



# INSIGHTS

**Matchday 21 Serie A 2022-23**  
**4 - 7 February 2023**



04/02/2023 15:00 - GIOVANNI ZINI



**CREMONESE**

**Vs**

**LECCE**



There have been five meetings in Serie A between Cremonese and Lecce: the Giallorossi won the first one in the top-flight (2-1 in Salento, November 19, 1989), while since then there have been two Grigiorossi wins and two draws.

Cremonese have drawn 1-1 (March 18, 1990) and won 2-1 (November 7, 1993) in their two home Serie A matches vs Lecce; Cremonese also won their last home match in Serie B against Lecce: 3-0 on 22nd August 2021 (Valzania, Buonaiuto and Valeri the scorers).

Cremonese are yet to win any of their 20 league games played this season: only one newly promoted side in the history of Serie A have failed to win any of their first 21 matches in a Serie A campaign - Ancona in 2003/04 (six draws and 15 defeats).

Lecce have lost their last two league games – they haven't lost three Serie A games in a row in a single campaign since Liverani's six-game run between February and July 2020.

Lecce are the only Serie A team that have not yet scored an away goal in 2023: the Giallorossi's last goal away from home came from Lameck Banda in the 83rd minute of their victory against Sampdoria in November.

Cremonese and Lecce are the two teams that have conceded the most goals from corner situations in Serie A this term (5).

Lecce have the lowest average ball possession in the current campaign (42.3%), but they prefer to press high and recover the ball in the final third, ranking fourth for High Turnovers (158), behind Inter, Napoli and Fiorentina.

David Okereke - who has scored a goal in both his last two Serie A games and has never netted in three matches in a row in the competition - is one of the three players with the most goals from outside the box in Serie A this season (three, equal with Samardzic and Koopmeiners).

Federico Baschiroto - who remains the Italian defender with the most headed clearances in this campaign (39) – scored in the only match played in Serie B at the Zini against Cremonese.

Gabriel Strefezza - who scored a goal from a penalty spot in the last meeting vs Cremonese - could become the sixth player in Lecce's history to reach six goals scored in the first 20 games played in a Serie A campaign before turning 26, after Bojinov, Vucinic, Chevanton, Lucarelli and Vugrinec.

04/02/2023 18:00 - OLIMPICO



**ROMA**

**Vs**

**EMPOLI**



Roma have not lost a match against Empoli in Serie A since February 2007 (1-0 at Castellani, Nicola Pozzi the scorer): since then three draws and 10 Giallorossi wins.

Roma have never lost to Empoli at home in Serie A (W12 D2): Roma are in fact the team against which Empoli have played the most away games in the top-flight without ever winning – Roma have always found the net in these 14 home matches.

Roma have won their last two Serie A home games without conceding a goal: the Giallorossi have not win three on the bounce without conceding on home soil since May 2019 (under Ranieri).

Empoli are unbeaten in their last six games (three wins and three draws): the Tuscans last went seven games without defeat in the competition back in March 2015 (eight in that case, under Maurizio Sarri).

Paolo Zanetti has averaged 1.30 points per game in the league since he took charge of Empoli, the second-best average for a Tuscan coach in the three points for a win era in Serie A (behind only Gigi Cagni - 1.32 per match).

Roma are the team that have attempted the fewest shots following a high turnover this season (18); Empoli are one of the three – alongside Monza and Fiorentina - who have not yet scored a goal following a high turnover.

Empoli are the Serie A team that have scored the most goals from corner situations in 2023 (3/7); three of the only four goals Roma have conceded from set pieces have come from corners (the last of which was scored by Milan's Kalulu on 8 January).

Since making his Serie A debut (2020/21), only two midfielders have created more chances from set pieces than Razvan Marin (82, behind only Lorenzo Pellegrini and Calhanoglu): Marin has provided two assists from corners for two of Empoli's last four league goals (Luperto and Ebuehi).

Tammy Abraham has scored three goals in the three matches against Empoli in Serie A, also scoring one of his four braces in the top-flight on 23rd January 2022; the English striker has failed to score at the Olimpico in the league since the derby on 20th March 2022 against Lazio (321 days ago on Saturday).

