



INSIGHTS

Matchday 8 Serie A 2023-24
6 - 8 October 2023

06/10/2023 18:30 - CARLO CASTELLANI COMPUTER GROSS ARENA



EMPOLI

Vs

UDINESE



Udinese have won three of the last five games against Empoli in Serie A (D1 L1), having won only one of the previous five games in the top-flight (D1 L3).

Empoli lost their last home game against Udinese last March in Serie A (0-1); they've never lost two home games in a row without scoring against the Bianconeri in the top-flight. Meanwhile, Udinese have scored one goal in each of the last three away games against them in the competition.

Udinese have not won an away game in Serie A since beating Empoli 1-0 in March - since then the Bianconeri have gained just two points (D2 L6); it's their longest winless streak on the road since September 2018/April 2019 (14 games under Julio Velázquez, Davide Nicola and Igor Tudor).

Empoli have earned three points or fewer after their first seven games for the second time in Serie A (2 in 2003-04 - relegated at the end of the season). Overall, only two of the last 10 teams that have collected three or fewer points at this stage in a top-flight season have avoided the relegation (Sampdoria in 2019-20 and Genoa in 2017-18).

Udinese have gained four points in Serie A this season, equalling their worst total at this stage in a top-flight season since 1994-95 (also four points in 2020/21); while on only two occasions previously have the Bianconeri scored fewer than the four goals they're currently on at this point in the season (3 in both 2019-20 and 1980-81).

Empoli have scored only one goal in Serie A this season, no other team has had fewer at this stage in the top-flight. Indeed, there are 12 teams before this season in Serie A to have scored only one goal in their first seven games, the last of which was Frosinone in 2018-19.

Empoli are one of two teams among the big five European leagues in 2023-24, alongside Cagliari, not to have scored in the second half, while Udinese have scored three of their four goals in the second half (75%) - no other teams have a higher such proportion in Serie A this season (level with Lecce and Salernitana).

Empoli have conceded the most goals in Serie A this season (16), as well as conceding the most goals from open play (11), the joint-most from set pieces (5 - level with Salernitana), the most from corners (4) and the most in the second half (10).

Tommaso Baldanzi, who has scored the only goal for Empoli in Serie A this season and who has already scored against Udinese in the top-flight in January 2023, is one of the three midfielder born after 2003 (alongside Jude Bellingham and Florian Wirtz) who has taken at least eight shots and has created at least eight chances in the big five European leagues in 2023-24.

Two of the four players with the most shots without scoring in Serie A this season play for Udinese - Florian Thauvin (18) and Sandi Lovric (14) who is suspended for this match, alongside Monza duo Ciurria (15) and Dany Mota (14).

06/10/2023 20:45 - ETTORE GIARDINERO - VIA DEL MARE



LECCE

Vs

SASSUOLO



Following the 2-2 in November 2019 at the Via del Mare, the first meeting between the two sides in Serie A, Sassuolo have won each of the three games against Lecce in the top-flight since, winning both games last season 1-0.

Only against Perugia (P8 D4 L4) have Lecce played more games without a win in Serie A than against Sassuolo (4).

Lecce have lost each of their last seven games against teams from Emilia-Romagna by an aggregate of 9-18. The last Lecce win against these teams in the top-flight was in February 2020 (2-1 against SPAL at Via del Mare).

Lecce have earned 11 points in their first five games in Serie A this season, though have lost their last two league games without scoring against Juventus and Napoli. The Giallorossi have not lost without scoring for three games in a row in the competition since February/April 2023 (run of five).

Sassuolo have not drawn a league match since May against Sampdoria, since then they have lost five games and won three; the Neroverdi have not gone nine games without drawing in Serie A since October 2019 (10 under De Zerbi).

Lecce have conceded 56% of their goals in the first 30 minutes of Serie A games this season; only Bologna (75%, 3/4) have conceded a higher proportion in Serie A this season than Lecce.

Sassuolo have conceded the most goals in the last 30 minutes in Serie A this season (8), with 62% of their overall total coming during this period (8/13).

Only against Fiorentina (363) has Gabriel Strefezza played more minutes than Sassuolo (359) in Serie A without either scoring or assisting, losing all four previous Serie A encounters with Sassuolo.

Domenico Berardi has scored in three of his four games against Lecce in Serie A, though failed to score in the most recent encounter in February. Indeed, the Sassuolo forward has also provided two league assists against the Giallorossi, while he has been involved in a one goal every 72 minutes against them - Berardi only has a better mins/goal involvement rate against Empoli (every 62 minutes) among teams currently in the top-flight

Armand Laurienté has missed four big chances in Serie A this season, only Victor Osimhen and Lorenzo Lucca (both five) have missed more. Indeed, the Frenchman is the only Serie A player with at least 20 shots (20) and at least 10 chances created (12) this season.

