

Arsenal v Man City preview: six points clear, the champions host a City side without a league win in four

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Arsenal, the defending champions, host Manchester City at the Emirates Stadium on Sunday, 29 November, six points clear at the top of the Premier League and facing a City side who have not won a league match in four. Kick-off is 4.30pm in London, which is 12.30am on Monday, 30 November, in Singapore.

Arsenal have 28 points from 11 matches. City sit third on 22, level with second-placed Brighton, who are ahead on goal difference. A home win would put the champions nine points clear of City. A City win would cut that gap to three.



Enzo Maresca, whose Manchester City side have not won in the Premier League since beating Ipswich on 17 October, takes them to the Emirates on Sunday. Photo: Manchester City FC

Arsenal: two draws and a goalkeeper question

Arsenalâ??s only league defeat this season was the 3-0 loss at Brighton on 19 September. They won their next five, then led at half-time at Newcastle on 21 November, fell 2-1 behind and drew 2-2. On Tuesday they were held 1-1 by Borussia Dortmund in the Champions League, with Viktor Gyokeres scoring after 10 minutes and Maximilian Beier equalising on 55.

Arsenal had 30 shots against Dortmund, only four of them on target. â??There is an element of luck; there is an element of us finishing the actions better,â?• Mikel Arteta said afterwards.

Arsenalâ??s 17 league goals are fewer than six other sides have scored, but their seven conceded is the best defensive record in the division.

David Raya is the doubt. The goalkeeper hurt his left shoulder at Newcastle and missed the Dortmund game, with Kepa Arrizabalaga starting in his place. Arteta said on Monday that Raya does not need surgery and that the injury â??doesnâ??t look too seriousâ?•, but Arsenal have not said whether he will be fit for Sunday. Bukayo Saka is also out injured, and Noni Madueke has taken his chance in the starting XI.

â??Two draws on the bounce now and I just desperately want to win on the weekend,â?• Madueke told Amazon Prime after the Dortmund game. â??Weâ??re champions, weâ??re at home.â?•

City: a league run that needs fixing

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Cityâ??s last league win was the 3-2 against Ipswich at the Etihad on 17 October. Since then they have lost at Aston Villa, at home to Brighton and away to Nottingham Forest, and drawn 1-1 at home to Fulham.

Europe has been kinder. City twice came from behind to draw 2-2 with Napoli on Tuesday and are eighth in the Champions League league phase on 10 points, one behind seventh-placed Arsenal.

â??In the first 10 games, we always score first and in this moment itâ??s the opposite,â?• Enzo Maresca said after Napoli. â??We rushed and made some wrong decisions, but we fought until the end.â?•

Maresca faces the media on Friday at about 1.30pm UK time, 9.30pm in Singapore.

The last four meetings

Gabriel Martinelliâ??s 93rd-minute equaliser cancelled out Erling Haalandâ??s opener in a 1-1 draw at the Emirates in September 2025. City then won the Carabao Cup final 2-0 in March 2026 and the league meeting at the Etihad 2-1 in April. Arsenal won this seasonâ??s Community Shield 3-0.

In Singapore, the match is listed on StarHub TV+ channel 221, Hub Premier 1.

Also this weekend, Singapore time

Nottingham Forest v Chelsea, 4am Saturday. Manchester United v Brentford and Leeds v Coventry, 11pm Saturday. Ipswich v Aston Villa, 1.30am Sunday. Everton v Liverpool, 8pm Sunday. Brighton v Newcastle, Crystal Palace v Hull, Fulham v Bournemouth and Sunderland v Tottenham, 10.05pm Sunday.

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