



# INSIGHTS

**Matchday 20 Serie A 2022-23**  
**27 - 30 January 2023**



27/01/2023 18:30 - RENATO DALL'ARA



**BOLOGNA**

**Vs**

**SPEZIA**



Bologna are unbeaten in their five (W3 D2) Serie A matches against Spezia, scoring 11 goals against the Liguri (2.2 on average per match).

Although Spezia have scored exactly one goal in each of their two away Serie A games against Bologna, they have lost both matches at Dall'Ara (4-1 on 18 April 2021 and 2-1 on 21 February 2022).

Following the draw in their previous MD against Cremonese, Bologna could draw two Serie A matches in a row for the first time since last September, when the second one came against Spezia.

Bologna have scored in each of their last six Serie A matches played on Fridays (W3 D1 L2) - the last time the Emiliani have failed to find the net in the top-flight on this day of the week was back to February 2016, when they drew 0-0 against Juventus at Dall'Ara.

Spezia have lost each of their five Serie A matches played on Fridays, conceding three goals on average per game (15 total) - the Liguri are the team with the most games played in the top-flight on this day of the week, losing each of those.

Following the success in both of their last two Serie A games on the road, against Hellas Verona and Torino, Spezia could win three away matches in a row for the second time in the competition (three under Thiago Motta between December 2021 and January 2022).

Spezia are the team that Thiago Motta has managed the most times in Serie A - 38 games in 2021/2022 season, with 10 wins, six draws and 22 defeats.

Only Mario Pasalic has found the net more times (6) against Spezia in Serie A than Marko Arnautovic (5 in 3 games): the Austrian striker has scored 46% of Bologna's goals against the Liguri in the competition (5/11).

Emmanuel Gyasi (11) could become the fourth highest scoring Ghanaian in Serie A history - however he has only scored once in his 17 appearances in the top-flight this season.

Spezia will be playing without the injured MBala Nzola: he has scored 53% of their goals (9/17) in Serie A, the highest percentage for any player in the league this season (Arnautovic follows him, with 33%).

27/01/2023 20:45 - VIA DEL MARE - E.GIARDINIERO



**LECCE**

**Vs**

**SALERNITANA**



Lecce won their only previous match in Serie A against Salernitana, 2-1 on 16th September 2022, with goals from Assan Ceesay, Joan González own goal and Gabriel Strefezza's winning goal.

Teams from Puglia have won two of their last three meetings against clubs from Campania in Serie A (both wins for Lecce, against Napoli and Salernitana - D1), as many victories as they had achieved in the previous 19.

After losing their first three Serie A matches played on Fridays between 1994 and 2020, Lecce are unbeaten in the two most recent games on this day: 2-1 against Salernitana and 1-1 against Udinese, both in first half of this season.

Lecce haven't kept a clean sheet in their last 17 matches at Via Del Mare stadium in Serie A, their longest home run in the competition: their last such clean sheet was back on 2nd February 2020: 4-0 win against Torino.

Salernitana have lost their last three away league games, since their return to the top-flight only once have they registered a longer losing streak: the first four of 2021/22, under Fabrizio Castori.

Salernitana have conceded the most goals in the first 15 minutes of matches in Serie A this season (seven), although no side have scored fewer goals than Lecce in the same period of play (one).

Salernitana have conceded the most goals in open play in Serie A this season (29), while Lecce have conceded the most goals from set pieces in percentage terms (45% - 10/22).

Gabriel Strefezza has scored just one goal in his last 10 league appearances, having scored four goals in his previous five Serie A games (including the 2-1 winning goal against Salernitana in the reverse match).

Since his first season in Italy in 2018/19, Krzysztof Piatek has scored five goals in three matches against Lecce in all competitions (including a poker in the Coppa Italia on 11 August 2018) – only against Atalanta has he netted more goals in this period (six in six matches).

Antonio Candreva (451) could equal Roberto Baggio (452 games) as the 35th player with the most matches in Serie A – he has scored one goal in the competition against Lecce, for Inter in August 2019.

**28/01/2023 15:00 - CARLO CASTELLANI**



**EMPOLI**

**Vs**

**TORINO**



Empoli have drawn more Serie A matches against Torino than any other side (10 out of 21), with seven wins for the Azzurri (against no other side have they had more) and four for the Granata.