Stephan El Shaarawy has scored a goal in his last two league appearances and hasn't scored a goal in three games in a row in Serie A since May 2017 (for Roma) - he has been directly involved in four goals in five top-flight matches against Empoli (three goals and one assists).

04/02/2023 20:45 - MAPEI STADIUM - CITTA' DEL TRICOLORE



**SASSUOLO**

**Vs**

**ATALANTA**



Only against Juventus (14) have Sassuolo lost more matches in Serie A than against Atalanta (11 in 19 matches): the Dea have won 10 of their last 13 matches against the Neroverdi in the top-flight (D2 L1).

Sassuolo won their last Serie A home match against Atalanta (2-1 last season under Dionisi): their only other home win against the Nerazzurri arrived in their first match against them at the Mapei Stadium (24th November 2013) - four Nerazzurri wins and three draws in the other seven matches in Reggio Emilia.

Sassuolo have lost their last two home Serie A games and could lose three consecutive home matches for the first time since October 2019 under De Zerbi (one of those three defeats came against Atalanta).

Only Napoli (12) have picked up more Serie A points than Atalanta (11) in 2023; the Dea are - with Monza and Empoli - one of the three teams still unbeaten in the Italian top-flight this calendar year; they are also the club with the most goals scored in this period (17).

Atalanta have won 11 matches in the current league season and they could equal their record of wins in the first 21 games in a Serie A campaign: 12 in 2016/17 (with 38 points) and 12 in 2021/22 (42 points).

Only AC Milan (56) have had more direct attacks than Atalanta (52) and Sassuolo (48) this season. Sassuolo have also netted the most goals from direct attacks in Serie A this term (6).

Atalanta have had nine goals scored by defenders, the most of any side in Serie A this season. In addition, the Dea have had seven different defenders find the back of the net (another record in the current league season).

With one goal and three assists v AC Milan in the previous MD, Domenico Berardi has been directly involved in 176 goals in Serie A (105 goals, 71 assists): since 2013/14 (his first Serie A campaign), only Immobile (227) has more goal involvements in the competition.

Sassuolo are Duván Zapata's favourite opponent in Serie A, scoring nine goals against the Neroverdi, four of which have come away from home; the Colombian striker has netted just one goal so far this term, his lowest tally at this stage of a season since 2013/14 (0 goals for Napoli in the first 20 MDs).

Ademola Lookman - who scored in the reverse match v Sassuolo - has netted 12 goals so far; since the 1999/2000 season, only five players have reach as many goals in their debut season in Serie A in their first 20 appearances: Lukaku, C. Ronaldo, Piatek, Milito and Shevchenko.

05/02/2023 12:30 - ALBERTO PICCO



**SPEZIA**

**Vs**

**NAPOLI**



After winning two of their first three matches against Napoli in Serie A (L1), Spezia have lost their last two games without scoring against the Partenopei.

Napoli have won both Serie A matches played at the Picco stadium versus Spezia (4-1 in 2020/21 and 3-0 in 2021/22) and in general they have won each of their last six matches played in Liguria, including wins versus Genoa and Sampdoria.

Napoli have picked up an average of 2.65 points per match in Serie A this season (a record in the Big-5 European leagues in 2022/23), if they maintain this average, they will gain more than 100 points in 38 matchdays (100.7) - only Juventus under Antonio Conte in 2013/14 (102 points) have reached triple figures in the history of the tournament.

Spezia haven't scored in three of their last four league games: in general, only Sampdoria (13) failed to score in more games than the Aquilotti (nine) in Serie A this season.

Under Luciano Spalletti (since 2021/22), Napoli have kept 24 clean sheets in Serie A (only Juventus with 25 have more), while excluding newly promoted and relegated sides, the Partenopei have conceded the fewest goals in this period (46).

Napoli have scored 19 goals in the last 30 minutes of play in 2022-23 (a record in Serie A this season), 12 of these coming in the last 15 minutes (a league-high); the Partenopei have conceded only four goals in the last 30 minutes (a joint-low total).

