



# INSIGHTS

**Matchday 28 Serie A 2022-23**  
**1 - 3 April 2023**



01/04/2023 15:00 - GIOVANNI ZINI



**CREMONESE**

**Vs**

**ATALANTA**



Atalanta are the team against which Cremonese have drawn the most Serie A games: seven out of 11, with three wins for the Nerazzurri and one for the Grigiorossi.

Cremonese are unbeaten in their last six meetings with Atalanta in Serie A (W1 D5), since a 2-1 defeat in September 1991.

Cremonese have drawn three of their five home Serie A games against Atalanta (also one win apiece).

Only Udinese (11) have drawn more games than Cremonese (10) in this Serie A season. The last time a newly promoted side had drawn as many as 10 of their first 27 games in a Serie A season was in 2014-15; Empoli (15) and Palermo (11).

This fixture will see the team with the fewest home points in Serie A this season (Cremonese, 6 in 13 matches) take on the side that have picked up the third most away points in the competition this term (Atalanta, 24 points in 14 games).

Atalanta have lost their last two league games on the road (against Milan and Napoli). Under Gian Piero Gasperini, only once have they suffered three defeats away from home in a row in Serie A: between October and November 2017.

On the one hand, no team has scored more penalty goals than Atalanta in the Serie A 2022/23 (six). On the other hand, only Bologna and Salernitana (both six) have conceded more penalty goals than Cremonese (five).

Atalanta have had 18 different players score in Serie A this season, no team across the big five European leagues can post more different goalscorers this term (level with Marseille).

Four of Daniel Ciofani's five goals in this Serie A season have come as a substitute - no player has scored more goals from the bench across the big five European leagues this term (four also for Son Heung-min, Loïs Openda, and Mostafa Mohamed).

In the last 50 years, only two Atalanta players under the age of 21 have scored at least seven goals in a Serie A season: Rasmus Højlund (seven in 2022/23) and Domenico Morfeo (11 in 1995/96). The Danish striker is one of just three players born since 2003 with at least seven goals in the Big-5 European leagues this season, together with Jamal Musiala (11) and Elye Wahi (12).

01/04/2023 18:00 - GIUSEPPE MEAZZA



**INTER**

**Vs**

**FIorentINA**



Inter and Fiorentina have drawn 55 of their 169 Serie A matches (70 wins for Nerazzurri and 44 for the Viola); the Meneghini have only drawn more games in the top-flight against AC Milan (56), while the Toscani have only drawn more games against Roma (60).

Inter are unbeaten in each of their last 11 league games against Fiorentina (W6 D5); the Viola could win against the Nerazzurri for the first time in the top-flight since 22 April 2017 (5-4 at Franchi).

Inter and Fiorentina drew their last league match at the Meazza (1-1 on 19 March 2022) and could draw successive games at Nerazzurri's home in Serie A for the first time since a run of three between 1990 and 1992.

Fiorentina are unbeaten in seven of their last eight matches in the second half of the season against Inter in Serie A (W3 D4) with the Nerazzurri's only win in this period coming under Antonio Conte on 5 February 2021.

Inter have lost their last two league matches, against Spezia and Juventus; the Nerazzurri could lose three Serie A games in a row for the first time since April/May 2017 (four in that case).

In the previous 15 seasons in which Inter have suffered at least nine defeats after 27 games, they have never qualified for the Champions League/European Cup at the end of the season – this is the first time they have suffered this many defeats after 27 games since 2011/12, when they ended the season in 6th place.

Fiorentina have won their last four league games and could win five on the bounce for the first time since February-April 2018 (a run of 6 under Stefano Pioli).

Only Hellas Verona (41%) have scored a higher percentage of their goals in Serie A this season in the opening 30 minutes than Fiorentina (38%, 12/32); Inter are 4th in this ranking (34%, 16/47).

Nicolò Barella has scored two goals and delivered two assists against Fiorentina in Serie A, against no side he has been involved in more goals (4) amongst the teams currently in Serie A.

Fiorentina have two players with at least 10 goals in a single season in all competitions - Arthur Cabral (12) and Luka Jovic (11) in 2022/23 - for the first time since 2017/18: Giovanni Simeone (14) and Jordan Veretout (10) in that case.

01/04/2023 20:45 - ALLIANZ STADIUM



**JUVENTUS**

**Vs**

**HELLAS VERONA**



After winning the first match on November 10th, Juventus could win home and away against Hellas Verona in Serie A for the first time since 2017/18.

