



INSIGHTS

Matchday 15 Serie A 2022-23
11 - 13 November 2022



11/11/2022 20:45 - CARLO CASTELLANI



EMPOLI

Vs

CREMONESE



Empoli and Cremonese will face each other for the first time in Serie A: Empoli are unbeaten in their last nine Serie B matches against the Grigiorossi (W3 D6), losing their last such game on October 2nd 1988.

Empoli are unbeaten in nine of their 10 Serie B home meetings against Cremonese, thanks to three wins and six draws: their only defeat was back in September 1949 (0-2).

Empoli have lost only one of their last nine Serie A meetings against promoted sides (1-2 v Venezia in September 2021) – after their 1-0 win against Monza, they could keep a clean sheet in two such matches in a row for the first time since December 2016.

Empoli have never won a Serie A game played on Friday (D1 L5) – their only draw (2-2 v Genoa in 2021) was in their only such match played at the Castellani.

After their 1-0 win against Sassuolo on MD13, Empoli could keep a clean sheet in two consecutive Serie A home matches for the first time since January 2017 (three in a row back then).

Cremonese have drawn each of their last four Serie A away games: they have never remained unbeaten in five matches away from home in a row in the competition (also four between March and April 1994).

No side has drawn more games than Cremonese in the Big-5 European Leagues in 2022/23 (7/14) – the last promoted side to have drawn at least eight of their first 15 in a single Serie A campaign were Atalanta, back in 2011/12.

Tommaso Baldanzi has scored two league goals so far and only one Empoli player has netted more in a single Serie A season before turning 20 (Nicola Pozzi, four in 2005/06). Indeed, Baldanzi is the only Empoli player to have scored more than one goal at the Castellani in Serie A this season (one against Verona in August and one against Sassuolo in November).

Empoli are one of the two sides, alongside AS Roma, against which David Okereke has scored two Serie A goals; the Cremonese striker scored his first top-flight goal against the Toscani on September 11th 2021, away from home for Venezia.

Empoli are Daniel Ciofani's Serie A favourite target; the Cremonese striker has scored four goals in four matches against them in the competition, including two of his three braces in the competition, each of them for Frosinone.

12/11/2022 15:00 - DIEGO ARMANDO MARADONA



NAPOLI

Vs

UDINESE



Udinese's last Serie A win against Napoli was back on April 3rd 2016 (3-1 thanks to Bruno Fernandes' brace and Théréau's goal for Udinese; Higuaín for Napoli) – since then, Napoli have won 11 games and drawn one.

Napoli have found the net in each of their last 15 Serie A matches against Udinese, scoring 2.5 goals per match on average in the process –Udinese's last clean sheet dates back to September 21st 2014 (1-0 with Danilo's goal).

Napoli have won each of their last eight Serie A home meetings against Udinese, scoring 3 goals per game on average: only against Como do they have a longer open winning run at home in the competition.

Napoli could win 13 of their first 15 Serie A seasonal matches for the first time in their history; only Juventus have previously managed to do that in the top-flight (in 2018/19, 2013/14, 2005/06 and 1949/50).

Napoli could win 11 matches in a row within a single Serie A season for the first time in their top-flight history.

Udinese have drawn five of their last six league games (L1), including their last three. They could draw four Serie A matches in a row for the first time since October 2021.

Napoli have won 24 of their 33 Serie A games played in 2022 (72.7%), gaining 2.4 per match on average (W24 D6 L3): only in 2017 have they had a higher winning percentage (79.5% - 31/39) and a higher points/game ratio (2.5) in a single calendar year.

Napoli's Piotr Zielinski played his first 19 Serie A matches for Udinese, between the 2012/13 and the 2013/14 campaigns; he has scored two goals and delivered two assists in 14 league meetings against his former club in the competition.

Mário Rui made his Serie A debut against Udinese, on August 31st, 2014, for Empoli: the Napoli fullback has delivered three Serie A assists against Udinese, each of them in his last four meetings - against no other side has he made more in the competition.

