



# INSIGHTS

**Matchday 19 Serie A 2022-23**  
**21 - 24 January 2023**



21/01/2023 15:00 - MARCANTONIO BENTEGODI



## HELLAS VERONA

## Vs

## LECCE



Hellas Verona are unbeaten in their last five Serie A matches against Lecce (W3 D2), winning the last two (2019/20 season) – Lecce's last win against Hellas in the top-flight came back in January 2001 (4-2 with Cristiano Lucarelli's brace, Vugrinec and Osorio goal for the Giallorossi, Emiliano Bonazzoli and Adailton for the Gialloblù).

Hellas Verona have never lost at home to Lecce in Serie A: four wins for Hellas (including a 3-0 victory in the most recent such meeting in January 2020) and three draws in seven matches at the Bentegodi stadium.

Hellas Verona have picked up just nine points so far this season, their second lowest points tally after 18 games played in a Serie A season (8 points in 2015/16); in the three points for a win era with 20 teams, only one side has avoided relegation having collected less than 10 points at the half stage in a Serie A campaign (Crotone in 2016/17, nine points after MD19).

Lecce have picked up 20 points so far this season and with a win in this game they could record their second highest points tally from the first 19 matchdays in a Serie A season: indeed, the Giallorossi have gained more than 20 points at this stage of the season only three times (22 points in 2004/05, 22 points in 2000/01 and 27 points in 1999/00).

Hellas Verona won their last home Serie A match and could win back-to-back top-flight games on home soil for the first time since February 2022 (3).

Lecce are unbeaten in their last six league matches (W3 D3), last going longer without defeat in Serie A back in March 2004 (under Delio Rossi).

Hellas Verona are one of the three sides (alongside Sampdoria and Torino) yet to score a direct attack goal in Serie A this season; Lecce have scored four such goals so far, fewer only than Napoli and Sassuolo (five each).

90% of Hellas Verona's home goals in Serie A this season have come in the first half (90%), the highest such share in the division.

Milan Djuric has the most flick-ons in Serie A this season (75): in his three games played in 2023, he has recorded his highest three figures for flick-ons this season: 18 vs Torino, 15 vs Cremonese and nine vs Inter.

Federico Di Francesco is the only player in the current Lecce team that has scored a Serie A goal against Hellas Verona: he found the back of the net in his last league appearances against them, in March 2022 with Empoli.

21/01/2023 18:00 - ARECHI



**SALERNITANA**

**Vs**

**NAPOLI**



Following two draws in the 1947/48 campaign, Napoli won both of their Serie A meetings against Salernitana last term (1-0 at the Arechi, 4-1 at the Maradona).

Napoli have won six of their last seven away Serie A Derby of Campania (D1), keeping six clean sheets in the process (facing Avellino, Benevento and Salernitana).

Since November, only Sassuolo (one) have picked up fewer Serie A points than Salernitana (two draws and four defeats in the process); Salernitana have also conceded the most goals during this period (18).

Napoli have earned 47 points so far this season: in the three points for a win era (excluding the 2005/06 campaign), only three times has a side reached 50 points from the first 19 games: Juventus 53 in 2018/19, Juventus 52 in 2013/14 and Inter 51 in 2006/07 (all eventually going on to win the title in those respective seasons).

Napoli have scored 4+ goals in five Serie A games this season (equalling their tally across the whole of last season); only Bayern Munich (six) have done so on more occasions across the big five European leagues this term.

Napoli are averaging 17.7 shots per game in Serie A this season, with only Bayern Munich (20.5) averaging more across the big five European leagues this term; the other two sides with 17+ shots per match are Manchester City (17) and Real Madrid (17.3).

Across their three league games in 2023, Salernitana have faced the most shots (58), 31 of them on target, 14 more than the side to have faced the second most this calendar year (Sampdoria, 17 shots on target faced).

Serie A top scorers Napoli (44) have scored the most goals in the first half this season (21), whilst Salernitana have conceded the most in the opening 45 minutes (19); Napoli have also scored the most goals in the final 15 minutes of the first half (11), whilst Salernitana have shipped the most during this time period (9).

Across the Big-10 European Leagues, Serie A has the most African players to have scored 7+ goals this season (four): Victor Osimhen (12) and Boulaye Dia (seven) are two of them - Lookman and Nzola the other two.

