



INSIGHTS

Matchday 7 Serie A 2023-24
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30/09/2023 15:00 - ETTORE GIARDINERO - VIA DEL MARE



LECCE

Vs

NAPOLI



Lecce have lost four of their last six matches against Napoli in Serie A (W1 D1), conceding 2.5 goals per game on average in this period (15 goals conceded).

Napoli have scored in each of their last 13 games against Lecce in Serie A, and in five of the last six such meetings they have netted more than one goal; the last such match in which the Partenopei failed to score against the Giallorossi was back in November 1997 (2-0 defeat).

Napoli have won each of their last three away matches against Lecce in Serie A, this after having won only one of their previous nine Serie A matches on the road against them beforehand (D5 L3).

In their last match against Juventus, Lecce lost their first game in the league this season, ending an unbeaten streak of five games in Serie A; however, the Giallorossi have only conceded two goals in their last four league matches.

Lecce have won each of their three home matches in the league this season; in their history in Serie A, only in 1989/90 have they registered four wins in their first four home games of a season. In addition, only twice before in the top-flight have they achieved four home wins in a row: five between June and October 1989 and six between April and October 2004.

Napoli have collected 11 points so far in Serie A this season, while if they fail to win in Lecce, they would record their lowest tally in the first seven rounds of a Serie A campaign since 2015/16 (12 points).

Napoli have drawn four of their last six away league games (W1 L1), including the two most recent – the Partenopei could draw three away matches in a row in Serie A for the first time since between March and April 2018.

Since the start of last season, Khvicha Kvaratskhelia has managed to score and provide an assist in the same league match six times, a joint-high shared with Lionel Messi in the big-five European leagues in this time.

Since the start of 2023, Victor Osimhen has scored 13 of his 21 Serie A goals away from home, the most of any player in the big-five European leagues, ahead of Haaland, Mbappé and Kane in this calendar year, all on 11.

Lecce have had three players who have attempted more than 10 shots in Serie A this season (Krstovic 14, Ramadani 11 and Strefezza 11); only four teams have had at least four players who have attempted more than 10 shots, including Napoli.

30/09/2023 18:00 - GIUSEPPE MEAZZA



MILAN

Vs

LAZIO



None of the last nine matches between AC Milan and Lazio in Serie A have ended in a draw, with six wins for the Rossoneri – including one in the most recent match (2-0 in May 2023) – and three for the Biancocelesti in the period.

AC Milan won 2-0 v Lazio in their last match in Serie A in May, and could win two league games in a row against the Biancocelesti without conceding a goal for the first time since 2004 (when Carlo Ancelotti and Roberto Mancini were the managers of the two clubs).

AC Milan have won six of their last seven home games against Lazio in Serie A (L1). Overall, the Rossoneri have won 47 home league games against the Biancocelesti; only against Fiorentina (50) and Roma (48) have they recorded more home wins in Serie A.

Milan have won eight of their last nine games in Serie A (L1), scoring an average of 2.44 goals per game in this period; furthermore, in this period, they have scored in the first half of eight of those nine games (the only exception being against Inter on 16 September).

AC Milan have won their last five home league games; only once under Stefano Pioli have the Rossoneri achieved a longer streak of consecutive home wins in Serie A (six between April and September 2022).

After their 2-0 success against Torino in the midweek round, Lazio could keep two clean sheets in a row in Serie A for the first time since a run of six consecutive clean sheets between February and April 2023.

Lazio have lost four of their last seven away league games (W3), as many defeats as they had in their previous 25 away matches in Serie A (W15 D6).

Théo Hernández has scored in two of his last three matches at the San Siro against Lazio in Serie A, including the most recent, in which the AC Milan defender scored to make it 2-0 in May. Among teams currently in the competition, only against Torino (three goals) has he scored more.

Ruben Loftus-Cheek scored in Milan's last match against Cagliari; the English midfielder has not been on the scoresheet in two consecutive league matches since April 2019 (with Chelsea, in the Premier League, against Brighton and Cardiff).

