



INSIGHTS

Matchday 16 Serie A 2022-23
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04/01/2023 12:30 - ARECHI



SALERNITANA

Vs

MILAN



Salernitana have won only one of six meetings against Milan in Serie A (D1, L4): 4-3 in June 1948, the only time they scored more than two goals against the Rossoneri in the competition.

AC Milan have scored at least two goals in all six games against Salernitana in Serie A; Granata are the team against which the Rossoneri have faced the most times (six) while scoring at least twice on each occasion in the competition.

Salernitana are unbeaten in two of their last three previous home games against AC Milan in Serie A (W1 D1), with their only home defeat against the Rossoneri in the competition coming in September 1998.

AC Milan have won six of their last eight matches in Serie A, however their only two games they haven't won are the last two away games (D1 L1); the last time the Rossoneri failed to win three away games in a row in the competition was in April 2019 (4).

Salernitana have won three of their last six home games in Serie A (D2 L1), as many wins as they gained in their previous 20 home matches since they returned to the top-flight.

AC Milan have failed to win two of their last four matches against sides that started the MD with at least 10 points fewer than the Rossoneri in Serie A (D1 L1), after winning each of their previous eight games against such opponents.

Salernitana have fired 73 of 167 shots from outside box (44%) in Serie A, a joint-record in the 2022/23 campaign – however Granata have scored only one goal from outside box so far (Pasquale Mazzocchi against Spezia on 22 October).

AC Milan have scored the most goals in open play in Serie A this season: 26, including each of their last 12 goals in the competition.

Boulaye Dia has scored the most goals in the last 15 minutes of games in Serie A this season (3), he is also one of the four players, along with with Beto, Luis Alberto and Hirving Lozano, with the most goals as a substitute in the competition (three).

Rafael Leão has been involved in the most shot-ending ball carries in Serie A this season: 35 (25 shots and 10 chances created). He scored in his last appearance in the competition (13 November against Fiorentina) and could score in two games in a row in the top-flight for the first time since September 2021.

04/01/2023 12:30 - MAPEI STADIUM - CITTA' DEL TRICOLORE



SASSUOLO

Vs

SAMPDORIA



Sampdoria have won only one of the last six games against Sassuolo in Serie A (D2 L3), in the most recent match (4-0 in February 2022): the Blucerchiati have never won two games in a row against the Neroverdi in the competition.

Sampdoria are the team against whom Sassuolo have kept the most clean sheets in Serie A: 8 in 18 matches.

Sampdoria and Sassuolo have drawn 0-0 in five of their 18 meetings in Serie A (28%): since 1994/95 it is the highest percentage between two teams who have faced each other at least 18 times in the competition.

After three wins in a row at MAPEI Stadium in April, in the last 10 home league matches Sassuolo have never repeated the same result in consecutive games – they drew vs Roma in the last game on 9th November 2022.

Sampdoria have lost their last four games in Serie A without scoring; the last non-newly promoted team to do so in more consecutive matches was Sampdoria (5 from February-March 2006).

Sassuolo have started the new calendar year with a win in only one of the 10 previous calendar years (against AC Milan in 2015) – otherwise drawing four times and losing five times.

Sampdoria have recorded 224 pressed sequences in Serie A this season, a joint-record alongside Fiorentina, while Sassuolo have the second lowest amount (158). This metric shows the number of sequences where the opposition has three or fewer passes in a sequence, and the sequence ends within 40m of their own goal.

Sampdoria have scored only six goals in 15 games in Serie A this season, the lowest value in the Big-10 European Leagues; the Blucerchiati also have the lowest shot conversion rate (4%).

Domenico Berardi could start a Serie A match for the first time since August 2022. He has five goals in his last five league games against Sampdoria: against no other side he has netted more goals without providing an assist in the competition.

Manolo Gabbiadini hasn't scored in his last 11 league games, the last time he recorded a longer streak of consecutive games without a goal in Serie A was between April and November 2012 (16 in that case). However, he has netted a goal against Sassuolo in the top-flight, on 16th March 2019 with Sampdoria at the MAPEI stadium.

