Title: Mourinho: Costa ready to return to scoring form

Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho believes Diego Costa's midweek exertions will help to put him back among the goals ahead of Saturday's visit of Hull City.

The Chelsea striker has not scored in his past four matches, including the 90 minutes on Wednesday as Chelsea beat Sporting Lisbon 3-1 in the UEFA Champions League. His most recent goal, his 11th in the Barclays Premier League, came against West Bromwich Albion on 22 November.

But Mourinho was pleased with the 26-year-old's contribution at Stamford Bridge as the Spain striker seeks to return to peak fitness and form after persistent hamstring trouble this season.

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"He wants to improve his condition," Mourinho said. "The confidence is not high, the condition is not the best but he wants to use the game [against Sporting] to chase lots of runs and movements, always wanting the ball, always wanting to associate with the wingers and with [Cesc] Fabregas.

"[It was] very important for him. I saw him better than against Newcastle, better than against Sunderland. This game was important for him."