Lazio's **Ciro Immobile** has scored eight goals against Milan in the top-flight; starting from his first goal against the Rossoneri in the competition (February 2014) he has scored the most goals against them in Serie A of any player (three of these at Meazza).

30/09/2023 20:45 - ARECHI



SALERNITANA

Vs

INTER



In the first three matches against Inter since their return to Serie A (2021/22), Salernitana lost each time, with an aggregate score of 12-0; the last match, however, ended 1-1 at Arechi in April.

Inter haven't lost in six of their eight matches against Salernitana in Serie A (W5 D1); their last defeat against the Granata was back in April 1999 - Francesco Oddo was the Salernitana manager (2-0, goals by David Di Michele and Federico Giampaolo).

Salernitana have not yet won in Serie A this season (D3 L3); in their previous two seasons in Serie A, the Granata's first win has always been within the first seven matchdays of the campaign.

Salernitana have registered two draws and one defeat in three home league matches this season; they have always won at least one match within the first four home games in a Serie A season before.

With their 2-1 defeat against Sassuolo, Inter saw a run of seven wins in a row in Serie A come to an end, in which they had conceded just one more goal (3) than they conceded in the defeat against the Neroverdi (2).

Inter have won six of their last seven away games in Serie A (L1), also keeping a clean sheet in each of these wins. The Nerazzurri could win four away matches in a row without conceding a goal in Serie A for the first time since between August and October 2012.

Salernitana's Jovane Cabral has hit the woodwork four times in Serie A this season, once in each of his last four appearances - no other player in Europe's big-five leagues has done so as many times this season.

Salernitana's Boulaye Dia has been involved in eight goals in his last six appearances at Arechi in Serie A (six goals and two assists) - one of these came against Inter, in a 1-1 draw last April.

Lautaro Martínez has scored a goal every 48 minutes on average against Salernitana in Serie A (five goals in 238 minutes), including his last hat-trick in the tournament (March 2022) - only against Cremonese does the Inter forward boast a better minutes/goal average in the Italian top-flight (one goal every 37 minutes).

Inter's Denzel Dumfries is the only defender in the big-five European leagues to have already scored more than one goal (two) and provided more than one assist (two) this season; with four goal involvements, the Dutchman is only one away from his tally last season in Serie A (one goal, four assists).

01/10/2023 12:30 - RENATO DALL'ARA

**BOLOGNA****Vs****EMPOLI**

Empoli have won seven of their last 11 matches against Bologna in Serie A (D3 L1), this after enjoying no wins in their first seven matches against the Rossoblù in the top-flight beforehand (D4 L3).

Bologna have lost each of their last two matches against Empoli in Serie A, and could suffer three defeats in a row against the Tuscans in the competition for the first time.

In the last six matches at the Dall'Ara stadium between Bologna and Empoli in Serie A, the same result has never been repeated consecutively: there have been two wins for the Rossoblù, two draws and two victories for the Tuscans, including the last such meeting (1-0 in September 2022).

Bologna have drawn nil-nil in three consecutive Serie A matches for the first time since February-March 2016; only once in their competition history have they recorded at least four in a row (five between March-April 1971).

No team has drawn more home games than Bologna since the start of last season in Serie A (10 of 22 games, level with Udinese).

Empoli have scored only one goal in Serie A this season; if they fail to score against Bologna, they would be the third team in the 2000s to have no more than one goal after the first seven matches in a Serie A season, after Livorno (2009/10) and Frosinone (2018/19).

Empoli have won only one of their last 17 away Serie A matches (D7 L9), a 1-0 victory against Inter in January 2023. The Tuscans could also lose each of their first three games of a season away from home in Serie A for the third time in their history, after 2003/04 and 1987/88.

Sam Beukema has made the most successful passes in Serie A this season (402). The Dutch defender is also one of only two Bologna players, along with with Lukasz Skorupski, to have played every single minute in Serie A 2023/24 (540 minutes for both).

Empoli's Nicolò Cambiaghi is experiencing his longest scoring drought in Serie A (nine appearances in a row without a goal); he hasn't scored since last May, when he netted in a run of three consecutive games, including one against Bologna (3-1 victory, May 2023).