07/10/2023 15:00 - GIUSEPPE MEAZZA



INTER

Vs

BOLOGNA



The last draw between Bologna and Inter in Serie A was in September 2017 (1-1). Since then, Inter have won seven matches and Bologna four in the top-flight. Furthermore, Simone Inzaghi has recorded two home wins and two away losses against the Rossoblù since he joined Inter in the competition.

Inter have recorded three successive home victories against Bologna in Serie A – winning each of the last two 6-1; the Nerazzurri could win four home matches in a row against the Felsinei for the first time since April 2004 in Serie A.

Inter have picked up six victories in their first seven Serie A matches for the fifth time in the three points for a win era (also 2019-20, 2017-18, 2002-03 and 1997-98 campaigns); they've never gone on to win the Scudetto in any of the previous four occasions, finishing second three times and fourth the other.

Bologna have kept four consecutive clean sheets in Serie A for the first time since March 2016 and they could register five in a row in the competition for the first time since November 1999 – the Rossoblù haven't conceded goal in the last 428 minutes, the longest ongoing record in the big five European leagues in 2023-24.

Bologna have lost just 11 matches since Thiago Motta first game as manager in Serie A in September 2022, as many as Inter during that time – only Napoli (5) and Milan (9) have lost fewer games among teams that have played in the last two seasons (2022-23 and 2023-24).

Inter (3) and Bologna (4) are the two teams that have conceded the fewest goals in Serie A 2023-24. Inter (18) and Bologna (22) are also two of the top five teams which have faced the fewest shots on target in the competition so far, with Napoli (16), Roma (19) and Genoa (22) making up the rest of the top five.

Inter and Bologna are two of four teams, along with Juventus and Lazio, who haven't conceded a goal from a set piece in Serie A this season. Furthermore, Bologna have scored only one goal via a set piece in Serie A this season, with only Empoli, Cagliari and Monza netting fewer (0).

Lautaro Martínez has scored nine goals in Serie A this season, only Giuseppe Meazza (11 in 1935-36) and Antonio Valentin Angelillo (16 in 1958-59) have scored, in Inter's history, at least 10 goals within the first eight matches played by the Nerazzurri in a single top-flight campaign.

Lewis Ferguson has taken the most shots among midfielders in Serie A this season (17, 14 of which inside the box – another record in the period), while Federico Dimarco, who netted a brace against Bologna at the Meazza in Serie A last season, has created the most chances among defenders (17) and recorded the joint-most shots (13 – level with Davide Zappacosta).

Riccardo Orsolini, who scored the winner for Bologna in the previous Serie A meeting in February (1-0), has scored 14 goals in Serie A since Thiago Motta joined Bologna as manager (first game 17th September 2022) - only Victor Osimhen (29), Lautaro Martínez (27), Rafael Leão (15) and Domenico Berardi (15) have more Serie A goals during this period.

07/10/2023 18:00 - ALLIANZ STADIUM



JUVENTUS

Vs

TORINO



Juventus are the team against which Torino have lost more games (76) and conceded more goals (243) to in their Serie A history - the Bianconeri lost only one of their last 34 games against Torino in the top-flight, 1-2 in April 2015 (W25 D8).

In all competitions, Juventus is undefeated in their last 18 Turin derbies (W14 D4); since Massimiliano Allegri's return to the club, the Bianconeri have three wins and one draw in the derby, scoring at least one goal in every game.

The last derby won by Torino at Juventus' home in Serie A was back in April 1995 (2-1) - since then, Juventus have had 12 wins and five draws in 17 games. At Allianz Stadium, Juventus have had eight wins as well as three draws in the 11 league derbies against Toro.

Juventus have kept seven clean sheets in their last 12 league matches - since Allegri's return to the club (August 2021), no side in Serie A have kept more clean sheets (37 - level with Napoli).

Torino have earned one fewer point in their first seven league games of this season (9) than in 2022-23 (10), while in both campaigns they've failed to score in three of their opening seven games. Indeed, Torino are without a goal in their last two league games, and haven't failed to score in three successive Serie A matches since November 2014 under Giampiero Ventura.

Only Atalanta and Inter Milan (both 5) have collected more clean sheets than Torino and Juventus (both 4) in this Serie A season; while Torino have also only faced 68 shots so far, only Napoli (50) and Roma (53) have faced fewer in these first seven matchdays.