Napoli's Khvicha Kvaratskhelia is one of just three players to have scored 7+ goals and assisted 7+ goals across the big five European leagues this season (also Messi & Neymar).

21/01/2023 20:45 - ARTEMIO FRANCHI



**FIorentINA**

**Vs**

**TORINO**



Torino won their last Serie A game against Fiorentina and could win back-to-back games against them for the first time since 1983.

Torino's last Serie A away victory against Fiorentina came back in October 1976 (0-1 thanks to Graziani's strike): since then, Fiorentina have won 18 of the 32 such meetings (D14).

Fiorentina have lost seven Serie A matches so far this season, exactly the same number of defeats as they suffered in the first half of the 2021/22 campaign; however, they won 10 of their first 19 games last term, whilst they have won only six so far in 2022/23.

Torino currently sit on the same number of points as Fiorentina (23), but they could improve on their 25 points gained after 19 games last term; only once in the last seven campaigns, have they reached the halfway point in a season with less than 25 points (14 in 2020/21).

Torino have failed to keep a single clean sheet in their nine Serie A away games this season, one of five sides that have failed to do so (also Bologna, Cremonese, Inter and Hellas Verona) – in the last nine Serie A away matches of the 2021/22 campaign, they kept three shutouts.

Among the sides currently in the top half of the Serie A table, Fiorentina and Torino are the two with the worst shot conversion rate (7.5% Viola, 8.3% Granata) and the two with the worst shots/goals ratio (13.3 Viola, 12.1 Granata).

Fiorentina and Torino have scored the joint-fewest goals from outside the box in Serie A this season (one each); Torino have attempted 74 shots from outside the box with only Lazio (69) attempted fewer, whilst Fiorentina have fired 98 attempts from distance, behind only Udinese (107) and Milan (104).

Nicolás González scored his very first Serie A goal against Torino at the Franchi, in August, 2021 - only one of his last five league goals has not come from the penalty spot (vs Hellas Verona last September).

Stephane Singo has scored three of his five Serie A goals in January, including one against Fiorentina on January 10th, 2022. He is yet to find the net for Torino in the competition this season.

Nikola Vlasic has created the most chances from open play in Serie A this season (36), whilst Cristiano Biraghi has created the most from set-pieces (32).

22/01/2023 12:30 - LUIGI FERRARIS



**SAMPDORIA**

**Vs**

**UDINESE**



Sampdoria have avoided defeat in six of their last seven Serie A meetings with Udinese (W5 D1), although did lose their most recent one in March 2022 at the Dacia Arena; Udinese could win two such games in a row for the first time since May 2013 (three in a row).

Udinese have won only one of their last 17 Serie A away games against Sampdoria (D7 L9), winning 2-0 in December 2012 under Francesco Guidolin, thanks to Danilo and Di Natale's goals.

Sampdoria (nine) are one of three sides with fewer than 10 Serie A points so far this season, alongside Hellas Verona (nine) and Cremonese (seven); since 2004/05, only one of the six sides to have gained fewer than 10 points in the first half of the season avoided relegation at the end of the season: Crotone in the 2016/17 campaign (nine points after 19 games).

Sampdoria have lost each of their last six Serie A home games, their longest ever such run in the competition. They have failed to find the net in their most recent five home games in Serie A; only twice before have they had a longer such run (six in March 1976 and nine in December 1972).

Udinese have lost their last two Serie A matches (against Juventus and Bologna), and could lose three in a row for the first time since September 2021.

Udinese have picked up 25 points in Serie A so far this season; over the last nine Serie A campaigns, in only one have they ended the first half of the season with more points (28 in 2017/18).

No side has scored a higher percentage of their Serie A goals in the last 15 minutes of play this season than Udinese (10/26, 38%, level with Cremonese). However, they have conceded the highest ratio in the opening 15 minutes (29%: 6/21).

No Sampdoria player has had a hand in more Serie A goals than Tommaso Augello this season (three goals – one goal and two assists, level with Manolo Gabbiadini). Only in the 2020/21 campaign has he been involved in more goals in a single Serie A season (four – one goals and three assists).

Udinese have picked up 1.6 points-per-game on average in their 15 Serie A games with Gerard Deulofeu this season, with a 40% win rate – in the other three matches, they have have earned 0.3 points per game, without a single win.