Among players who have scored at least five goals since the start of last season, only four are younger than Empoli's Tommaso Baldanzi (born in 2003) in the big-five European leagues: Mathys Tel (2005), Youssoufa Moukoko (2004), Evan Ferguson (2004) and Jude Bellingham (2003).

01/10/2023 15:00 - BLUENERGY STADIUM - STADIO FRIULI



UDINESE

Vs

GENOA



Udinese are unbeaten in the last 12 matches against Genoa in Serie A (W6 D6), however they have drawn each of their last three matches, including goalless draws in their last two.

Genoa have scored only six goals in their last 11 matches against Udinese in Serie A (D5 L6), after having netted 12 goals in the six previous matches against the Friulians.

Udinese have won four of their last six home games against Genoa in Serie A (D2), keeping five clean sheets and conceding only two goals.

Udinese have not won any of their first six games in a single Serie A season for the first time in the three points for a win era (D3 L3). Considering the first seven matches played by the Friulians in the era of three points for a win in a Serie A championship, the negative record is represented by the four points collected in 2020/21.

Udinese haven't scored in their last five home league games; the Friulians have never recorded six home matches in a row without scoring in Serie A.

After the victory against Roma, Genoa could win consecutive Serie A matches for the first time since January-February 2021 (3).

Genoa have lost six of their last seven Serie A games away from home (W1), scoring just one goal in the period: Mateo Retegui's goal for the 1-0 win against Lazio at the Olimpico stadium on 27th August 2023.

Among players in the big five European leagues, only Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang and Jérémy Le Douaron (both 20) have attempted more shots than Florian Thauvin (18) without scoring yet this season.

Since his debut season in Serie A (2021/22), Lazar Samardzic is the youngest player (February 2002) currently in the top division to have been involved in at least 15 goals: for him nine goals and six assists.

Ruslan Malinovskyi actively participated in five goals against Udinese in Serie A (two goals and three assists), his personal best against a single opponent in the competition; however, the Ukrainian player has not scored since 21 August 2022 in Serie A (vs Milan) and since then has only provided one assist in 17 appearances.

01/10/2023 18:00 - GEWISS STADIUM



ATALANTA

Vs

JUVENTUS



Under Gasperini management (since 2016-17), Atalanta have only lost four of their 14 matches against Juventus in Serie A (W2 D8), after losing each of the previous 12 league games against them before Gasperini was in charge of the Nerazzurri.

Juventus won their last match against Atalanta in Serie A without conceding a goal (2-0, away, on May 7 2023) and the Bianconeri could keep a clean sheet in two league games in a row against the Nerazzurri for the first time since March 2016, with Atalanta under Edoardo Reja.

Atalanta have only won one of their last 18 home matches against Juventus in Serie A (D5 L12), keeping a clean sheet only in the game they won (1-0 with a goal by Ruslan Malinovskyi on April 18 2021).

Atalanta have won their last four home games in Serie A and under Gasperini they have already achieved on two occasions a streak of at least five home league wins in a row: seven, between February and July 2020 and between February and May 2021.

With the defeat against Sassuolo, Juventus have lost six away games in 2023 in Serie A; since 2000's only once have the Bianconeri recorded seven defeats away from home in a single calendar year in Serie A: in 2010, with three different coaches (Ferrara, Zaccheroni and Delneri).

With the victory against Lecce, Juventus now have 13 points in the standings: it was since 2019-20 (16 in that case) that they had not won at least 13 points in the first six games of a Serie A season.

Since Massimiliano Allegri returned (2021/22 season), Juventus are the team that has won the most times in Serie A with a score of 1-0 (14).

Since the start of last season, only Piotr Zielinski and Felipe Anderson (both 20) have been actively involved in more goals than Adrien Rabiot (19, 12 goals and 7 assists) among midfielders in all competitions.

One of Ademola Lookman's two braces in Serie A came against Juventus, on 22 January 2023, in a 3-3 draw, in which the Nigerian was involved in all three Atalanta goals between goals and assists; in fact, against no team has he been involved in more goals (three) than against Juventus in the competition.