Torino are unbeaten in six of their last seven Serie A matches against Empoli (W2 D4): with the only Empoli victory in that run coming on May 19th, 2019 (4-1 at the Castellani).

Empoli have lost only one of their 10 Serie A home meetings with Torino (W3 D6), however it was the most recent one at the Castellani: 1-3 defeat on May 1st, 2022.

Empoli have won their last two Serie A games without conceding: they last won three in a row in May 2019 (under Andreazzoli), kept three clean sheets in a row in January 2017 (under Martusciello) and won three in a row while keeping clean sheets in December 2015 (under Giampaolo).

Empoli have won their last three Serie A home games without conceding a goal: they last won more in a row in February 2007 (five, the first four with a clean sheet).

After a 1-0 win against Fiorentina, Torino could keep a clean sheet in two successive Serie A games for the first time since April 2022 – they last won two in a row without conceding a goal in September 2021.

Tommaso Baldanzi is one of two players in the history of Serie A to have scored 4 goals for Empoli before turning 20, alongside Nicola Pozzi in 2005/06 – he could become the only U20 to reach five goals for the club.

Francesco Caputo (17) is only one goal away from equalling Antonio Di Natale (18 goals) as the fifth-best scorer for Empoli in Serie A - only against Bologna and SPAL (five) has he scored more goals than against Torino (four) in the top-flight.

Samuele Ricci played his first 21 Serie A games for Empoli, scoring his only goal in the competition for them – that goal was scored at the Castellani, in September 2021 against Bologna.

Antonio Sanabria scored his first Serie A goal exactly on January 28th against Empoli at the Castellani in 2019, when he played for Genoa – that was his only goal against the Azzurri (two goalless league meetings with Torino).

**28/01/2023 18:00 - GIOVANNI ZINI**



**CREMONESE**

**Vs**

**INTER**



Inter are the side which have won the most Serie A games against Cremonese: 12 wins in 15 meetings, two draws and a defeat (dating back to May 10, 1992).

After a draw in the Grigiorossi's first Serie A home match (0-0 on 30 March 1930), Inter won their next six away games against Cremonese in the top flight – the sides' last meeting at the Zini in the league was on the 6th April 1996 (2-4).

Cremonese became only the second side since Serie A returned to a 20-team league (2004/05) to have failed to win a match in the first half of the season (after Verona in 2015/16) - only one newly promoted team in the history of the competition has not found success in the first 20 matches of the season, Ancona in 2003/04.

After the 0-1 defeat against Empoli in the last round, Inter could fail to score in back-to-back Serie A matches for the first time since February 2022 (against Sassuolo and Genoa).

Simone Inzaghi's Inter have conceded goals in their last 13 consecutive Serie A away games: for the Nerazzurri it is the longest run without a clean sheet away from home in the competition since 1988 (18 under Giovanni Trapattoni).

Inter have scored the most goals in the first 30 minutes in Serie A this season (13), while Cremonese have conceded the most in the same period (13).

Inter have lost six matches in the first half of a Serie A campaign for the first time since 2016/17 (with Frank de Boer, Stefano Vecchi and Stefano Pioli on the bench) – this is also the first time for Simone Inzaghi, as he had never lost more than five of his first 19 games since coaching in the competition (excluding 2015/16).

Cyriel Dessers has had a hand in 75% of Cremonese's Serie A goals at the Zini this season (two goals and one assist) - in the first game against Inter, the forward attempted three shots, two of which were on target, without finding the net.

For the first time in his career, Romelu Lukaku has scored just one goal heading into January – the Belgian hasn't scored in six Serie A appearances, his worst streak in Italy's top flight.

Lautaro Martínez has been involved in 11 goals in his last nine Serie A matches against newly promoted opponents, via nine goals and two assists - including one against Cremonese in the first meeting on 30 August.

28/01/2023 20:45 - GEWISS STADIUM



**ATALANTA**

**Vs**

**SAMPDORIA**



Atalanta have won their last four Serie A meetings against Sampdoria (their longest such run against them), by an aggregate scoreline of 11-1.

Atalanta have won 22 of their 50 Serie A home meetings against Sampdoria (D17 L11), only against Bologna (28) have they won more at home in the competition.