Juventus have won the last two matches against Hellas Verona in the league, while keeping a clean sheet in both. The Bianconeri have never obtained three consecutive wins without conceding against the Gialloblu in Serie A.

Hellas Verona are the team against which Juventus have played the most home games without ever losing in Serie A: 31 (26W 5D). Indeed, the Bianconeri have won 13 of their last 14 home matches against the Gialloblu in the top-flight (1D).

In the last 20 Serie A rounds, only Napoli (54) have earned more points than Juventus (46, at least eight more than anyone else below them).

Juventus have kept a clean sheet in 16 league matches so far this season. In the last 40 years, only once have the Bianconeri recorded as many clean sheets after 27 league games in Serie A: in 2017/18 (18, also with Massimiliano Allegri at the helm).

Hellas Verona are the team that have earned the fewest points away from home in this Serie A (five in 13 matches), while on the other hand, only Napoli (34) have obtained more points than Juventus in home matches (33 in 14 games).

Juventus are the team that have scored the most goals in injury time in this Serie A (five), while no team have conceded more than Hellas Verona in the same period of play (five, along with Cremonese and Sassuolo).

Juan Cuadrado (299) is close to play his 300th game for Juventus in all competitions; amongst the players currently in the club, only Alex Sandro (302) and Leonardo Bonucci (497) have reached this milestone.

Dusan Vlahovic scored his first goal for Juventus in his debut match with the Bianconeri on 6th February 2022 against Hellas Verona at the Allianz Stadium. He has netted 10 goals in his last 11 matches with his national team Serbia, but in his last 11 games in Serie A has scored just three times.

After scoring a goal in his first match against Juventus in the league on March 21st, 2021, while playing for Benevento, Adolfo Gaich could become only the fifth forward to score in both of his first two games against Juventus in Serie A in the 2000s, after Mauro Icardi, Samuel Eto'o, Obafemi Martins, and Andriy Shevchenko.

02/04/2023 12:30 - RENATO DALL'ARA



**BOLOGNA**

**Vs**

**UDINESE**



Bologna have remained unbeaten in their last six matches against Udinese in Serie A (W1 D5), last losing against them in the competition back on 29 September 2019 (0-1 with a goal by Stefano Okaka).

After the 2-1 win in the reverse fixture in January, Bologna could do the double over Udinese in Serie A for the first time since 2003-04, under Carlo Mazzone.

Bologna have drawn each of their last three home league games against Udinese, their longest current run of home draws against a single opponent in Serie A.

Bologna have drawn their last two league matches, against Lazio and Salernitana, and last drew more games in a row in Serie A in the period between December 2020 and January 2021 (5).

Bologna have kept a clean sheet in their last two home games in Serie A, while they last had a longer such run of home shutouts in Serie A between January-February 2012, under Stefano Pioli.

Udinese have not conceded a single goal in their last two away league games, last keeping a clean sheet in more consecutive matches on the road in Serie A between April and May 2012, under Francesco Guidolin.

Bologna have won 37 points after their first 27 matches in a Serie A season for the first time since 2010-11 (38 in that case) - on the other hand, Udinese have won 38 points at this stage of a top-flight campaign for the first time since 2012-13 (40 in that case).

Riccardo Orsolini has been involved in five goals against Udinese in Serie A (2 goals, 3 assists), his joint-most against any opponent in the competition. (level with Sassuolo and Parma). Indeed, his first goal in the top-flight was against Udinese on 30 September 2018 at the Dall'Ara stadium.

Bologna's Riccardo Orsolini has scored the joint-most goals for an Italian player in Serie A in 2023: five goals, alongside Domenico Berardi and Manolo Gabbiadini. In the current league season he has netted seven times, and is now just one shy of equalling his most goals in a single Serie A campaign (eight in 2018/19 and in 2019/20).

Beto has scored once in each of his two games against Bologna in Serie A to date. Having scored nine goals in the current championship, he could become the first Udinese player to reach double figure of goals in consecutive seasons in Serie A since Cyril Théreau, in the period between 2014-15 and 2016-17 (3).

**02/04/2023 15:00 - U-POWER STADIUM**



**MONZA**

**Vs**

**LAZIO**



Monza have won just one point in their five matches against sides starting the day in the top four positions in the Serie A table (2-2 vs Inter in January), including the 0-1 defeat against Lazio in the reverse fixture in November.

