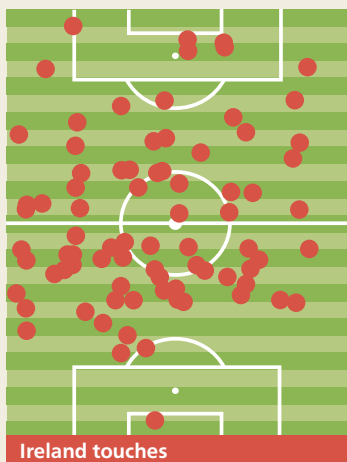


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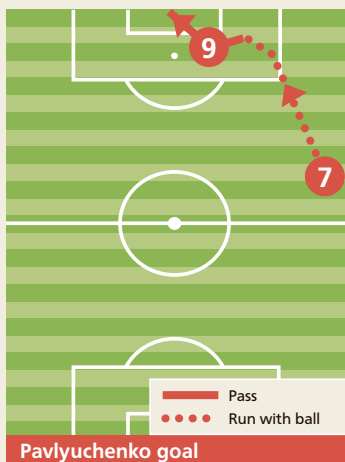
Ireland supreme

Stephen Ireland has been arguably Manchester City's most important player this season, contributing to defence and attack, as he did in the 3-0 win over Arsenal. The midfielder is second in the club's list of goalscorers and chances created in the league and way ahead of the rest in tackles and interceptions



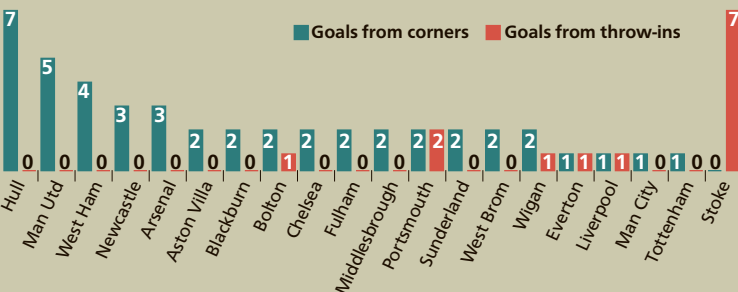
Lightning Lennon

Aaron Lennon deserved almost all the credit for Tottenham Hotspur's goal yesterday. After dispossessing Martin Olsson, the Blackburn Rovers left back, he outsprinted him, shrugged him off again and reached the byline to cut the ball back for Roman Pavlyuchenko to score



Hull corner the market

Hull City have scored twice more from corners than any other team this season. Stoke are the only side without a goal from a corner yet have scored seven from throw-ins; so, in a reversal of the norm, it is worth defenders knocking the ball behind for a corner to prevent it going for a throw-in when they play Stoke

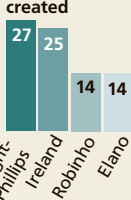


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Most goals



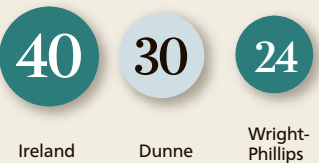
Most chances created



Most tackles



Most interceptions



Lampard to the fore

Frank Lampard was a central figure as usual in Chelsea's attacking as Newcastle United held on for a goalless draw at Stamford Bridge. The England international, among the players of the season so far, has recorded the second most shots on target in the Premier League and has teed up the second highest number of attempts on goal

Most attempts on target



Most chances created



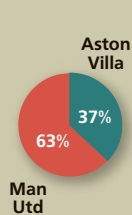
Gaby goes quiet

Gabriel Agbonlahor struggled to get involved for Aston Villa against Manchester United. The striker made far fewer passes than the visiting side's strikers as United dominated possession

Most passes



Possession



In good Nic

Nicolas Anelka has been transformed this season having endured a difficult start at Chelsea after joining last January. His passing, crossing and dribbling and goalscoring have all improved

Anelka: last season vs this season (Premier League)