Udinese's Beto scored his very first Serie A goal against Sampdoria in October 2021 at the Ferraris. Since he joined the club in 2020, has scored more goals without assisting one than any player in the competition.

22/01/2023 15:00 - U-POWER STADIUM



**MONZA**

**Vs**

**SASSUOLO**



Monza lost their only previous match against a team from Emilia-Romagna in Serie A, a 1-2 defeat against Bologna in October at the U-Power Stadium.

Monza are unbeaten in four league games (W2 D2); they have never recorded a run of five consecutive matches without defeat in Serie A.

19 of the 21 points gained by Monza in Serie A were in matches that kicked off at 3pm. In this kick-off slot, they have played eight matches (W6 D1 L1), while in other games they have played 10, earning just two points.

Sassuolo have lost their last four league games; only once in Serie A have they gone on a run of at least five defeats in a row (seven between January and March 2014).

Monza are the first team to finish the first half of their first ever Serie A season with as many as 21 points since Serie A returned to 20 teams in 2004/05.

Sassuolo have gained 16 points in 18 matches in the league this season; in their history in Serie A, they have always finished the first half of the season with at least 17 points.

No team has scored more goals than Monza between the 61st and 75th minute of games this season (seven, equal to Milan and Napoli); however, they have also conceded the most such goals in the same period of play (eight).

Matteo Pessina has scored twice against Sassuolo in Serie A; against no other team has he scored more in the division (also two against Lecce and Parma). The Neroverdi could become the first opponent against which he has scored against with three different clubs in the competition (after a goal with Hellas Verona in June 2020 and with Atalanta in January 2021).

Patrick Ciurria has scored in both of his last two league games; no Monza player has found the net in three straight appearances in Serie A.

Davide Frattesi has scored four goals in Serie A this season, already equalling his total from last season's Serie A, but with half the number of appearances (18 matches in 2022/23 and 36 in 2021/22).

22/01/2023 18:00 - ALBERTO PICCO



**SPEZIA**

**Vs**

**ROMA**



AS Roma are unbeaten against Spezia in Serie A, with three wins and one draw.

After having remained unbeaten in their first two meetings against AS Roma in all competitions (a draw on December 16th 2015, and a victory on January 19th 2021, both in Coppa Italia), Spezia have lost three of their following four matches against them, each of them in Serie A (D1).

AS Roma have won 11 of their last 15 Serie A meetings against sides from Liguria (D3 L1), keeping a clean sheet in each of their last four.

After a 0-0 draw against Lecce and a 1-0 win against Torino, Spezia could keep a clean sheet in three games in a row for the first time in the top-flight; they are unbeaten in their last five league matches (W2 D3), already their record in the Serie A.

No side has earned more Serie A points against sides currently in the bottom half of the table than AS Roma so far: 25, alongside Inter and Napoli (thanks to eight wins and one draw).

Spezia has already equalled their best tally of points in the first half of a Serie A season (18, equalling the 2020/21 campaign); they have won exactly four games after the first 19 matches in the competition in each of their top-flight seasons.

Though AS Roma are unbeaten in their last six Serie A away matches, they have drawn their most recent two (W4): they last drew three such games in a row within a single campaign in May 2019, under Claudio Ranieri.

AS Roma are one of the two sides against whom Mattia Caldara has scored more than one Serie A goal, the other being Napoli (two goals against each) - he scored his last league goal against the Giallorossi on November 7th 2021 for Venezia.

Mbala Nzola's goals have been worth more points than any other player's in Serie A this season (12 points won from nine goals for Venezia).

Paulo Dybala has scored seven league goals so far this season, and could reach 8+ goals halfway through a Serie A campaign for the fourth time - only four other players have done as many times since 2010: Ciro Immobile (7), Gonzalo Higuaín (5), Mauro Icardi (5) and Antonio Di Natale (4).

22/01/2023 20:45 - ALLIANZ STADIUM



**JUVENTUS**

**Vs**

**ATALANTA**



Juventus and Atalanta have drawn seven of their last 11 Serie A meetings (two wins apiece), after 13 matches in which the Bianconeri had always won. Since 2017, no fixture has level more often than this one (also seven times for Fiorentina v Genoa and Cagliari v Sassuolo).