Monza have drawn their last two league matches; they have never drawn three games in a row in the top-flight.

Lazio are unbeaten in 16 of their last 17 matches against newly promoted sides in Serie A (W14 D2), however they did lose the most recent one (1-2 vs Lecce); the Biancocelesti could lose two successive games against such opponents for the first time since February 2015 against Empoli and Cesena.

Monza have remained unbeaten in seven of their last eight home league games (W3 D4); the only defeat in this period at the U-Power Stadium came in February against Milan, losing 0-1.

Lazio have kept 16 clean sheets in 27 matches in Serie A this term, only doing better twice in an entire season in their history in Serie A - 18 in 2006-07 and 17 in 1963-64.

Only Napoli (2) have conceded fewer goals from set-piece situations than Monza (3) in the big five European leagues this season.

Only Barcelona (9) and Napoli (16) have conceded fewer goals than Lazio (19) in the big five European leagues in 2022-23.

Andrea Petagna has scored four goals against Lazio in Serie A, including his first goal in the top-flight in August 2016 with Atalanta, only against Atalanta (5) he has scored more goals in the competition.

Mattia Zaccagni and Ciro Immobile are the two Italian players to have scored the most goals in Serie A this season (both 9) – Zaccagni could reach double figures for goals for the first time in a single Serie A campaign, while Immobile could score 10+ goals for the eighth time in his last nine seasons in the competition.

Only Jeremie Frimpong (7) and Nuno Tavares (6) have scored more goals than Carlos Augusto (5) among defenders in the big five European leagues this season. The last Brazilian defender to score more goals than Monza's Carlos Augusto in a single Serie A campaign was Maicon in 2009-10 (6).

**02/04/2023 15:00 - ALBERTO PICCO**



**SPEZIA**

**Vs**

**SALERNITANA**



Spezia and Salernitana have faced each other only three times in Serie A, with both sides winning once as well as one draw; while there have also been 18 games between the two clubs in Serie B (nine Spezia wins, seven Salernitana wins and two draws).

Spezia's only win in three matches against Salernitana in Serie A arrived in their only match played at the Picco Stadium (2-1 in October 2021) – including Serie B, the Ligurians have registered five wins and one draw in their last six home league games against the Granata.

Spezia have won just one of their last 10 home Serie A games (D5 L4) – the most recent against Inter in March; they could win two home league games in a row for the first time since April 2022 against Cagliari and Venezia.

In the big five European leagues, only Ajaccio (9) ended more matches without scoring than Spezia in 2023 (7/12 games played in Serie A) – they have also netted the fewest goals in this period in Serie A (9).

Salernitana have drawn their last three league games and only once in their history in Serie A they have drawn four matches in a row, doing so in February 2022 under different managers in Stefano Colantuono (2) and Davide Nicola (2).

Salernitana (110) have attempted the fewest shots in Serie A since the start of 2023, while Spezia have attempted the third-fewest (124), with Sampdoria between them both (122).

Since Paulo Sousa joined the club in February, Salernitana has recorded the lowest possession in Serie A during his five games (39%), compared to an average of 46% across their first 22 games of the season.

This fixture will be between the two sides that have conceded the most goals from outside the box in Serie A this season, with Salernitana conceding nine times and Spezia eight, including Mazzocchi's goal in the reverse match in October.

Spezia and Salernitana are the only two teams currently in the bottom half of the Serie A table with a player on 10+ goals - Boulaye Dia for Salernitana (10) and M'Bala Nzola for Spezia (12), although is suspended for this game. Indeed, both are African, like Lookman and Osimhen, with Serie A currently the only league among the big five European leagues to have at least four African players with 10+ goals.

Only M'Bala Nzola (14/23 - 61%, although is absent for this game) has been involved in more goals for his club in Serie A this season than Boulaye Dia (14/31 - 45%) – the Salernitana striker has netted in his last two games and could score in three consecutive league matches for the first since September 2022.

02/04/2023 18:00 - OLIMPICO



ROMA

Vs

SAMPDORIA



Roma have won their last two league matches against Sampdoria by a 1-0 scoreline and could win 3+ consecutive games against the Blucerchiati in Serie A for the first time since a run between 2006 and 2009 (five).

Sampdoria drew their last away match against Roma in Serie A and could remain unbeaten in two league games in a row at the Olimpico stadium against the Giallorossi for the first time since 2006 (two draws under Walter Novellino).

