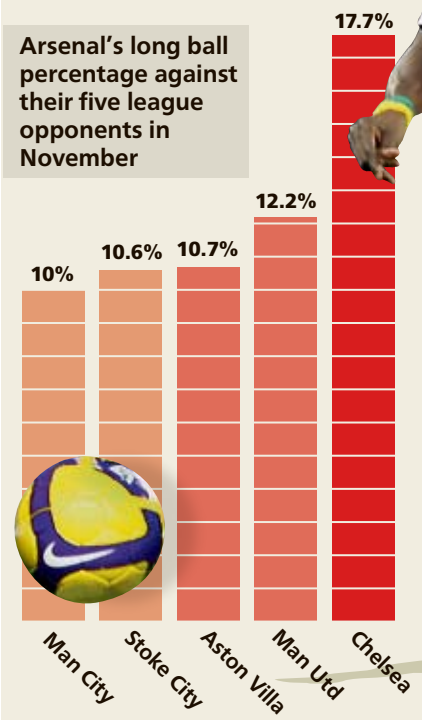


Recipe for success: the key to Arsenal's breakthrough

Arsenal curbed their short- passing game to beat Manchester United on November 8 and abandoned it to defeat Chelsea on Sunday. More than one in six of their passes at Stamford Bridge were long (40 yards or more) compared with only one in ten in their 3-0 defeat by Manchester City a week earlier

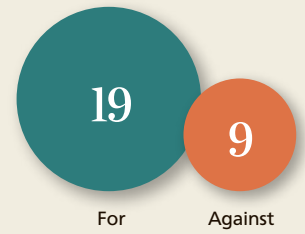
Arsenal's long ball percentage against their five league opponents in November



Arsenal league goals scored and conceded this season

Arsenal's best display in November came against Chelsea which, significantly, was the only time Emmanuel Adebayor and Robin van Persie, pictured, started together up front. As the statistics below show, the team have fared much better this season with the pair on the pitch than when one or both have been absent

With Adebayor and Van Persie on pitch



With one or both missing