Atalanta and Sampdoria have not drawn any of their last nine Serie A meetings in Bergamo: Atalanta have won five (including a 4-0 win in February 2022, the last one) and Sampdoria four.

Atalanta have lost only one of their last 28 Serie A matches against sides with at least 25 points fewer than them at the beginning of a match-day (1-2 v Cagliari on February 6th, 2022 – W21 D6).

Sampdoria (9 points from 19 games) are having their worst start of a Serie A season: in the three points for a win era, only one of the eight sides with nine points or fewer at this stage of the competition have avoided relegation (Crotone in 2016/17).

Atalanta have scored the most Serie A goals from outside the box this season (8), as many goals as Sampdoria have scored in total – the Blucerchiati have scored the fewest goals from inside the box in the competition so far (six).

Since the beginning of 2023, Atalanta have scored the most goals in the top-10 European Leagues - on the other hand, Sampdoria have scored the fewest Serie A goals this calendar year (two).

Ademola Lookman has become the third African player to have scored more than 10 Serie A goals in the first 19 games to a season, after Samuel Eto'o (12 in 2010/11) and Victor Osimhen (13 this season).

Luis Muriel's last Serie A goal at the Gewiss Stadium was back on April 27th, 2022, a brace from the penalty spot against Torino - he scored 21 goals in 79 Serie A appearances for Sampdoria, whilst he has scored four goals in six top-flight meetings against his former side.

Fabio Quagliarella has failed to score in his 13 Serie A appearances this season, equalling his longest start to a season without a goal (first 13 games played for Ascoli in 2005/06, scoring on his 14th appearances that season) - he has scored 12 top-flight goals against Atalanta, only against Fiorentina (14) has he netted more in the competition.

**29/01/2023 12:30 - GIUSEPPE MEAZZA**



**MILAN**

**Vs**

**SASSUOLO**



Milan have gone unbeaten in their last two meetings against Sassuolo in Serie A (W1 D1) without conceding a goal – the Rossoneri have never obtained three clean sheets in a row against the Neroverdi in the top-flight.

After the 0-0 draw back in August, Milan and Sassuolo could draw two consecutive matches for the first time in Serie A.

Sassuolo have won both of their last two away games against Milan in the league, only against Hellas Verona (four) and SPAL (three) do the Neroverdi have a longer ongoing away winning streak in Serie A (current sides).

AC Milan have failed to win each of their last five games in all competitions (D2 L3) last going six games without a victory in April 2018, under Gennaro Gattuso.

Sassuolo have recorded two draws and six defeats in their last eight league games: only once they have gone nine games in a row without winning in Serie A, between December 2017 and March 2018, under Iachini.

Under Alessio Dionisi (since 2021/22) Sassuolo have lost 34 points from winning positions in Serie A, drawing against Monza last time out (1-1) having taken the lead; in this period, only Verona (44) and Bologna (39) have dropped more points from winning positions in Serie A.

Four of Milan's last seven home Serie A goals have come in the final 15 minutes of play – none of the Rossoneri's first 15 home goals this season had come from the 70th minute or later.

Only Solamente Vlastic (36) has created more open play chances than Armand Laurentié (35, level with Deulofeu) in Serie A this season, whilst Rafael Leão has completed the most dribbles so far (32) - Laurentié has completed 24, fewer only than the Portuguese, Parisi, Felipe Anderson and Kvaratskhelia.

Olivier Giroud, who scored a brace in his last Serie A appearance against Sassuolo, has failed to score in each of his last five league matches (410 minutes): he's never had a longer goalless run in the Italian top-flight.

Milan are both Domenico Berardi's best victim in Serie A (10 goals) and the club in the top flight against whom he has been involved in the most goals (14, 10 goals, 4 assists); however, 11 of those 14 involvements came between 2013/14 and 2015/16, registering only three goal involvements in his most recent 11 games against them.

29/01/2023 15:00 - ALLIANZ STADIUM



**JUVENTUS**

**Vs**

**MONZA**



After the 1-0 win in the reverse match against the Bianconeri on 18th September, Monza could become only the second team in the history of Serie A to win both their first two matches against Juventus in the top-flight, after Inter in 1930.