04/01/2023 14:30 - ALBERTO PICCO



SPEZIA

Vs

ATALANTA



After drawing 0-0 in their first Serie A match against Spezia, Atalanta have won the next three games, scoring at least three goals in each game.

Spezia's last league win against Atalanta was in June 1931 in Serie B (0-1) – since then they have recorded five draws and seven defeats against the Bergamaschi.

Atalanta have recorded a win and a draw in away games against Spezia in Serie A, and they could be the fifth team to avoid defeat in each of their first three away matches against them in the competition, after Bologna, Fiorentina, Sassuolo and Udinese.

Atalanta have started the new calendar year with a win in each the last six Serie A seasons; they have scored 27 goals in this period, an average of 4.5 per game.

Spezia have lost seven of their last eight league matches against teams that started the MD with more points than themselves in the standings – they have had one draw, in the most recent of these games, 1-1 against Udinese on 8 November 2022.

Atalanta have lost their last three games in Serie A (as many defeats as in their previous 18 matches in the competition) - the last time they recorded four defeats in a row was in January 2016, with Edoardo Reja as coach.

Atalanta have scored the first goal in the match the most times in Serie A this season (12), whilst Spezia scored the first goal only twice - no side has done so fewer times (also Cremonese).

MBala Nzola has scored five goals in seven home games in Serie A this season, whilst last season he didn't score a single goal in home matches. The Spezia forward has scored two goals against Atalanta in the competition - against no opponent has he scored more Serie A goals.

Mario Pasalic has scored five goals in four matches against Spezia in Serie A – a joint-record against this team in the competition, along with Arnautovic, Vlahovic and Immobile.

Teun Koopmeiners has completed the most forward passes in Serie A this season among midfielders; whilst Albin Ekdal is the player with the highest percentage of passes forward (49%, 96/196), among midfielders with at least 100 attempts.

04/01/2023 14:30 - OLIMPICO GRANDE TORINO



TORINO

Vs

HELLAS VERONA



Hellas Verona have won only one of their last 11 Serie A matches against Torino (D7 L3), with that victory coming in February 2018 (2-1).

Torino have won their last two Serie A matches against Hellas Verona, as many wins as in their previous 12 matches against them; the last time they recorded three wins in a row against the Gialloblù in the competition was in March 1970.

Eight of Torino's last 12 home games against Hellas Verona in Serie A have ended level, including four of the most recent five (the Granata winning the other in December 2021).

Torino won their last Serie A game against a team bottom of the table at the start of the matchday (1-0 v Salernitana in April 2022), having recorded two draws and three defeats in the previous five.

Hellas Verona have lost each of their last 10 Serie A matches - only five teams in the history of the competition have recorded more consecutive defeats in a single season: Triestina in 1947 (11), Brescia in 1995 (15), Padova in 1996 (11), Benevento in 2017 (14) and Udinese in 2018 (11).

Torino ended the calendar year with two consecutive home wins in Serie A, the same they had achieved in their previous 13 home matches in the competition. The Granata can win three home matches in a row in the competition for the first time since January 2022.

Six of Hellas Verona's 12 league goals this term have been scored by defenders, no team have more goals from defenders (six also for Inter) or a higher percentage of defender goals (50%) in the competition this season.

Torino have the most passes in the final third of the pitch in Serie A this season (938) – meanwhile, only Lecce (955) have faced more passes in their defensive third than Hellas Verona (888).

Nikola Vlasic has regained possession in the final third on more occasions than any other player in Serie A this season (15) – the Torino forward has been involved in three goals in his last four league appearances (1 goal, 2 assists) , as many as in the previous 11 games in the competition.

Hellas Verona's Simone Verdi scored in his last Serie A appearance (13 November against Spezia) – he scored four goals in 73 Serie A games for Torino and has netted three goals in the competition at Olimpico Grande Torino, including one as an away player for Napoli in September 2018.