Dusan Vlahovic has scored five goals against Atalanta in Serie A, only doing better against Bologna and Lazio in the competition (6 goals against each); indeed, the Serbian striker has scored three goals in his last three matches played at the Gewiss Stadium, including the goal that made it 2-0 in the 98th minute, in the last league encounter between the Nerazzurri and the Bianconeri.

01/10/2023 20:45 - OLIMPICO



ROMA

Vs

FROSINONE



Roma have won all four matches against Frosinone in Serie A, with an aggregate score of 12-3; the last match between the two teams in the competition dates back to 23 February 2019, when the Giallorossi won 3-2 under the current Frosinone coach, Eusebio Di Francesco.

In the eight encounters in Serie A against teams from this region (Roma and Lazio), Frosinone have only won one point: in the home goalless draw against Lazio on February 21 2016.

Roma are unbeaten in their last 24 home games against newly promoted teams in Serie A, with 22 wins – they have scored an average of 2.9 goals per game in this run.

Roma have never repeated the same result in their last eight home games in Serie A (W3 D3 L2) – they won 7-0 against Empoli in the last league match at the Olimpico Stadium.

Frosinone have drawn both of their last two away games in Serie A (0-0 v Udinese, 1-1 v Salernitana), never avoiding the defeat in three consecutive away games in the top-flight.

Roma have earned five points in Serie A this season, they have never done worse after the first six games played in a single Serie A campaign in the three points for a win era (five also in 2010/11). With a draw or a defeat, they will set their worst record after the first seven games played in a single Serie A campaign in the three points for a win era.

No team has gained more points from losing positions than Frosinone in Serie A this season (four, level with Napoli and Lecce).

Roma are the team with whom Eusebio Di Francesco has his best average points per game as a manager in Serie A: 1.9, recorded in 64 matches (W35 D16 L13) between August 2017 and March 2019; as a player, the Frosinone boss was part of the Giallorossi team for four seasons, from 1997-98 to 2000-01.

Andrea Belotti is, together with Gonzalo Higuaín, one of only two players able to score 2+ goals in Serie A against Frosinone on at least two occasions (two for both): two braces for the Roma striker, both with Torino, on January 16, 2016 and March 10, 2019.

Matías Soulé (2003) is the youngest player among those who have already scored and provided an assist in Serie A this season.

02/10/2023 18:30 - MAPEI STADIUM



SASSUOLO

Vs

MONZA



Monza are unbeaten in their two Serie A meetings with Sassuolo: drawing at home in their Serie A opener last season (1-1) and winning at the MAPEI Stadium in the reverse fixture (2-1).

Monza have won three of their last five away league matches against Sassuolo in the 2000s, across Serie A (W1), Serie C (D1 L1) and Serie C2 (W2).

Sassuolo have won their last two home games in Serie A, scoring a total of seven goals (4-2 v Juventus and 3-1 v Hellas Verona), as many as in their previous seven league games at the MAPEI Stadium.

Monza have drawn three matches in a row for the first time in Serie A. Only Salernitana (13) have drawn more matches than Monza (12) in the competition in 2023.

Sassuolo have won three of their last four Serie A matches (L1), after having started this season with two consecutive defeats. The Neroverdi could record four wins in the first seven matches of the Serie A season for the third time in their history, after 2018/19 and 2020/21.

Monza are winless in their last four away league matches (D1 L3) - they have never recorded a streak of five away matches without success in Serie A.

Sassuolo have scored the most goals via Italian players in Serie A this season (eight). Last season, Monza were the side that scored the most goals by Italian players (33, ahead of Sassuolo, Empoli and Lazio, all with 25).

Sassuolo have averaged just 42% possession this season, the third worst figure in the division. However, they have had 18 direct attacks across their first six games, only fewer than Milan so far (19) in Serie A this season.

Domenico Berardi is the only player to have scored at least four goals in each of the last 11 seasons for the same team across the Big-5 European leagues; Marco Reus, Thomas Müller and Karim Benzema trail at 10.