Napoli are one of four teams in the Big-5 European leagues in 2022/23 (alongside Manchester City, PSG and Barcelona) with at least 340 open play sequences with 10+ passes (343 for the Partenopei).

New Spezia signing Eldor Shomurodov has scored six of his 11 Serie A goals as a substitute: only Muriel, Orsolini, Pasalic and Scamacca have netted more since (2020/21) - he is the only one of these to have more than 50% of his total goals in this period as a substitute.

Giacomo Raspadori has scored three goals in three Serie A matches against Spezia, including his only goal this season for Napoli - one of his three braces in the top-flight arrived at the Picco stadium (5th December 2021 with Sassuolo).

In his last four seasons for Lille and Napoli, Victor Osimhen has scored 51 goals in just 94 league appearances: since 2019/20, only Erling Haaland (86) has needed fewer games than the Nigerian to reach 50 goals in the Big-5 European leagues.

05/02/2023 15:00 - OLIMPICO GRANDE TORINO



**TORINO**

**Vs**

**UDINESE**



Torino and Udinese's last Serie A draw was back on September 16th, 2018 (1-1 with De Paul and Meité scoring): since then, Udinese have won three games while Torino have won five, including the reverse fixture this season (2-1 in Friuli).

Torino have won four of their last five Serie A home meetings against Udinese (L1), keeping a clean sheet three times in the process.

Torino have drawn four of their last six Serie A matches (W1 L1), as many draws as they had in their previous 21; they are yet to win a home league game in 2023 (D1 L1).

No side has drawn more Serie A games this season than Udinese (eight, level with Empoli, Lecce and Cremonese): seven of their draws have been in their last 12 matches (W1 L4).

Udinese have conceded 22 goals so far, their lowest tally after 20 Serie A games since 2011/12 (16 - when they ended the campaign in third place).

Udinese have attempted the most shots in Serie A in 2023 (92 shots), at least 11 more than any other side in the process.

Torino have conceded three of their five Serie A goals in 2023 from set-pieces (two from corners): they had conceded only four of their 17 league goals from set-piece situations before the World Cup.

After the World Cup (since the start of 2023), Nikola Vlasic has played the most Serie A minutes (450 out of 450) without been involved in any goals among midfielders and strikers – he has attempted seven shots in this period.

Ola Aina has scored only two goals in 94 Serie A appearances, both of them against Udinese: the first one on February 10th, 2019 (at home), while the second one in the reverse fixture on October 23rd.

Lazar Samardzic has already scored twice the number of Serie A goals he had last term (4 v 2): the last central midfielder to score at least five goals in a single Serie A campaign before turning 21 was Franck Kessié in 2016/17.

05/02/2023 18:00 - ARTEMIO FRANCHI



**FIorentINA**

**Vs**

**BOLOGNA**



Fiorentina have won more Serie A matches against Bologna than any other opponent (W56 D46 L39).

Fiorentina are unbeaten in 16 of their last 17 Serie A meetings against Bologna (W10 D6), although lost the most recent one in September (1-2).

After their victory in the reverse fixture, Bologna could win both the Serie A meetings against Fiorentina in a season for the first time since the 1989/90 campaign under Luigi Maifredi.

Fiorentina have won eight of their last 10 Serie A games against Bologna at the Franchi (D2), conceding just one goal in the process (Rodrigo Palacio's goal in September 2017).

Fiorentina have kept only one clean sheet in their last 13 Serie A matches; indeed, since October, no side has had fewer shutouts than the Viola in the competition.

Bologna have won 19 points over the last 10 Serie A matchdays (W6 D1 L3); only Napoli (27), Inter (22) and Juventus (22) have had more in this period (excluding Juventus' points deduction).

Fiorentina (194) have faced the fewest shots of any side in Serie A this season.

Fiorentina's Giacomo Bonaventura has scored five Serie A goals against Bologna; against no other side has he scored more in the competition (level with Napoli and Sampdoria).

Bologna's Riccardo Orsolini has been directly involved in six goals in his last nine Serie A appearances (four goals and two assists), this after having failed to have a hand in a single goal in his first eight league appearances this term beforehand.