04/01/2023 16:30 - VIA DEL MARE - E.GIARDINIERO



LECCE

Vs

LAZIO



Despite Lazio winning three of their last five Serie A matches against Lecce (D1 L1), Lecce did win the most recent encounter between the two sides (2-1 in July 2020). Lecce could remain unbeaten in successive matches against Lazio in the competition for the first time since 2005 (three in a row back then).

Lazio have scored 41 goals in their last 20 Serie A meetings with Lecce, 2.05 per game on average: the only match in which they failed to score against them during this period came in December 2005 (0-0).

Lecce and Lazio have drawn only one of their last 13 Serie A matches in Puglia: 0-0 in December 2005 – Lazio have won seven games in the process, whilst Lecce have won five.

Lazio have lost, conceding exactly three goals, two of their last three Serie A games against opponents with fewer points than them (W1), as many defeats as they had in the previous 23 such matches.

Lecce could win three Serie A games in a row for the first time since February 2020: indeed, they have won their last two league matches, having won only one of their previous 13 Serie A games this season (D6 L6).

Lazio have kept a clean sheet in eight of their last 10 Serie A matches, more than any other side in the period. They have kept nine Serie A clean sheets this season: only in 1973/74 have they kept more shutouts at this stage of the season (10 back then).

Lecce (136) and Lazio (160) are two of the three teams to have attempted the fewest shots in Serie A this season (alongside Sampdoria, 152); however, Lazio have recorded 18.6 Expected Goals, while Lecce's tally stands at 11.3 (the lowest in the league).

Lecce have conceded 53% of their goals from set pieces, a negative record in Serie A this season (9/17); on the other hand, Lazio have scored 12% of their goals from set pieces (3/26) - only Empoli (8%) and AC Milan (10%) have seen a lower share of their goals coming from set plays this term.

Lorenzo Colombo has been involved in four goals in his last three Serie A appearances (two goals, two assists); he has found the net in 60% of his starts in Serie A this season (3/5), no player has a higher percentage so far (the same as Lookman and Osimhen) among those with 5+ starts.

Sergej Milinkovic-Savic has been involved in the most open play sequences ending in a goal in Serie A this season (14). Furthermore, he is the only player to have scored 3+ goals and delivered 3+ assist in each of the last seven Italian top-flight campaigns.

04/01/2023 16:30 - OLIMPICO



ROMA

Vs

BOLOGNA



Roma have failed to score in their last two Serie A matches against Bologna, as many times as in their previous 39 matches against them; the last time the Giallorossi failed to score in three successive matches against the Rossoblù in the competition came between 1966-1968 (four in that case).

Bologna have won more games against Roma in Serie A than against any other side; for the RossoBlu 51 wins in 148 matches (D44 L53).

Roma will be looking to register three consecutive home clean sheets against Bologna for the first time in Serie A.

Roma have lost their first match of a new calendar year three times in the last five Serie A seasons (W2), as many as in the previous 13 campaigns.

Having gone 10 league games without a draw, Roma have drawn their last two Serie A games and could draw three on the bounce for the first time since last February.

Roma have won only one point from their last three Serie A home games, having won three of their previous four such matches (L1); they last failed to win four home league matches in a row in February 2020 (with the fourth coming against Bologna).

33% of Roma's Serie A goals this season have been headed (6/18): the highest percentage so far – on the other hand, only Inter and Milan (five each) have conceded more such goals than Bologna (four).

No side have conceded more Serie A set-piece goals than Bologna this season (nine), while Roma are the side to have scored the highest share of their goals from set plays (39% - 7/18).

Paulo Dybala has scored seven Serie A goals against Bologna, only against Sampdoria (eight), Genoa (nine) and Udinese (10) has he netted more in the competition; the Roma striker has found the net in seven different meetings against Bologna, against no other side has he done so more often.