In the first four games of this Serie A season, Juventus registered an average expected goals value of 1.94 per match, a figure that has since dropped in the last three games (0.93 per match).

Federico Chiesa has been involved in five goals in his last seven matches against Torino in Serie A, with one goal and two assists at Juventus and two assists with Fiorentina - the Granata are in fact the team against which he has provided more assists against in the competition (4).

Manuel Locatelli scored one of his three goals for Juventus in Serie A so far against Torino, netting the winner in a 1-0 win in October 2021. Indeed, he has not found the net in the league since January 2022 against Roma - since then, he is the midfielder currently in the league who has played the most games without scoring (49).

Duván Zapata has scored six goals in Serie A against Juventus, with the most recent two at the Allianz Stadium – since the 2016-17 Serie A season – the campaign of his first goal against Bianconeri – he is one of two players who scored the most goals in Serie A against Juventus (6 – level with Giovanni Simeone).

07/10/2023 20:45 - LUIGI FERRARIS



GENOA

Vs

MILAN



AC Milan have won seven of their last nine Serie A matches against Genoa (D1 L1) – including each of their last three – scoring at least two goals in seven of those.

In the last five matches at Ferraris between Genoa and Milan in Serie A, the Rossoneri have won four times (D1). Grifone's last success at home against Diavolo in the competition came back in October 2016 under Juric (thanks to Ninkovic's and Pavoletti's goals, and Kucka's own goal).

Each of the last nine occasions in which Genoa have picked up at least eight points from their first seven Serie A matches in a season (last one in 2018/19) they have always gone on to avoid relegation; the last time they were relegated with as many points at this stage was back in 1994/95.

AC Milan have picked up 18 points in Serie A this season, their third best start after seven games in a top-flight campaign in the three points for a win era, only doing better in 2021/22 and 2003/04 (both 19 points).

Since February, each AC Milan's five Serie A defeats have come away from home, with the last of those away from Milan (therefore excluding the derby) coming against a Ligurian team: 0-2 against Spezia on May 13, 2023.

Genoa are – level with Inter – one of the two teams to have scored the most goals in Serie A this season after a high turnover (both three) – the three such Grifone goals have come in their last two matches against Roma (two) and Udinese (one).

Only Napoli have a higher pass success rate (87.7%) than AC Milan in the current Serie A season (87.4%); the Rossoneri also have the highest passing accuracy in their own half (94%).

Albert Gudmundsson and Mateo Retegui have both scored three goals in Serie A this season: the last time Genoa had two strikers with at least three goals in the first seven Serie A matches was back in 1977/78 (Roberto Pruzzo and Giuseppe Oscar Damiani).

AC Milan are the only team in the big five European leagues in 2023/24 to have two players with 3+ goals and 3+ assists (Olivier Giroud four goals and three assists, Rafael Leão three goals and three assists).

Among the midfielders with at least 100 minutes played in Serie A this season, Yacine Adli is the one with the highest average of successful passes per 90 minutes (77 on average in 128 minutes played).

08/10/2023 12:30 - U-POWER STADIUM



MONZA

Vs

SALERNITANA



Monza have won three of the last four league matches against Salernitana (L1) having only achieved two wins in the previous 10 in the era of three points for a win in professional tournaments against them (D5 L3).

Salernitana, along with Cremonese, are one of the two teams that Monza have defeated in Serie A, Serie B, and Serie C in the era of three points for a win (excluding playoffs).

Salernitana have never won away against Monza in Serie A or Serie B (D3 L7 in 10 previous encounters). Only against Cagliari (12) and Treviso (11) have they played more away matches without ever winning between the two competitions (excluding playoffs).

Monza have gone unbeaten in their last four league games (W1 D3), keeping a clean sheet in the two most recent matches (against Bologna and Sassuolo). Only once in Serie A have they recorded three consecutive clean sheets, between September and October 2022, in the first three with Raffaele Palladino as the coach.

Salernitana are the team that have drawn the most away games in Serie A in 2023: seven. Their last away win in the league was on January 27th (against Lecce), and since then, they have had 12 consecutive away games without a win (D7 L5). The only time they fared worse in the competition was between 1947 and 1999 (30 games).

This will be Monza's first top-flight match kicking off at 12:30 on a Sunday. The last team to win their very first match in Serie A played on Sunday at 12:30 was Salernitana on April 24, 2022, against Fiorentina. However, that was the only success for the Campanians in such matches in the competition (D1 L1).

Salernitana are one of three winless sides in Serie A this season (along with Cagliari and Udinese). For the first time in their history, the Campanians have started a Serie A campaign without a win in their first seven games.