Juventus have won five of their last six matches against newly promoted sides in Serie A, losing only to Monza in the period. The Bianconeri haven't conceded in their last two matches against these sides in Serie A, the last time they registered a longer streak was between February 2016 and May 2017 (nine clean sheets in a row in that case).

Juventus – one defeat and one draw in the last two league games – could register their longest streak without winning in Serie A since September 2022 (three in that case: two draws and a defeat against Monza).

Since Serie A returned to 20 teams (2004/05), Monza are the debutant club with the most points in the first half of the season (22 in 19 games) – they haven't lost any of their last five league games (W2 D3), their longest unbeaten streak in the top top-flight.

Raffaele Palladino is a former Juventus player: between Serie A and Serie B he scored 10 goals in 51 appearances between 2006/07 and 2007/08 – since he joined Monza, the Lombard team have picked up 21 points in 13 Serie A matches (only six sides have collected more in the period). His first match was a 1-0 victory against the Bianconeri, the club's first ever win in the top-flight.

Since Palladino joined Monza, the Lombard team is second for possession in Serie A (56%, behind only Napoli with 62%) and third for fewest shots conceded (137, behind only Fiorentina and Roma).

Juventus have scored 40% of their goals in the current league season from set pieces (12/30, fewer only than Napoli with 14): a joint-record in percentage from set pieces, level with Roma. On the other hand, only Napoli (two) have conceded fewer goals than Monza (three) from set pieces.

In five games with Nicolás Fagioli as a starter, Juventus registered four wins and one draw, with an average of 2.0 goals scored per game and 80% win percentage; in the 14 without him starting they've won seven (50%), drawing four and losing three (scoring 1.4 goals per game).

Ángel Di María has netted in his last two Serie A matches against Napoli and Atalanta: the Argentinian could score in three consecutive appearances in a single league season for the first time since April 2019 with PSG.

No player currently at Monza has ever scored in Serie A in Turin against Juventus; in general the only one to score at least two goals against the Bianconeri in the top-flight is Gianluca Caprari, both with Sampdoria in 2019.

29/01/2023 18:00 - OLIMPICO



LAZIO

Vs

FIorentINA



Lazio have won the most matches (58 in 147 matches) and scored the most goals (206) against Fiorentina in their history in Serie A, with 42 draws and 47 wins for the Viola.

Lazio have won six of their last seven matches against Fiorentina in Serie A (L1), keeping clean sheets in the most recent three – the last time the Biancocelesti achieved four consecutive wins against the Viola in the competition was between March 2014 and January 2016.

Lazio have won each of their last four home games against Fiorentina in Serie A and they have never achieved more consecutive home wins against the Viola in the top-flight.

Lazio have won their last three matches in all competitions, and they last have a longer winning run between March and April 2021, under Simone Inzaghi.

Excluding the Juventus penalization, only Hellas Verona (-12) and Sampdoria (-11) have registered a larger negative point difference than Fiorentina in Serie A this season (-9 points, 23 vs 32) compared to the first 19 matchdays in 2021/22.

Fiorentina have lost their last two Serie A matches without scoring a single goal: they could lose three games in a row in the top top-flight without scoring for the first time since May 2019 (four in a row).

This will be the match between the team with the fewest crosses from open play in Serie A this season (Lazio, 127) and the one with the most such crosses: Fiorentina 318 (82 successful, another record in the current tournament).

Fiorentina are Luis Alberto's favorite target in Serie A (four goals, including one in the reverse fixture) and also the side against which he has been involved in the most goals (eight, with four assists).

Pedro scored in both his Serie A matches played at the Olimpico stadium against Fiorentina: for Roma in November 2020 and for Lazio in October 2021; the Viola are the only side against which he has played more than one home game in the Italian top-flight, and scored in every game.

Among forwards with at least 1300 minutes played in Serie A this season, only Spezia's Gyasi (5%) has a lower shot conversion rate than Christian Kouamé (6%, two goals with 33 attempts).

**29/01/2023 20:45 - DIEGO ARMANDO MARADONA**



**NAPOLI**

**Vs**

**ROMA**



Napoli are unbeaten in eight of their last nine Serie A matches against Roma (W5 D3), the last Giallorossi win against the Partenopei in the top-flight coming in November 2019 (2-1 at the Olimpico).