Bologna's Musa Barrow has scored two goals in his last three Serie A meetings against Fiorentina - only against Cagliari and Genoa has he scored more in the Italian top-flight (three goals against both).

05/02/2023 20:45 - GIUSEPPE MEAZZA



INTER

Vs

MILAN



This will be the 178th Serie A derby between Inter and Milan. Inter have won 67, Milan 54 (D56) – against no other side have the Rossoneri lost more top-flight matches (67, level with Juventus), whilst Inter have drawn their most games against a single side versus Milan in the competition (56).

Milan have won their last two Serie A derbies against Inter, and could win three in a row for the first time since between November 2002 and February 2004 (four in a row).

After their 3-2 victory in the reverse fixture, Milan could win both of their Serie A meetings against Inter in a season for the first time since the 2010/11 campaign under Massimiliano Allegri.

Inter have lost their last two Serie A home derbies against Milan (both 1-2), as many defeats as they had in their previous 16 such games beforehand (W11 D3).

No side has conceded fewer home goals than Inter in Serie A this season (five, level with Roma). In addition, only Napoli (28) have gained more points than Inter in home matches so far in the 2022/23 competition (24 in 10 games).

Milan have lost their last three matches in all competitions; they last lost four games in a row between January and February 2017 under Vincenzo Montella.

Milan conceded 18 goals in January 2023, the most they have ever conceded in a single month of a year in their history in all competitions (since 1929/30).

No side has scored more Serie A goals than Inter in the last 30 minutes of play this season (14, level with Lazio). Meanwhile, only Cremonese (14) and Sampdoria (12) have conceded more goals than Milan (11) in the opening 30 minutes so far in the competition this term.

Lautaro Martínez has scored six goals against Milan in all competitions; only against Cagliari (eight) has he scored more since he joined Inter. Should he score in this game, he will become the second-highest foreign scorer in the history of this fixture for Inter, only behind Stefano Nyers (11).

Olivier Giroud has found the net in both his first two Serie A derbies against Inter (three goals); no Milan player has scored in their first three meetings against Inter in the competition in the three points-for-a-win era (since 1994/95).

**06/02/2023 18:30 - MARCANTONIO BENTEGODI**



**HELLAS VERONA**

**Vs**

**LAZIO**



Hellas Verona have won 13 of their 51 matches in Serie A against Lazio (D18 L20), only against Fiorentina and Cagliari have the Gialloblù achieved more wins in the top-flight (both 14).

After the 2-0 win in the first game, Lazio could win both games of the season against Hellas Verona in Serie A for the first time since 2017/18.

Hellas Verona have won five and lost five of their last 14 Serie A home games against Lazio (D4), with the Gialloblù winning this exact fixture 4-1 last season.

No team has conceded fewer goals than Hellas Verona in Serie A so far in 2023 (3); the Gialloblù have earned eight points in the new year (W2 D2 L1).

Hellas Verona have won their last two matches at the Bentegodi in the league without conceding a goal (against Cremonese and Lecce). They could achieve three home wins in a row in Serie A for the first time since February 2022, while the last time they recorded at least three consecutive home clean sheets in the tournament was between July and October 2020 (four, including a 3-0 forfeit against Roma).

After the draw against Fiorentina, Lazio could draw two matches in a row in Serie A for the first time since last May (the second was against Hellas Verona, 3-3 at the Olimpico).

Hellas Verona have conceded the most fouls in Serie A so far this season (295), while only Napoli (187) have conceded fewer than Lazio (206).



Darko Lazovic has scored the most goals (three), created the most chances for his teammates (17), had the most shots on target (eight) and attempted the most crosses from open play (48) among all Hellas Verona players in Serie A this season.

Lazio pair Mattia Zaccagni (eight goals and four assists) and Ciro Immobile (seven goals and three assists) are two of three Italian players who have been involved in at least 10 goals this Serie A season, alongside Nicolò Barella (five goals and five assists).

Lazio's Ciro Immobile has scored 10 goals in 11 games against Hellas Verona in Serie A, but he hasn't found the net in his last three league matches and hasn't recorded a longer streak in the tournament since February-April 2021 (eight).