The next match will be the 100th in Serie A for Paulo Sousa, making him only the 5th foreign coach to reach this milestone among those who debuted in the era of three points for a win, following Sinisa Mihajlovic, Ivan Juric, José Mourinho, and Rudi Garcia.

Only Piotr Zielinski (48) has been involved in more sequences resulting in a shot than Patrick Ciurria of Monza (45) in Serie A this season. However, only two of Ciurria's sequences have ended with a goal.

Salernitana midfielder Giulio Maggiore has scored two of his five Serie A goals against Lombard opponents, including his first in the competition on February 13, 2021, against Milan. However, neither of these two goals was scored away from home (the second against Inter on April 15, 2022).

08/10/2023 15:00 - BENITO STIRPE

**FROSINONE****Vs****HELLAS VERONA**

Frosinone have won four out of six previous encounters against Hellas Verona in Serie A and Serie B (D1 L1).

Among the teams that Frosinone have always defeated at home in Serie A and Serie B (only regular season), only Carpi (four times) have they faced on more occasions than Hellas Verona (three).

Hellas Verona have failed to win 33 of their last 34 away matches against Lazio-based opponents in Serie A (with eight draws and 25 losses against Roma, Lazio, and Frosinone). The only exception was a 2-1 victory against Lazio on December 12, 2020.

Frosinone remain unbeaten on home soil in Serie A this season (W2 D1). Only once in their history in the competition have they played more consecutive home games without suffering a defeat: between September and November 2015 (five games, with Roberto Stellone as the coach).

Hellas Verona have not scored in any of the last four league matches. The last time they played more consecutive Serie A matches without scoring was between August and September 2017 (five matches in that instance).

Courtesy of their 0-0 draw against Torino, Hellas Verona have kept a clean sheet in three of the last seven Serie A away matches (although in three of the remaining four, they conceded exactly three goals). This is as many clean sheets as in their previous 41 away games.

Frosinone are the team that have scored the most goals from set-pieces in Serie A this season: five out of nine goals so far (56% of their total, also the highest percentage in the division).

Hellas Verona are the team that have executed the fewest direct attacks in Serie A this term (5 across the first 7 MD's).

Matías Soulé is the player who has completed the most dribbles in Serie A so far this season (18), and he is also the youngest to have scored in the current campaign (20 years and 166 days against Fiorentina).

Frosinone are the team against which Darko Lazovic has the best mins/assist rate in Serie A (among opponents faced at least three times): one successful assist every 116 minutes (for a total of two assists in three previous encounters). However, this season, the Hellas Verona player has just one chance created.

08/10/2023 15:00 - OLIMPICO



LAZIO

Vs

ATALANTA



Lazio are unbeaten in four of their last five Serie A matches against Atalanta (W2 D2), after losing four of their previous five (D1); however, the defeat came in their last meeting on February 11 (0-2 thanks to Davide Zappacosta's and Rasmus Højlund's goals).

Atalanta have won 37 Serie A matches against Lazio; the Nerazzurri have won more games in the competition only against Bologna (38); furthermore, among the opponents they've faced at least 50 times in the top-flight, the Biancocelesti are the team against which the Bergamaschi have the lowest percentage of defeats (28%, 31 out of 110).

Atalanta are the team that Lazio have faced most times at home in Serie A since 2017/18 without winning (6: D3 L3); the Bergamaschi also won the last match against Biancocelesti on the road in the competition, and could win back-to-back games away from home against them for the first time since 1989.

Lazio have picked up only seven points in Serie A this season; should they lose against Atalanta, it will be the worst start after their first eight top-flight seasonal matches in the era of three points per win (since 1994/95).

Atalanta have collected five clean sheets in their first seven Serie A games for the first time in their history; the last time a team had more in the first eight matches in a single top-flight season was in 2014/15 (six, both for Roma and Juventus).

Lazio are one of the two teams, along with Cagliari, to have failed to find the net in the last 15 minutes of play in both the first and second half in Serie A this season.

Atalanta are the team with scorers of the most different nationalities in Serie A this season: in the big five European leagues, only Brighton and Monaco have more (both eight, while seven for Man City, Aston Villa, Hoffenheim, Bayer Leverkusen and Liverpool).

Luis Alberto (226) and Teun Koopmeiners (141) have the most passes ending in the final third in Serie A this season, while across the big five European leagues, only Achraf Hakimi (237) has more than the Biancocelesti player.

Atalanta's Juan Musso is the goalkeeper with the highest save percentage in the big five European leagues in 2023/24, among those with at least three appearances: 85%, ahead of Yann Sommer (83%) and Lukas Skorupski (81%).