Monza's Matteo Pessina has scored more goals against Sassuolo than any other side in Serie A: three goals. In fact, Pessina netted the winning goal in the last meeting between the Neroverdi and Monza (2-1).

02/10/2023 18:30 - OLIMPICO GRANDE TORINO

**TORINO****Vs****HELLAS VERONA**

Torino have lost just one of their last 13 matches against Hellas Verona in Serie A (W4 D8), winning three of their last four against the Gialloblù.

Across the last seven meetings between Torino and Hellas Verona in Serie A, neither side has ever scored more than one goal in a single match, with seven goals by the Granata and four by the Gialloblù in this period.

Six of Torino's last eight Serie A matches against Hellas Verona at home have ended in a draw, with one victory for each side in the other two games across this period.

Torino have won just one of their last 10 home games in Serie A (D5 L4), while failing to score more than one goal in a single match in this run (6 goals in total).

Since the start of last season, Hellas Verona have lost the most Serie A away games (13) among ever-present sides in the competition.

Torino are unbeaten in 11 Serie A matches played on Mondays (W6 D5), having lost five of their previous six such games (D1).

After winning both of their matches in August, Hellas Verona ended the month of September without a win in Serie A (D1 L3), while only scoring one goal. No team has collected fewer points in the last four top-flight matchdays than Verona and no side has scored fewer goals.

Ivan Ilic played his first 72 Serie A games for Hellas Verona, scoring three goals and providing five assists from September 2020 to January 2023. The midfielder, born in 2001, has already provided two assists in this campaign - only one fewer than last season's tally.

Duván Zapata scored his first home goal in Serie A against Hellas Verona in May 2014 for Napoli (brace). The Torino striker could score in two home appearances in a row for the first time since November 2021 after his goal against Roma last time out.

Torino is the team against which Riccardo Saponara has won more Serie A games against Torino than any other side (seven out of 14 previous games). The Hellas Verona player has been directly involved in five goals against the Granata in the competition (two goals and three assists), only against Sassuolo (eight) and Milan (six) has he been involved in more.

02/10/2023 20:45 - ARTEMIO FRANCHI

**FIORENTINA****Vs****CAGLIARI**

Fiorentina are unbeaten in their last five matches against Cagliari in Serie A (W2 D3), conceding just one goal across this period, although that did come in the most recent encounter during a 1-1 away draw in January 2022.

Cagliari have failed to score in their last three away games against Fiorentina in Serie A - only failing to score in four consecutive away league matches against them in their first ever four such games against the Viola between 1964 and 1967.

Fiorentina have won four of their last five home games in Serie A (D1). In fact, the Viola have scored two goals in the first half of each of their last two league matches at the Franchi and could do so for three home games in a row for the first time since December 2013 in Serie A.

In each of their last two seasons played in Serie A (2021-22 and the current one), Cagliari have won just one point after their first three away games of the league season - they failed to win away from home during the entire first half of the Serie A season in 2021/22.

Cagliari have lost four of the first six matches of the current campaign (D2). Only three times in the three points for a win era (since 1994/95) have they recorded more defeats in the first seven matches of a Serie A season (five in 1996/97, 2008/09 and 2017/18).

Across the Big 5 European Leagues in 2023/24, Fiorentina have scored the most headed goals of any side (eight).

Nicolás González has scored five headed goals in 2023 in Serie A - no player has scored more in this period (level with Victor Osimhen and Olivier Giroud).

Giacomo Bonaventura has scored two goals against Cagliari in Serie A, for Atalanta (January 2014) and for AC Milan (October 2014), only against Sampdoria has he found the net for three different teams in the competition.

Cagliari are one of the three Serie A teams, alongside Empoli and Udinese, that have had just one goal-scorer this season, Zito Luvumbo. The Angolan striker has also had the most shots (14), the most shots on target (three), the most chances created (eight) and the most successful dribbles for the Sardinians in Serie A (12).

Zito Luvumbo has scored two goals in his first six appearances for Cagliari in Serie A. Across the last 10 years, the only player that has scored more goals for the Rossoblù in the competition under the age of 22 was Nicolò Barella (six).