Isaac Success has assisted a goal in each of his last two Serie A appearances: the last Udinese player to have delivered an assist in three in a row was Rodrigo de Paul, back in March 2021 (a run of four).

12/11/2022 18:00 - LUIGI FERRARIS



SAMPDORIA

Vs

LECCE



Lecce's last Serie A clean sheet against Sampdoria was back in November 2003 (0-0 at the Via del Mare); since then, Sampdoria have scored 26 goals in 11 meetings against them (2.4 per game on average).

Lecce have won two of their last four Serie A away meetings against Sampdoria (D1 L1), after having failed to win each of the previous eight in the competition (D2 L6).

Sampdoria have lost two of their last three Serie A matches against promoted sides (W1), as many defeats as they had in the previous 16 such games.

Sampdoria have lost each of their last four Serie A home games and only twice in their top-flight history have they lost five in a row at home: in 1976 and in 2011.

Sampdoria have lost their last three league games with an aggregate score of 0-7: they last lost four Serie A matches in a row without scoring a single goal in March 2006 (five back then, under Walter Novellino).

After the draw against Udinese on MD13, Lecce could remain unbeaten in two Serie A away matches for the first time since October 2019, when they drew the second one also against Sampdoria at the Ferraris.

After the 2-1 win against Atalanta, Lecce could win two Serie A matches in a row for the first time since February 2020: three back then, under Fabio Liverani.

Federico Di Francesco scored his first Serie A goal this season the last time out, against Atalanta: only once in the competition has he found the net in two successive appearances, between April and May 2017 for Bologna.

After having been involved in 21 goals in his first 21 Serie A meetings against promoted sides, (17 goals, four assists), Francesco Caputo has failed to have a hand in a single goal in his last two such games – both this season, against Cremonese and Monza.

Kristoffer Askeildsen scored his first goal and played his first 29 Serie A games for Sampdoria between 2019/20 and 2021/22 – he has already made six starts for Lecce this season, one fewer than his most in a single campaign in the competition (seven for Sampdoria last term).

12/11/2022 20:45 - RENATO DALL'ARA



BOLOGNA

Vs

SASSUOLO



Sassuolo won their last Serie A meeting against Bologna, while only once in the competition have they won two in a row against them (three between 2019 and 2020).

Bologna have found the net in each of their last 13 Serie A meetings against Sassuolo: the last clean sheet for the Neroverdi was back on August 29th 2015: a 1-0 win thanks to Antonio Flores Flores' goal.

Bologna have lost their last three Serie A home clashes against Sassuolo: in their history in the competition, only against Inter, Juventus and AC Milan have they lost more games in a row at home.

After the victories against Lecce and Torino, Bologna could win three successive Serie A home games for the first time since August 2019 (eight in a row back then).

Bologna have found the net in their last six league games, and they could do so in seven in a row in the competition for the first time since October 2021.

Sassuolo could lose four Serie A away games in a row for the first time since September 2019 (five under De Zerbi), while they could also fail to score in three away matches in a row in the for the first time ever in the competition.

Sassuolo have gained two fewer points than after the first 14 games in Serie A last term (16 v 18) – indeed, they have scored fewer goals at this stage (15 v 22), and they also have a lower shots per game ratio than they had last season in the competition (13 v 15).

Bologna have dropped 17 points from leading situations in Serie A this season, more than any other side in the competition and the most in the Big-5 European Leagues in 2022-23.

Sassuolo are Riccardo Orsolini's favourite Serie A opponent in terms of goals scored; he has netted four times in eight Serie A meetings against them, including two in two games last term. He has never previously scored in three matches in a row against a single opponent in the Italian top-flight.

Bologna are the side against which Andrea Pinamonti has played the most Serie A games without a single defeat (5: W3 D2) - the Sassuolo striker has scored two goals against the Rossoblu, one for Frosinone in 2019 and one for Empoli in 2021.

13/11/2022 12:30 - GEWISS STADIUM



ATALANTA

Vs

INTER



Atalanta's last Serie A win against Inter was in November 2018 (4-1 at the Gewiss Stadium), with the Dea failing to win seven such meetings since then; only against Reggina (12) are they on a longer ongoing winless run in the competition.