Musa Barrow has scored two Serie A goals against Roma, with both coming in February 2020 at the Olimpico – his first brace in the Italian top-flight.

04/01/2023 18:30 - GIOVANNI ZINI



CREMONESE

Vs

JUVENTUS



Juventus are the team against which Cremonese have played the most matches without ever win in Serie A: in 14 matches against the Bianconeri they picked up only four points (D4).

Cremonese have registered four draws against Juventus in Serie A, all in home games, they have drawn more home games only against Napoli in the competition (five).

Cremonese haven't won any match in the current league season: the last three teams without a win after 15 Serie A games finished in 20th place (Verona 2015/16, Benevento 2017/18 and Chievo 2018/19).

Cremonese have kept two clean sheets in their last two home league matches, only between February and April 1995 have they enjoyed a longer run of successive home shutouts in the competition (four in that case).

Juventus have won 10 of their last 12 Serie A matches played after a break of more than 50 days - the only exceptions were a defeat in August 2015 against Udinese and a draw, again against the Friulians, in August 2021.

Juventus have won each of their last six league games without conceding a goal, the last time they registered more wins consecutively without conceding in Serie A was back in March 2018 (nine under Massimiliano Allegri).

Having picked up only two points from six away league games, Juventus have won 1-0 in each of their last three matches on the road in Serie A against Torino, Lecce and Hellas Verona.

No side has scored a higher share of their Serie A goals in the second half this season than Juventus (16/24, 67%, alongside Sampdoria and Udinese), followed by Cremonese (64%, 7/11).

No side has fewer goalscorers than Cremonese in home matches in Serie A this season: so far only Leonardo Sernicola and Ciriaco De Simone have netted for them at Zini stadium.

Adrien Rabiot has been involved in five goals in his last five Serie A matches (three goals, two assists), as many as in his previous 42 appearances in the Italian top-flight.

04/01/2023 18:30 - ARTEMIO FRANCHI



FIorentINA

Vs

MONZA



After winning three of their previous five games against teams from Lombardy in Serie A (D1 L1), Fiorentina have lost their last three league matches against these opponents (Atalanta, Inter and AC Milan).

Fiorentina have won their last six home games against newly promoted sides in Serie A, including this season against Cremonese. Indeed, the Viola could record a seven-game winning streak at home in the top-flight against these sides for the first time since 1999.

For the fourth season in a row, Fiorentina have conceded at least 20 goals in their first 15 Serie A matches; only once previously have the Viola conceded so many goals after as many games for at least four consecutive seasons in the top-flight (six between 1937-38 and 1946-47).

Fiorentina have registered two wins, two draws and two defeats in their last six Serie A games at Franchi Stadium.

In his first nine Serie A games as manager, Raffaele Palladino registered five wins and four defeats; the last coach not to record a draw in their first 10 matches in Serie A was Paulo Sousa in 2015 with Fiorentina (W7 L3).

Monza have lost five away league games this season (W1 D1), only Spezia (seven) have registered more away defeats in Serie A in 2022-23.

Fiorentina are one of only two teams, with Juventus, that haven't conceded a goal from outside the box in Serie A this season - while Monza are one of only three clubs, with Inter and Juventus, with two goals scored by direct free-kicks.

22% of Fiorentina's goals in Serie A this season (4/18) have arrived in the first 15 minutes of play, the highest such percentage, while Monza have only scored one goal in the 15 minutes of play, only Atalanta and Lecce have fewer (both yet to score in this period).

Giacomo Bonaventura – three goals currently – is one goal away from equalling his tally in Serie A for the entirety of last season (four in 2021-22); since 2015-16 he is the only midfielder with at least three goals in all eight Serie A campaigns.

Gianluca Caprari has scored more goals against Fiorentina in Serie than any other side (five goals in 10 matches), including one in the most recent match in March 2022 (Fiorentina 1-1 Hellas Verona).

04/01/2023 20:45 - GIUSEPPE MEAZZA



INTER

Vs

NAPOLI



Napoli have lost 68 of their 152 Serie A matches against Inter (W46 D38), only against Juventus (70) have they suffered more defeats in the competition.