**06/02/2023 20:45 - U-POWER STADIUM**



**MONZA**

**Vs**

**SAMPDORIA**



Monza beat Sampdoria 3-0 in the reverse fixture in October, their joint-biggest win in Serie A (also 3-0 vs Salernitana in November).

Monza are only the second Serie A debutant in the three points for a win era to pick up at least 25 points in their first 20 matches, after Chievo in 2001/02 (36 in that case).

Monza's seven wins in Serie A all arrived at 3.00 pm CET, while in the five matches played at 8.45 pm, they only gained one point (against Inter in the most recent one).

Monza have lost both matches played on Monday in Serie A, both at the U-Power Stadium (against Atalanta and Bologna) – on the other hand Sampdoria's first of two wins in the current league season arrived on Monday (vs Cremonese 1-0 away from home on 24th October).

Under Raffaele Palladino, Monza have picked up 24 points in 14 Serie A matches (W7 D3 L4), only Napoli (39), Inter (28), Juventus (28) and Lazio (27) have gained more (excluding the Juventus penalization).

Sampdoria have lost eight of their last nine league games (W1), including each of their last four; the Blucerchiati could register more consecutive defeats in Serie A since the period between September and November 2012 (seven in that case, under Ciro Ferrara).

Sampdoria haven't scored in their last four league games; they could register a longer streak in Serie A for the first time since the period between January and February 2011 (five under Domenico Di Carlo).

Monza's Gianluca Caprari has scored four goals against Sampdoria in Serie A (including his first goal in the top-flight on 16th September 2012 for Pescara), only against Fiorentina (five) has he netted more. The Italian striker made 73 appearances, scoring 14 goals, with Sampdoria in Serie A between August 2017 and January 2020.

Monza's Carlos Augusto (four goals and two assists) has been directly involved in six goals in Serie A this season: a joint-record for a defender, level with Mário Rui.

Mehdi Lérís has received the most yellow cards in Serie A this season (nine), including one in each of his last four games – the last Sampdoria player that received a yellow cards in more consecutive games was Fernando in October 2015 (five).

07/02/2023 20:45 - ARECHI



**SALERNITANA**

**Vs**

**JUVENTUS**



Salernitana have won only one of their seven matches against Juventus in Serie A (D2 L4): 1-0 at Arechi on 2 May 1999 thanks to Marco Di Vaio's goal.

After a 2-2 draw in the first game, Salernitana and Juventus could draw two games in a row for the first time in Serie A.

In three meetings between Salernitana and Juventus at the Granata's home in Serie A, there has been one win for each side and one draw – the most recent match dates back to 30 November 2021 (Bianconeri win 0-2 with goals from Dybala and Morata).

After a seven-game winless run in the league (D2 L5), Salernitana won their most recent game against Lecce – the Granata could win back-to-back Serie A matches for the first time since last October.

After eight straight league wins without conceding a goal, Juventus have gained one point in their last three league games, conceding 10 goals. The Bianconeri have not lost two matches in a row in Serie A since October 2021, while the last time they failed to score in consecutive matches in the competition dates back to November 2012.

This is a meeting between the team that have conceded the most goals from open play in Serie A this season (Salernitana, 30) and the team that have conceded the second-fewest (Juventus, 13 – only more than Lazio, 10).

Four of Juventus' last six league goals have come from set pieces; in general, the Bianconeri are the team that have scored the most goals from set pieces in Serie A this season (40%: 12/30).

Antonio Candreva has been involved in three goals in his last three matches against Juventus in Serie A (one goal and two assists); he scored his first two goals in the top division with the Bianconeri (16 appearances between January-May 2010).

Dusan Vlahovic has scored three goals in three matches against Salernitana in Serie A: a brace with Fiorentina on 11 December 2021 and a goal with Juventus on 20 March. His last eight goals in the league have all been scored in Turin (seven at the Allianz stadium and one at the Olimpico Grande Torino); his last goal outside the city dates back to 9 April 2022 v Cagliari.



**Bremer has scored twice against Salernitana in Serie A, against no team has he done better – including his only goal for Juventus in the league, in the first meeting on 11 September.**