The last Serie A game between Atalanta and Inter ended in a goalless draw. Atalanta last kept a clean sheet in two successive league games against the Nerazzurri in 1992 under Bruno Giorgi.

Atalanta and Inter have drawn their last two Serie A meetings at the Gewiss Stadium, and could draw three in a row against one another for the first time in the competition.

Inter have conceded 15 goals in their last six Serie A away matches played on a Sunday at 12:30 (2.5 per game on average) – they have won only two of those games in this time, drawing two and losing two, with one of those defeats coming against Atalanta in November 2018.

After having lost their last two Serie A games at the Gewiss Stadium against Lazio and Napoli, Atalanta could lose three top-flight games in a row at home for the first time since November 1997 (four under Emiliano Mondonico).

After their 0-2 defeat against Juventus, Inter could fail to score in two successive Serie A away games for the first time since April 2018 (run of three), the last of which was against Atalanta in Bergamo. Furthermore, Inter have lost four of their last six Serie A away matches (W2), as many defeats as they had in their previous 45 such outings.

Atalanta's Gian Piero Gasperini will become the third manager to take charge of 500 Serie A games in the three points for a win era, after Francesco Guidolin (545) and Luciano Spalletti (535, before this MD). He was Inter's manager for three league games in September 2011 (D1 L2).

This will be Inter boss Simone Inzaghi's 250th game as a manager in the Italian top-flight; he already has more wins in his first 250 such matches than any Serie A manager in the last 35 seasons (currently 142).

Atalanta's Duván Zapata scored his first Serie A goal since April in his last match. He could make his 200th start in the competition, while he last found the net in two league appearances in a row for the first time since November 2021 (five in a row).

Inter's Edin Dzeko (249 Serie A appearances) has scored seven league goals against Atalanta; only against Sassuolo and Bologna (eight) has he score more in Serie A. He scored six of his goals against the Nerazzurri for AS Roma, while the only one for Inter was scored in the first half of the season last term (September 2021 at the Meazza).

13/11/2022 15:00 - MARCANTONIO BENTEGODI



HELLAS VERONA

Vs

SPEZIA



Hellas Verona are unbeaten in four Serie A games against Spezia (W3 D1): while they have scored eight goals in the process and conceded two goals (keeping two clean sheets).

Spezia's only Serie A point against Hellas Verona came at the Bentegodi, in the 1-1 draw in May 2021: Eddie Salcedo scored for the Gialloblu and Riccardo Saponara netted for the Ligurian side.

Hellas Verona are unbeaten in their last five Serie A home games against Ligurian sides (W3 D2), with their last such defeat coming back in December 2020 (1-2 v Sampdoria).

After three successive defeats in Serie A, Spezia drew their last game against Udinese. They could draw successive top-flight matches in a single campaign for the first time since November 2020.

Spezia are winless in their last seven Serie A matches (D2 L5). Only once in the competition have they failed to win in eight successive matches (between November 2020 and January 2021).

Hellas Verona have won seven of their last 10 Serie A home games against sides in the bottom half of the table at the beginning of a matchday (D2 L1), scoring 20 goals in the process (2 per game on average).

Spezia scored their first away league goal of the season against AC Milan. However, only one side in the history of the competition had lost each of their first seven away games with one goal or fewer: Triestina in the 1955/56 campaign (0-0 draw in their following game).

Simone Verdi's last brace in Serie A was against Spezia in February with Salernitana. Only against Udinese, Chievo (three) and Sampdoria (four) has he scored more goals in the competition (two against the Liguri).

Daniele Verde played 30 Serie A games for Hellas Verona, scoring his first two goals in the competition in the 2017/18 campaign. He has played in four league meetings against his former side since, without been involved in a single goal.

Albin Ekdal has scored two Serie A goals against Hellas Verona, only against Inter has he netted more in the competition (four) – he scored his last goal in the Italian top-flight against Verona, in November 2021 for Sampdoria.