Napoli are unbeaten in their last four home league games against Roma (W2 D2); the last time they went on a longer such streak against the Giallorossi in Serie A was between 1989-1995 (run of seven).

Excluding the Calciopoli process, Napoli in 2022-23 are only the fifth side in Serie A history to have won at least 16 of their first 19 games in a single top-flight season along with Juventus in 2018-19, Juventus in 2013-14, Inter in 2006-07 and Juventus in 1949-50.

In all competitions, since the start of 2023, only Nantes (5/5) and Newcastle United (5/6) have gained more clean sheets than Roma among the teams in the big five European Leagues (4/5).

Among the 10 managers faced at least four times in Serie A, Luciano Spalletti is the one against whom José Mourinho has the worst win percentage against (20%), with only one win in five matches, that victory coming in the first match in October 2008 (D3 L1).

Napoli and Roma have conceded the fewest goals in their second halves in Serie A this season, only conceding seven goals each, included Osimhen's goal against the Giallorossi in the reverse match.

Napoli and Roma have conceded the fewest shots on target in Serie A in 2022-23 (51 for the Partenopei, 54 for the Giallorossi) and are two of the three sides with the fewest goals conceded from inside the box so far: Napoli 10, Roma 13 (also Lazio 13).

Victor Osimhen has scored the winning goal in the reverse match, and has found the net 13 times in his 15 games in Serie A this season; and one goal away from equalling his record of goals in a single big-five European league season (14 goals in 27 appearances in 2021-22) – only Haaland (1.32) has a better average goal per game ratio than the Nigerian (0.87) in the big five European leagues in 2022-23 (min. 10 goals).

Roma are the team against which Piotr Zielinski has played the most games in the top-flight without scoring (16) – he has failed to score in his last nine games in January in the top-flight, with his last goal during this month in Serie A coming on 17th January 2021.

Only Ademola Lookman (6), Jeremie Boga (6) and Victor Osimhen (5) have been directly involved in more goals than Paulo Dybala (4) and Tammy Abraham (4) since the start of 2023 in Serie A - Roma are, along with Atalanta, one of the two sides with at least two players involved in at least four goals since the beginning of the calendar year.

**30/01/2023 20:45 - DACIA ARENA - STADIO FRIULI**



**UDINESE**

**Vs**

**HELLAS VERONA**



After the 2-1 qin in the previous meeting, Udinese could win both league games against Hellas Verona in a Serie A season for only the second time, after 2017-18.

Udinese and Hellas Verona drew in their last match at the Dacia Arena in the league 1-1 in October 2021, only once have they recorded two draws in a row at the Friulian home in Serie A, doing between October 1982 and October 1983.

Udinese have gained 28 points in 19 matches in 2022-23, in their previous 10 Serie A seasons they have never done better in the first half of the season (28 also in 2017-18).

After a 1-0 win against Sampdoria, Udinese could win two matches in a row in the league for the first time since last October when they achieved six wins in a row, the last one against Hellas Verona (3rd October 2022).

Hellas Verona have won two of their last three league games (L1), as many as in their previous 21 (D5 L14); they could achieve two Serie A wins in a row for the first time since January 2022.

After their 2-0 win against Lecce, Hellas Verona could register two clean sheets in a row in Serie A for the first time since September 2020, the second of which against Udinese.

Hellas Verona are the team that have scored the highest proportion of their Serie A goals this season in the first half (76% - 13/17), while Udinese are the team that have conceded the highest proportion goals of their Serie A goals in the first half of play (62% - 13/21).

Udinese's last eight goals in the league have all been scored from open play, while Hellas Verona are the team that have conceded the most goals from open play in this Serie A season (90% - 28/31).

Hellas Verona are the team in Serie A that Roberto Pereyra has scored the most goals against (3), the last of which dates back to May 2015 with Juventus. His two goals this season have both come at the Dacia Arena (against Empoli and Roma).



**Darko Lazovic has scored three goals in this league season and has never scored more in a single Serie A campaign. He has been involved in four goals in four Serie A matches in 2023 (three goals and one assist), only Lookman (6), Boga (6) and Osimhen (5) have more.**