Inter have won each of their last four home Serie A matches against Napoli, after having achieved two wins in the previous seven at the Meazza Stadium (D3 L2).

Inter have won the most home matches against Napoli in Serie A (W50 D17 L9), with 143 goals scored also, another record in home games against the Partenopei in the top-flight.

In their last 24 league games Inter have never drawn, recording 18 wins and six defeats; the last team with a longer streak of games without a draw in Serie A was Juventus between 2016 and 2017 (38).

In 2022, no team has scored at least three goals in more home Serie A games than Inter (eight, level with Napoli).

Napoli have won each of their last 11 Serie A matches, the last team to register a longer streak in the top-flight was Juventus between December 2017 and March 2018 (12 consecutive wins).

No team has conceded fewer headed goals than Napoli in Serie A this season (one), while no side has conceded more headed goals than Inter (five) – in addition, the Partenopei have scored the most headed goals (nine) in Serie A in 2022-23.

Inter have scored the most goals in the first 15 minutes of play in Serie A this season (six), while no side has scored more than Napoli in the last 15 minutes of play (10).

Lautaro Martínez has scored four goals against Napoli in Serie A, only against Salernitana (five) and Cagliari (eight) has he netted more in the competition – three of his four goals against the Partenopei have arrived at the Meazza Stadium.

Victor Osimhen is the top scorer in Serie A this season with nine goals; while he is second only to Nicolò Barella (3.1 – 5 goals and 1.9 xG) in difference between goals scored and Expected Goals in Serie A in 2022-23 (2.8 – 9 goals and 6.2 xG), with Khvicha Kvaratskhelia behind them in joint-third (2.5 – 6 goals and 3.5 xG).

04/01/2023 20:45 - DACIA ARENA - STADIO FRIULI



UDINESE

Vs

EMPOLI



Both Udinese and Empoli have four wins for each and one draw in their last nine Serie A matches. In the previous season, the Tuscans won in the first match at the Castellani, while the Friulians earned a victory in the reverse game at the Dacia Arena.

Udinese have won eight of their 13 home Serie A games against Empoli (62% - D3 L2), among the teams they've faced at least 10 times in home matches in the competition, only against Lecce (73%) and Cagliari (63%) do the Bianconeri have a higher percentage of wins.

After a streak of six consecutive league wins, Udinese have registered five draws and two defeats in their last seven fixtures; the last time the Bianconeri recorded a longer such streak in Serie A was between September/ October 2021 (eight games under Luca Gotti).

Udinese have picked up 12 points in seven home games in Serie A this season, the last time they gained more points after their first seven home league matches was back in 2014-15 (14).

Empoli won their last league match 2-0 against Cremonese; they could win two games in a row in Serie A for the first time since December 2021, with the first of those two wins coming against Udinese. In addition, the last time the Azzurri kept two clean sheets in consecutive top-flight games was back in January 2017 (run of three under Giovanni Martusciello).

Empoli have lost their last two away league games 6-0 on aggregate; the Tuscans could lose three consecutive matches on the road without scoring in Serie A for the first time since April 2017 (run of four).

Udinese have conceded the joint-fewest headed goals in Serie A this season (one, alongside Juventus, Lazio and Napoli), with Empoli conceding just two.

42% of Udinese's goals scored in the current league season arrived in the last 15 minutes of the game (10/24), the highest such proportion in Serie A in 2022-23, while no team has scored a higher percentage of their Serie A goals this season in the second half than the Bianconeri (67% - 16/24).

Udinese are the only team with three players with at least eight assists in Serie A in 2022 - Gerard Deulofeu (nine), Roberto Pereyra (nine) and Isaac Success (eight).

Mattia Destro has scored six goals against Udinese in Serie A, his joint-most against teams currently in the top-flight – however, the Empoli striker hasn't found the net in his last five matches against the Bianconeri.