Roma have lost three of their last four league games (W1), including the last two against Sassuolo and Lazio: the Giallorossi could suffer three consecutive defeats in Serie A for the first time since July 2020.

Sampdoria could win two matches in a row in Serie A for the first time since November 2021 – they have avoided defeat in four of their last seven league matches (W1 D3 L3), having lost eight of their previous nine before that (W1).

Josè Mourinho has posted an average of 1.69 points per game with Roma, the lowest points average for a manager with more than one entire Serie A campaign with the Giallorossi since Zdenek Zeman (1.66) between 1997 and 1999.

Roma have attempted the joint-fewest shot ending high turnovers in Serie A this season (23, level with Cremonese); in addition, only Salernitana (273) have registered fewer pressed sequences than the Giallorossi (297).

Roma have scored the joint-biggest proportion of goals via set-pieces in Serie A this season: 40% (14/35), alongside Juventus - seven of these 14 have come from corners, while Sampdoria have conceded seven goals via corners, fewer only than Empoli (10).

Chris Smalling next appearance will be his 100th in Serie A, all coming for Roma: since his first season in the competition (2019/20), only Koray Günter (101) has registered more blocks than the English player (98), but the current Sampdoria defender has played six more games than him (105 vs 99).

Andrea Belotti – with no goals in the current league season – has scored nine goals against Sampdoria in Serie A (a joint-high for him, level with Sassuolo), including five goals in his last five home league games against the Blucerchiati.

Manolo Gabbiadini has been involved in the biggest percentage of his team's goals of any Italian in the big five European leagues in 2022/23; six goals and one assist in Sampdoria 16 goals (44%) – he has also scored in both of his last two league matches at the Olimpico stadium against Roma (December 2021 and June 2020).

## 02/04/2023 20:45 - DIEGO ARMANDO MARADONA



**NAPOLI**

**Vs**

**MILAN**



This will be match number 150 in Serie A between Napoli and AC Milan: the Rossoneri have won only two of their last 16 league matches against the Azzurri (D5, L9), but they have won two of the last five (L3).

AC Milan have won both of their last two away games against Napoli in Serie A while only once have they achieved three consecutive wins at the Azzurri's home in the top-flight: between 1948 and 1951.

Napoli and AC Milan – who will also face each other in the Champions League Quarter-Finals – will meet at least four times in the same year for the first time since 1989/90: in that case, the Azzurri won their first league match and then recorded one draw and two defeats in the other three in Serie A and Coppa Italia.

This will be only the second time in Serie A history where Napoli will face AC Milan with more than 15 points between them (23 in this case): the other occasion came back on 15th of April 2018, with the Azzurri 25 points ahead of the Rossoneri before the match (0-0 at the Meazza).



Napoli are without a draw for longer than any other current Serie A side: 23 games in a row without drawing (W21, L2); only Bochum (one) has collected fewer draws than the Azzurri (two) in the big five European Leagues in 2022/23.

Across the last nine league matches, only Lecce (six) have suffered more defeats than Milan (five) in Serie A and only Cremonese (17) have conceded more goals than the Rossoneri (16) in the top-flight.

Napoli have scored the most headed goals in the big five European Leagues in 2022/23 (15), AC Milan (10) have conceded the most headed goals in Serie A this term – in the big five European leagues, only Angers (12), Eintracht Frankfurt, Bournemouth and Southampton (11 each) have conceded more goals in this way than the Rossoneri this season.

Victor Osimhen has netted a goal every 91 minutes on average in Serie A in 22/23; among players with at least 20 goals scored in a single top-flight campaign in the three points for a win era, only four players can better that rate: Muriel (1 every 65 in 2020/21), Vieri (1 every 78 in 2002/03), Higuaín (1 every 83 in 2015/16) and Immobile (1 every 88 in 2019/20).

AC Milan are Piotr Zielinski's favourite opponent in Serie A, with four goals scored against them, including his first brace in the competition (25th of August 2018, Napoli-AC Milan 3-2) – the Polish player is gaining attention in this tournament more for assists (seven) than for goals (three) and is chasing his record for assists in a single Serie A season (10 in 2020/21).

Olivier Giroud has scored in his last two league games against Napoli and he could become the first AC Milan player to score in three consecutive appearances against them in Serie A in the three points for a win era (since 1994-95).