13/11/2022 15:00 - U-POWER STADIUM



MONZA

Vs

SALERNITANA



Monza won their two 2020/21 Serie B meetings against Salernitana, scoring six goals (3-0 and 3-1); those were the only two Serie B meetings between these two sides in the last 20 years.

Monza are unbeaten in nine Serie B home meetings against Salernitana, earning six wins and three draws – they have kept a clean sheet five times in the process, while scoring in all nine games.

Since their Serie A return in 2021/22, Salernitana have won two, drawn two and lost two of their six league meetings against promoted sides – they have both scored and conceded in each of these six matches.

Monza have won three of their four Serie A home matches since Palladino took charge of the club, this after having lost all three under Stroppa. They also kept a clean sheet in each of those three wins under their current manager at the U-Power Stadium.

Salernitana are looking for their first Serie A away win against a side from Lombardia (P10 W0 D2 L8); they last kept a clean sheet in such a game in November 1947, a 0-0 draw against Atalanta.

Since the start of September, only Lazio (5) have won more Serie A games played on Sunday than Monza (4, level with Napoli). Monza have kept a clean sheet in each of their last four such games in the process.

Gianluca Caprari is the only current Monza player to have been directly involved in a Serie A goal against Salernitana; he delivered an assist for the first Nikola Kalinic goal in a 2-2 draw for Hellas Verona at the Arechi in September 2021.

Boulaye Dia has become the first Salernitana player to score more than five goals in the first 14 games played by the club in a single Serie A campaign. The fastest Granata player to have score 7+ goals in a season in the competition was Marco Di Vaio back in 1998/99, when he scored his seventh after 23 MDs.

Federico Bonazzoli (11 goals) could equal Marco Di Vaio as the highest goalscorer for Salernitana in their history in Serie A (12 goals).

Salernitana's Antonio Candreva has been directly involved in five goals in his last eight Serie A appearances against promoted sides (two goals and three assists). One of those assists was against Cremonese in the most recent one of these games on November 5th.

13/11/2022 15:00 - OLIMPICO



ROMA

Vs

TORINO



The last Serie A draw between Roma and Torino was back in December 2015 – since then, there have been 10 wins for Roma and three for Torino.

Roma have failed to find the net in just one of their last 23 Serie A meetings against Torino, a 0-2 defeat after Andrea Belotti's brace in January 2020.

Roma have won 15 of their last 17 Serie A home meetings against Torino (L2) – the last such draw was back in March 1995, in a match between the two managers Carlo Mazzone and Nedo Sonetti.

Roma have lost their last two Serie A home games, and they could lose three such matches in a row for the first time since April 2005 under Bruno Conti.

Roma could fail to find the net in three Serie A home matches in a row for the first time since September 2005, whilst only once before have they lost three such matches in a row without scoring a single goal, doing so between January and February 1994 under Carlo Mazzone.

After having remained unbeaten in seven Serie A away matches in a row between April and August (W5 D2), Torino have lost four of their five such games since September, winning the other against Udinese in October.

After their 2-0 win against Sampdoria, Torino could keep a clean sheet in two successive Serie A matches for the first time since April. Furthermore, they could win two such games in a row without conceding a goal for the first time since September 2021.

After his goal against Sassuolo last time out, Roma's Tammy Abraham could find the net in two Serie A appearances in a row for the first time since March – the Englishman, however, has scored each of his three league goals this season in away matches.

Before joining AS Roma, Andrea Belotti played 232 Serie A games, scoring 100 goals, for Torino. He has made more appearances in the competition in the three points for a win era than any player, while only Paolo Pulici (134 goals) scored more goals for the club in the history of Serie A.

Pietro Pellegrini scored his first Serie A goal against AS Roma in May 2017 for Genoa. The Torino striker scored that goal at the age of 16 years and 72 days, the third-youngest scorer in the history of the competition, after Gianni Rivera (16 years and 68 days) and Amedeo Amadei (15 years and 287 days).

13/11/2022 18:00 - GIUSEPPE MEAZZA



MILAN

Vs

FIORENTINA



Milan won 1-0 in their last Serie A meeting with Fiorentina and could keep successive clean sheets against them for the first time since 2016 (2-0 under Mihajlovic and 0-0 under Montella).