Juventus have lost only one of their last 25 Serie A home matches against Atalanta (W18 D6), though it was the most recent one, 0-1 on November 27th 2021; Juventus' last victory in this exact fixture was on March 14th 2018 under Massimiliano Allegri.

Atalanta have gone unbeaten in their last five Serie A meetings against Juventus, and could remain unbeaten in six in a row against them for only for the second time in their top-flight history, after the six between 1963 and 1966.

Juventus have won without conceding in each of their last five Serie A home games: only five times have they had a longer such run in the competition, most recently between January and May 2016 (11 in a row).

Atalanta have picked up the fewest points in Serie A meetings between the current top seven sides in the table this season (4); Juventus have gained seven points from such games, each of them at home.

Thanks to the 37 points gained so far, Juventus could reach 40 Serie A points in the first half of the season for the 12th time since 2004-05, more than any other side (Inter behind them, nine times and also currently with 37 points).

Atalanta are one of the three sides to have picked up the most Serie A points in 2023 (seven, level with Inter and Roma), scoring 12 goals in the process, at least five more than any other side.

Federico Chiesa, who started a Serie A match for the first time in 369 days last time out, has found the net in two of his last three Serie A home appearances against Atalanta (February 2020 for Fiorentina and December 2020 for Juventus). Atalanta are one of the four sides currently in the competition against whom he has scored more than two goals, along with AC Milan (3), Sampdoria (4) and Bologna (6).

Giorgio Scalvini, Fabio Miretti and Rasmus Højlund are the three youngest players with more than 10 Serie A appearances this season: Miretti has started 12 total games in the competition, while only Paul Pogba (13) and Alessio Tacchinardi (14) have had more than him for Juventus in the three points for a win era before turning 20.

Ademola Lookman, who has nine league goals so far, could become the fourth Atalanta player to score 10+ goals after 19 matches in his very first Serie A campaign, after Jørgen Leschly Sørensen (1949/50), Karl Aage Hansen (1949/50) and Poul Rasmussen (1952/53).

23/01/2023 18:30 - RENATO DALL'ARA



**BOLOGNA**

**Vs**

**CREMONESE**



Bologna are unbeaten in their last six matches against Cremonese between Serie A, B and Coppa Italia: two wins (both in the Coppa Italia) and four draws (all in Serie B); their most recent match was a 2-2 draw on 6th May 2006 in Serie B (Carparelli and Dedic goals for the Grigiorossi and Marazzina's brace for the Rossoblù).

Cremonese and Bologna will meet in Serie A for the first time since 1989/90 season, in which the Grigiorossi remained unbeaten, with a draw in the first match (1-1) and a win in the reverse fixture (2-1).



Cremonese's last away win between Serie A, Serie B and Coppa Italia against Bologna was back on 12 April 1987, a 2-0 win in Serie B; since then, there have been two Rossoblù wins and three draws.

Bologna haven't won any of their last three Serie A matches against opponents that started the MD in 20th place of the standings (D2 L1), having won each of the previous six beforehand.

Cremonese have registered seven draws and suffered 11 defeats in Serie A this season, losing each of their last four matches; only twice in their history they lost more consecutive games in a single season: in November 1984 (6) and in December 1991 (5).

Bologna have won three of their last four home games in Serie A, despite being defeated in the most recent one (against Atalanta on 9th January 2023) – prior to this run, the Rossoblù had achieved the same number of wins in their previous 11 home games in the competition.

Bologna (10) and Cremonese (11) have conceded the most set-piece goals in Serie A this season; furthermore, both these sides have conceded four penalty goals, also a joint-high in the league this term.

Davide Ballardini is unbeaten in his five debut matches as a manager of a team in Serie A: wins with Genoa, Lazio and Palermo and draws with Cagliari and Bologna.

Riccardo Orsolini is the only Bologna player that has both scored and provided assist in each of the last five Serie A seasons; overall, only four other strikers have done so for the same team in this period: Lautaro Martínez (with Inter),

Cremonese's David Okereke has averaged a goal every 223 minutes in Serie A away games (eight total goals), while netting in his only previous league match at the Dall'Ara stadium against Bologna (on 21st November 2021 for Venezia). In home games, however, Okereke has only averaged a goal every 784 minutes in the competition (two total goals).

