2015/16) and seventh (2014/15) place before joining Everton this summer. Everton have finished 11th in the previous two seasons.

Tottenham Hotspur

- This is the sixth consecutive season in which Tottenham Hotspur will start a PL campaign away from home (W2-L3). The last three season openers involving Spurs only produced one goal each.
- Tottenham failed to record a win in the final four matches of last season (D2-L2), losing the last two including a 2-1 home defeat against Koeman's Southampton on the penultimate matchday.
- Harry Kane (49) is one short of becoming the fourth player, after Teddy Sheringham (98), Jermain Defoe (91) and Robbie Keane (91), to score 50 PL goals for Spurs.
- Kane can make his 84th PL appearance for Spurs. The three players to score 50 PL goals for the club reached that landmark in: 91 PL matches (Sheringham), 127 (Keane) and 150 (Defoe).
- If Kane plays, it would be his 87th PL appearance in total. Only eight players needed fewer matches to reach 50 PL goals - Andy Cole (65), Alan Shearer (66), Ruud van Nistelrooy (68), Fernando Torres (72), Sergio Agüero (81), Kevin Phillips (83), Thierry Henry (83) and Luis Suárez (86).
- Vincent Janssen was released by Feyenoord as a 19-year-old youth player in 2013. Ronald Koeman was the club's head coach at the time.
- Toby Alderweireld (2014/15) and Victor Wanyama (2014-2016) played under Koeman at Southampton, while Mousa Dembélé played under Koeman at Dutch club AZ in 2009.

Manchester City – Sunderland (13 August)

Head-to-Head

- Manchester City are unbeaten in 14 top flight home matches against Sunderland (W11-D3), since a 3-2 defeat in the old Division One on 19 December 1981. Stan Cummins, Gary Rowell and Barry Venison scored for the Black Cats. Trevor Francis scored a brace for City.
- Manchester City have scored multiple goals in each of their last seven PL home matches against Sunderland, but the Black Cats have also found the net at least twice in four of those fixtures.
- Last season's match was played on Boxing Day and resulted in a 4-1 home win. City were up 3-0 after 22 minutes and Wilfried Bony also missed a second half penalty.
- Vincent Kompany, on as a second-half substitute, was just eight minutes into his comeback when he suffered a recurrence of the calf injury that had kept him out of his team's last eight matches.
- Sunderland have kept only two clean sheets in their last 31 top flight matches at Manchester City, in victories on 4 April 1970 (1-0) and 20 August 1980 (4-0).

Manchester City

- Manchester City are unbeaten in their opening PL match for the last seven seasons (W6-D1), winning the last five, since a 4-2 defeat at Aston Villa in 2008/09.
- Manchester City are one short of 250 PL defeats.
- Manchester City have been the leading PL scorers in the last three seasons (102, 83, 71).
- Pep Guardiola started his head coaching career at FC Barcelona with a 1-0 defeat at Numancia in 2008. His first league match in charge of Bayern München was a 3-1 home win against Borussia Mönchengladbach in 2013.
- Kelechi Iheanacho scored a total of five goals in Man City's last four league matches last season.
- Yaya Touré (57) is one short of equalling Carlos Tévez (58) in joint-second of Manchester City's all-time leading PL scorers. Only Agüero (102) has netted more PL goals for the club.
- David Silva has scored for Manchester City in the opening match of a PL campaign in four different seasons (2015/16, 2014/15, 2013/14 and 2011/12). Sergio Agüero has done it on three occasions.
- Jesús Navas and Fernandinho are both on 99 PL matches for Man City.

Sunderland

- Sunderland have not won a PL opener since winning 1-0 at Bolton Wanderers in 2009. Since then they have recorded four draws and two defeats in the opening match round.
- Sunderland's four wins in a PL opener have all been by a 1-0 scoreline: Arsenal (2000), Ipswich Town (2001), Tottenham Hotspur (2007) and Bolton (2009).
- Last season, Sunderland secured PL safety despite spending 237 days in the relegation zone.
- David Moyes' record at Manchester City as coach of Everton and Manchester United in the PL is five wins, one draw and six defeats.
- Jermain Defoe has scored 143 PL goals, one shy of Robin van Persie who is tenth on the all-time list.
- Jack Rodwell is a former Man City player (2012-2014). He played 16 PL matches (2 goals) for the club.

AFC Bournemouth - Manchester United (14 August)

Head-to-Head

- These teams were involved in the last match of the 2015/16 season, with United beating Bournemouth 3-1 at Old Trafford in a rearranged match on May 17.
- The first ever league match between these clubs was the fixture on December 12. Bournemouth's 2-1 home win capped off a memorable week after beating champions Chelsea 1-0 at Stamford Bridge a week earlier. Bournemouth's goals were scored by Junior Stanislas (2') and Joshua King (54'). Marouane Fellaini (24') scored for Manchester United.
- Manchester United have won only one of their five competitive matches at Bournemouth (D2-L2), a 2-1 victory in the FA Cup quarterfinal on 2 March 1957.
- These clubs also met in the FA Cup fifth round on 18 February 1989, drawing 1-1 at Bournemouth before Manchester United won the replay 1-0 at Old Trafford four days later (goal by Brian McClair).
- Bournemouth's other competitive victory against Manchester United was the 2-0 home win in the FA Cup third round on 7 January 1984. Milton Graham and Ian Thompson were the goalscorers for the Cherries, who were managed by Harry Redknapp.