Fiorentina have lost only one of their last 11 Serie A matches against Milan in the first half of the season (0-2 in 2020) – they have had six wins (including a 4-3 victory last season) and four draws.

Milan and Fiorentina have drawn only one of their last 14 Serie A meetings at the Meazza (1-1 with goals from de Jong and Ilicic in October 2014). Such games have ended in eight wins for the Rossoneri and five for the Viola.

Milan have averaged 2.3 goals per game in their last 10 Serie A home games, winning nine matches in the process (defeat v Napoli in the other one) – while they have kept a clean sheet in 50% of their matches during this period.

Fiorentina are unbeaten in their last three Serie A away games and could make it four in a row for the first time under Vincenzo Italiano. After their 2-0 win over Sampdoria, the Viola could keep a clean sheet in successive away matches in the competition for the first time since May 2021.

Stefano Pioli oversaw 69 Serie A games as the manager of Fiorentina between 2017 and 2019 (W24 D24 L21).

Rafael Leão has scored two goals in three Serie A matches against Fiorentina, with both coming at the Meazza - one of them was his very first in the competition, on September 29th, 2019.

Olivier Giroud has scored four goals in his last four appearances for AC Milan in Serie A and the UEFA Champions League. AC Milan have won 17 of their 18 matches in which the Frenchman has found the net in all competitions (only losing against Napoli in September 2021).

Riccardo Saponara made his Serie A debut for AC Milan in 2013/14. He played eight league matches for the Rossoneri – while AC Milan are the side which he has scored the most Serie A goals against (four, at least twice as against any other).

Giacomo Bonaventura scored 30 goals in 155 Serie A matches for AC Milan between 2014 and 2020. Among the opponents which he has never been involved in a goal against in the Italian top-flight, they are the side which he played the most minutes against in the competition (618).

13/11/2022 20:45 - ALLIANZ STADIUM



JUVENTUS

Vs

LAZIO



Juventus are unbeaten in 33 of their last 35 Serie A meetings with Lazio (W25 D8) – the two defeats were in October 2017 (1-2 under Massimiliano Allegri) and in December 2019 (1-3 under Maurizio Sarri).

Juventus last failed to find the net in a Serie A match against Lazio in November 2012, in a 0-0 draw between Antonio Conte and Vladimir Petkovic. Since then, the Bianconeri have scored 37 goals in 19 matches.

Lazio have found the net in each of their last three Serie A away meetings against Juventus and could score in four successive away matches against them for the first time since 2002 (12 back then).

Juventus have won their last three Serie A home matches with an aggregate score of 9-0. They last won four such games in a row in March 2021 (run of seven under Andrea Pirlo).

Lazio have kept a clean sheet in each of their last four Serie A away matches. Only once in their history have they had a longer such run away from home: five in a row between February and March 1998 under Sven-Göran Eriksson.

Only Barcelona (zero) have conceded fewer goals at home than Juventus (three) in the Big-5 European Leagues this season. While Lazio (one) have conceded the fewest away goals so far.

Lazio are the side which Leonardo Bonucci has played the most matches against in Serie A (25) and one of the two opponents which he has the most goals in the competition (three, also Sampdoria). He scored one of his two Serie A braces against the Biancocelesti, two penalties in November 2021.

Dusan Vlahovic has scored four Serie A goals against Lazio. Only against four sides has he scored more (five goals against Bologna, Cagliari, Sampdoria and Spezia). Furthermore, three of these goals against Lazio have been scored in home meetings (two for Fiorentina and one for Juventus).

Ciro Immobile, who made his first three Serie A appearances for Juventus between 2009 and 2010, has scored four goals against his former club. The Lazio's striker has scored just one goal in his last six Serie A meetings against Juventus, in July 2020 at the Allianz Stadium.



Sergej Milinkovic-Savic (goal in the 96th minute during the last meeting between Lazio and Juventus) has delivered four assists in his last four Serie A away appearances, as many as he had in the previous 14.