23/01/2023 20:45 - GIUSEPPE MEAZZA



**INTER**

**Vs**

**EMPOLI**



Inter have won each of their last nine Serie A matches against Empoli, with an aggregate score of 20-7; overall, the last victory by the Tuscan team against the Nerazzurri dates back to 30 April 2006 (1-0 with a Marco Materazzi own goal).

Empoli have remained unbeaten in three of their last five Serie A meetings against Inter in January, thanks to a 1-0 success in 2004 and two draws in 1998 and 2015.

Inter have won 93% of their home games against Empoli in Serie A (14: W13 L1), among the teams they have faced at least 10 times at home, they only have a better percentage against Pro Patria (100%) and Lecce (94%).

Since Simone Inzaghi's arrival (2021/22), Inter have won the most home games (22 out of 28), gained the most points at home (69, at least seven more than any other) and scored the most goals in home games (69) in Serie A.

Empoli won their last league match 1-0 against Sampdoria, while they have not achieved back-to-back Serie A wins since December 2021 - the last time they recorded at least two clean sheets in a row in the tournament was in January 2017 (three).

Only Atalanta (eight) have scored more goals from outside the box than Inter and Empoli this season in Serie A (both five).

Along with their 3rd minute winner against Hellas Verona last time out, Inter have scored eight goals in the first 15 minutes of play in Serie A this season; more than any other team.

Lautaro Martínez - who has nine league goals this term - could become only the third foreign player in Inter history to reach double figures for goals in at least four different seasons in Serie A, after Stefano Nyers and Mauro Icardi (both five).

Inter forward Edin Dzeko, who has scored three goals in his last two starts against Empoli in Serie A, has netted seven goals in the competition this term; four of which have been in his last five games played. Among the players with at least five goals in the big five European leagues this term, he is the oldest at 36 years of age.

Since the start of last season, Guglielmo Vicario is the goalkeeper who has made the most saves (212) within the big five European leagues. Meanwhile, he is one of only two goalkeepers who have not missed a single match in Serie A in the period (56, along with Rui Patrício).

24/01/2023 20:45 - OLIMPICO



LAZIO

Vs

MILAN



Lazio are the team against which Milan have drawn the most games in Serie A (59/158 matches, along with 69 Rossoneri and 30 Biancocelesti wins). However, there has been only one draw in the last 10 matches between Lazio and Milan in Serie A: 1-1 on 25 November 2018, to go with three Biancocelesti and six Rossoneri wins.

After two wins last season, Milan could achieve three consecutive wins against Lazio in Serie A for the first time since the period between 2008 and 2009.

Milan have won two of their last three away matches against Lazio in the league (L1), as many as in the previous 10 (four draws and four defeats).

Lazio have kept clean sheets in 10 of 18 matches this season (fewer only than Juventus, 12) - in the entirety of the last Serie A campaign, the Biancocelesti recorded nine clean sheets in 38 games.

After a 2-2 draw against Empoli in their last match at the Olimpico, Lazio could draw two home games in a row in Serie A for the first time since January 2022 (the first in this run was also against Empoli).

Milan drew 2-2 in both of their last two league games (against Roma and Lecce): the last time the Rossoneri recorded three consecutive draws in Serie A was back in September 2018, under Gennaro Gattuso.

Only Inter (13) have scored more than Lazio and Milan (both 12) in the first 30 minutes of games in Serie A this season; the Biancocelesti are also the only team that have not yet conceded a goal in the first half hour of play.

Since his arrival in the capital (2016/17), with **Ciro Immobile** on the pitch, Lazio have won 56% of their matches in Serie A, with an average of 1.9 points per game - without him the Biancocelesti's win percentage in the league drops to 33%, along with an average of 1.3 points.

Both **Mattia Zaccagni** and **Felipe Anderson** have scored in their last two league matches: the Italian has never found the net in three straight games in Serie A, while the Brazilian last did so between December 2014 and January 2015.

**Rafael Leão** was directly involved in a goal in both matches against Lazio last season (a goal at the Meazza on 12 September 2021 and an assist at the Olimpico on 24 April). Overall, the Portuguese has been involved in 21 goals in his last 23 Serie A matches (11 goals and 10 assists).