AFC Bournemouth

- Bournemouth only managed to win one of their last eight matches (W1-D1-L6) in their debut season in the English top flight, finishing 16th. That sole victory was a 2-1 win at Aston Villa.
- Junior Stanislas is Bournemouth's top scorer in terms of PL goals with nine, six for West Ham United and three for his current club.
- New signing Nathan Aké and Manchester United's Memphis Depay were teammates when the Netherlands U17 team won the European Championship in 2011.
- Joshua King played a total of 16 competitive minutes as a Manchester United player, against Wolverhampton Wanderers (League Cup 2009) and Galatasaray (Champions League 2012).

Manchester United

- Manchester United and Chelsea have both won 15 (of 24) Premier League opening weekend matches, more than any other club.
- Manchester United have finished outside the top three in three consecutive top flight campaigns for the first time since 1988/89 to 1990/91.
- Manchester United lost four of their last six away matches last season.
- Manchester United scored only 49 PL goals last season. Not since 1989/90 (46) had they scored fewer than 50 top flight goals in a single campaign.
- Last season, Juan Mata became only the third outfield player to feature in all 38 league matches since the Premier League reverted to a 38-match campaign for the beginning of the 1995/96 season, joining Patrice Evra (2009/10) and Robin van Persie (2012/13).
- José Mourinho's Chelsea lost 1-0 to Bournemouth at Stamford Bridge on December 5 last season. He was sacked 12 days later, three days after another defeat at Leicester City.
- Paul Pogba returns to United for a world record 105 million euros four years after leaving the club. He joined United from French club Le Havre in 2009 as a 16-year-old, but made just three PL appearances in 2012, all as a substitute for a total of 70 minutes.
- Swedish striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic has won the league title in all foreign leagues he has played in so far: Eredivisie (Ajax), Serie A (Internazionale and AC Milan, as Juve title was revoked), La Liga (FC Barcelona) and Ligue 1 (Paris Saint-Germain).
- Michael Carrick is on 499 career league matches. He made his debut on 28 August 1999 for West Ham United in 3-0 win at Bradford City, replacing Rio Ferdinand in the 79th minute.
- Jesse Lingard has scored in United's last two official matches: FA Cup final and the Community Shield.

Arsenal – Liverpool (14 August)

Head-to-Head

- Liverpool have lost 64 top flight matches against Arsenal. They have only lost more to Manchester United (65).
- Arsenal have lost only one of their last 16 Premier League home matches against Liverpool (W8-D7), the 2-0 defeat on 20 August 2011. Aaron Ramsey (78' own goal) and Luis Suarez (90') scored the goals.
- Last season, this exact fixture ended in a goalless draw. The last time Arsenal recorded back-to-back clean sheets against Liverpool at home was in 1990-1992 when the Gunners won 3-0 and 4-0.

Arsenal

- This will be Arsenal's 100th top flight season. Arsenal will meet Liverpool for the 92nd season in the topflight.
- Arsenal have won their opening match only once in the last six PL seasons (D3-L2), the 2-1 home victory against Crystal Palace in 2014/15.
- Last season, Arsenal opened their PL campaign with a 2-0 home defeat to West Ham United.
- Arsenal have won their last three PL home matches without conceding a goal.
- The last time the Gunners went four consecutive home matches without conceding a goal was in December 2013 – February 2014 when they had a streak of five.
- Arsenal are unbeaten in their last 10 PL matches (W5-D5), since losing 2-1 to Swansea City at the Emirates on March 2nd.
- Arsenal have not finished a PL season below fourth place in the entire Arsène Wenger era (since 1996/97).
- Wenger has lost 11 times to Liverpool in the Premier League. Only Manchester United (18) and Chelsea (13) have a better win record versus Wenger.
- New signing Rob Holding can make his PL debut. The 20-year-old centre back joined the Gunners from Bolton Wanderers this summer.
- Besides pre-season, Holding and possible centre back partner Calum Chambers have played together once before in England's Under-21 squad in this year's Toulon tournament group stage match vs Japan (1-0 win) on May 27.

Liverpool

- Liverpool finished eighth last season, equalling their lowest position since their last promotion to the top flight in 1962 (eighth in 1962/63, 1993/94 and 2011/12).
- Liverpool have won their last three season openers, vs Stoke City (2013), Southampton (2014) and Stoke City again (2015).
- Jürgen Klopp and Arsène Wenger have met seven times in their coaching careers, six in the Champions League and once in the Premier League. Wenger leads the head-to-head (W3-D2-L2).
- All of the 11 PL goals Georginio Wijnaldum scored for Newcastle United last season were scored in home matches. Wijnaldum has yet to lose a PL match in which he scores, winning four and drawing three.
- Nathaniel Clyne is on 249 league matches. He played 122 for Crystal Palace, 94 for Southampton and 33 for Liverpool.
- Goalkeeper Alex Manninger played for Arsenal between 1997 and 2001, featuring in 39 PL matches.