**03/04/2023 18:30 - CARLO CASTELLANI**



**EMPOLI**

**Vs**

**LECCE**



Lecce have won just one of their seven Serie A matches against Empoli (D3 L3): a 2-1 home victory in November 2003, with two goals from Chevanton and one from Rocchi.

Empoli are unbeaten in their three home games against Lecce in Serie A (W2 D1), only conceding one goal in these meetings, with Casale scoring for Lecce in the 10th minute in a 5-1 defeat in April 1998.

Empoli have lost each of their last four league matches - also failing to score in each of their last two home games. They last lost five matches in a row back in April 2017 in the top-flight (7), while they have never lost three home games in a row without scoring in Serie A.

Lecce have lost each of their last four Serie A matches without scoring, last losing five games in a row in July 2020 in Serie A (run of 6) and they last did so without scoring in November 2005, under Silvio Baldini.

Empoli and Lecce are the only Serie A sides to have won no points during March 2023; Empoli have also won the fewest points in Serie A since the start of the second part of this season (just 3 in eight matchdays, 3D 5L).

Lecce have conceded seven of their last 10 Serie A goals in the first half hour of play. Overall, they have conceded 14 of their 32 total goals in the first 30 minutes of play, the highest such ratio in the competition this season (44%).

Empoli have fielded the most players born after 2000 in Serie A this term (13), but only two of these (Satriano and Parisi) have played at least 20 games.

Lecce have used the most players born after 2000, to have made at least 20 appearances in the league this season (5), Banda, Colombo, Gallo, Gendrey and González.

Tommaso Baldanzi is one of 10 players born from 2003 onwards in the top-5 European Leagues 2022-23 to have created 16+ chances and attempted 16+ shots; among these, only two are in Serie A, Baldanzi and Atalanta's Højlund.

Gabriel Strefezza - who scored in the reverse fixture against Empoli - has played 90 minutes in just two of the 25 games played in Serie A this term; indeed, he is the most substituted player in Serie A across 2022/23 (20 times).

**03/04/2023 20:45 - MAPEI STADIUM - CITTÀ DEL TRICOLORE**



**SASSUOLO**

**Vs**

**TORINO**



Sassuolo have only won four of their 19 matches against Torino in Serie A (D7 L8), including the reverse fixture; they could win consecutive games against Torino for the first time ever in the top-flight.

Sassuolo have drawn six of their nine home games against Torino in Serie A, only winning one such meeting; Torino have won twice against the Neroverdi on the road, including their last such league game on 17 September 2021 (1-0 courtesy of a Marko Pjaca goal).

Sassuolo have won each of their last four league games and could win five matches in a row in a single top-flight campaign for the first time ever – they have done so twice overall, but between two different Serie A seasons.

Only three teams (Napoli, Juventus and Lazio) have won more points than Sassuolo in 2023 (20) – in this calendar year, Sassuolo have also scored 20 goals, only fewer than Napoli, Atalanta and Juventus in Serie A.

Torino won their last away match against Lecce in Serie A, while they last won two consecutive league games on the road between May and August 2022 (4).

**Torino have conceded the highest ratio of goals in the last half hour of play in Serie A this term (48%, 16/33), including the winning goal in the reverse fixture against Sassuolo, after Agustín Álvarez scored in injury time.**

**Two of Sassuolo's last three league goals have come via penalties – only Atalanta (8) have won more penalties than the Neroverdi (7) in Serie A this term; on the other hand, Torino have only taken two penalties so far this season, with the only one away from home coming last November (Lukic's goal v Bologna).**

**Domenico Berardi – who has scored five goals against Torino in Serie A – is one of two players to have been involved in 5+ goals and 5+ assists in the top-5 European Leagues in 2023, alongside Napoli's Khvicha Kvaratskhelia.**

**Armand Laurienté is one of four players, alongside Kvaratskhelia, Dybala and Leão, to have scored 6+ goals and provided 6+ assists in Serie A this term. In addition, he has created 11 chances via carries since the start of 2023, fewer than only Vinícius Jr (14), Messi (14) and Ødegaard (12) in the top-5 European Leagues in this period.**

**Antonio Sanabria – who made his Serie A debut with Sassuolo in March 2014 – has scored in each of his last two league away games, while he has never done so in three such consecutive appearances in the competition; he has scored four goals away from home in 2023, only fewer than Osimhen (8) on the road in Serie A in this calendar year.**