Among the teams he has faced at least 15 times in Serie A, Atalanta are - along with Juventus - one of the two sides against which Lazio striker Ciro Immobile has scored the fewest non-penalty goals (2); however, including penalties, he has netted five goals against Atalanta.

08/10/2023 18:00 - UNIPOL DOMUS

**CAGLIARI****Vs****ROMA**

Cagliari have only won one of their last 16 league games against Roma (D4 L11): 3-2 on April 25, 2021 under Leonardo Semplici (thanks to Charalampos Lykogiannis, Razvan Marin and João Pedro goals).

Roma have won six of their last nine Serie A away matches against Cagliari (D2 L1), after failing to win in their previous 11 (D4 L7).

Following a 0-0 draw on November 25, 2013, Roma have found the net in each of their last 15 Serie A games against the Sardi, while only against Lecce (20) and Venezia (19) do they have a longer current streak in the competition - the Giallorossi have scored 30 goals in this run, at an average of exactly two per match.

For the first time in their Serie A history, Cagliari have only earned two points in their first seven top-flight seasonal games; in the previous four Serie A seasons, only two teams have picked up fewer than three points after the first eight matches: Crotone in 2020/21 and Sampdoria in 2022/23, with both relegated at the end of the season.

Roma are winless in their last seven Serie A away games (D3 L4): the last time the Giallorossi went on a longer such run in the competition was in 2000 (11).

Cagliari are the only team to have failed to score in the opening 30 minutes of play in the big five European leagues in 2023/24.

Only Fiorentina have scored more headed goals (six) than Roma (five) in Serie A this season, while Cagliari are one of the four sides to have not conceded any in this fashion yet (along with Inter, Milan and Torino).

Andrea Petagna has scored three goals in his last four league starts against Roma, each of those from penalties; however, the Cagliari striker has not yet found the net in the current top-flight season (five total shots).

Romelu Lukaku has scored three goals in his first five Serie A appearances for Roma; among the players who made their debut for the Giallorossi in the three points for a win era (since 1994/95), only Gabriel Batistuta (eight), Daniel Osvaldo (four) and Stephan El Shaarawy (five) have found the net more times in their first six games for Roma.

Andrea Belotti has been directly involved in 12 goals against Cagliari in Serie A (seven goals and five assists in 12 matches): against no other opponent has he been involved in more goals in the competition (also 12 against Sassuolo, but in 14 meetings).

08/10/2023 20:45 - DIEGO ARMANDO MARADONA



Fiorentina have won only one of their last six Serie A matches against Napoli (D1 L4): a 3-2 win on April 10, 2022, with goals from Nicolás González, Jonathan Ikoné, and Arthur Cabral.

Napoli have kept a clean sheet in four of the last six home matches against Fiorentina in Serie A, although they were defeated twice in that period (W3 D1): on January 18, 2020, and April 10, 2022.

Napoli are unbeaten in 15 matches against Fiorentina in the first half of the Serie A season (W10 D5). The last defeat for Napoli in this specific period was on October 31, 2007, with a 0-1 loss and a goal by Christian Vieri.

Fiorentina have avoided defeat in four of the last six matches against reigning Serie A champions, achieving two wins (against Juventus in December 2020 and Milan in March 2023) and two draws (against Juventus in April 2021 and Inter in March 2022).

After the 4-1 win against Udinese and the 4-0 win against Lecce, Napoli could score more than three goals in three consecutive Serie A matches for the third time in their history, having previously achieved it in October 1957 and May 2017.

Fiorentina have earned 14 points in the first seven games of this season, while they've had 17 points in the first eight matches of a Serie A season only twice in the era of three points for a win: in 1998/99 and 2015/16 (18 points on both occasions).

Napoli (10) and Fiorentina (10.6) are the two teams that have the lowest PPDA averages in Serie A this season (opposition passes per defensive action), with a low number indicating a high level of pressing and vice versa.

Fiorentina are the team that have scored the most goals in the first halves of matches in Serie A this season (11), including in the first 15 minutes of play (four goals). Meanwhile, no team have been more prolific than Napoli in the last 15 minutes of play (six goals, alongside Roma and Inter).

Matteo Politano has already scored three goals in the league this term, as many as he did in the entire previous Serie A season (in 27 appearances). The Napoli forward has scored four goals against Fiorentina in the competition, only netting more against Genoa (five).

Despite Giacomo Bonaventura not having scored against Napoli in Serie A while wearing the Fiorentina jersey, he has scored five goals against Napoli in the competition - against no team he has netted more.