Chelsea – West Ham United (15 August)

Head-to-Head

- Chelsea are unbeaten in their last 10 PL home matches against West Ham United (W7-D3) and have kept a clean sheet in six of the last nine.
- West Ham's last win over Chelsea at Stamford Bridge came on 28 September 2002 (2-3). Jerrel Hasselbaink (21' pen.) and Gianfranco Zola (74') scored for Chelsea and Jermain Defoe (40') and Paolo Di Canio (48', 84') scored for West Ham United.
- Last season's fixture on 19 March finished in a 2-2 draw with Cesc Fàbregas scoring a free kick and a penalty in the dying seconds of both halves to cancel out goals by Manuel Lanzini (17') and Andy Carroll (61').
- Both teams recorded a league high 14 draws last season. Only Everton also had 14 draws.

Chelsea

- Chelsea's 50 points last season were the fewest points by a reigning champion in a PL season.
- Only five of Chelsea's 12 wins last season were recorded at home. Their last home win was a 5-1 victory over Newcastle United on 13 February 2016.
- Chelsea have drawn eight of their last 10 PL home matches (W1-D1), failing to win the last five (D4-L1).
- The last time Chelsea had a streak of six top flight home matches without a win was in the 1994/95 season when they had a run of 12 without a win at Stamford Bridge (D7-L5) between November 1994 and April 1995 (negative club record).
- Chelsea have conceded at least one goal in each their last 12 home league matches since beating Norwich City 1-0 on 21 November 2015. The last time they conceded in more consecutive home league matches at least one goal was in 1960-1961 when they conceded in 25 in a row (negative club record).
- Chelsea are one goal short of 5,000 top flight goals, and one short of 900 PL home goals.
- John Obi Mikel (249) could become the fifth African player, after Kolo Touré (353), Nwankwo Kanu (273), Didier Drogba (254) and Yakubu (252), to make 250 PL appearances.
- Diego Costa has scored 32 PL goals since joining Chelsea in the summer of 2014. Only Harry Kane (46) and Sergio Agüero (50) have scored more PL goals in the last two seasons.
- Eden Hazard scored all four of his PL goals last season in Chelsea's last five league matches.

West Ham United

- West Ham United (7th) finished higher than Chelsea (10th) last season. This was the first time this happened since the 1995/96 season when the Hammers finished 10th, one place above their city rivals.
- West Ham won four London derbies in the Premier League last season, most of all London teams.
- West Ham's 15 points in London derbies were most last season, finishing above Tottenham Hotspur (13), Chelsea (12), Arsenal (7) and Crystal Palace (5).
- West Ham have scored at least one goal in each their last 13 PL matches. Only Leicester City (18) and Liverpool (14) have longer running streaks.

Various

- **Leicester City** are unbeaten in their opening matches in their last three Premier League seasons (W1-D2). The last time they lost the first match of a Premier League season was in 2001/02 when Bolton Wanderers defeated them (5-0).
- In those last three matches, **Leicester** scored at least two goals but also conceded two goals in each of those matches.
- They start a PL season away from home for the first time since 1999, when they lost 2-1 at Arsenal. They had started at home in each of their following five top flight seasons.
- The reigning champions have never lost their opening match of a PL season (W20-D4). The last reigning champions to lose their first match of the season were Arsenal in 1989/90 when they lost 4-1 at Manchester United.
- **Leicester City** are unbeaten in their last 12 Premier League matches after losing 2-1 at Arsenal on 14 February. This is the longest current unbeaten streak in the league. Arsenal themselves follow with 10.
- **Leicester City** are the only side to have scored in their last 18 Premier League matches. The last side to keep them from scoring in the PL was then promoted Bournemouth on 2 January 2016 (0-0).
- The last encounter between **Leicester** and **Hull City** came in last season's League Cup. The match ended 1-1 (goals in extra time by Abel Hernández and Riyad Mahrez) and Hull progressed after penalties (5-4). Mahrez was the only player to miss from the spot.
- **Hull City, Burnley and Middlesbrough** were promoted last season. The last promoted side to win their opening match of the Premier League were West Ham United in 2012/13 as they defeated Aston Villa (1-0).
- **Middlesbrough** return to the Premier League for the first time since 2008/09, when they started their season with a home win over Tottenham Hotspur (2-1). They have not won their opener in consecutive top flight seasons since 1951/52 and 1952/1953. In 1951, they also started with a 2-1 home win over Spurs.
- In all competitions, **Southampton** have not conceded any goal in their last four encounters against **Watford**.
- The only top flight encounters between **Swansea City** and **Burnley** came in 2014/15, with Swansea winning both matches 1-0.
- **Crystal Palace** have won three of their four PL home matches against **West Bromwich Albion**, with their only defeat coming in April 2015 (2-0).