



INSIGHTS

Matchday 14 Serie A 2023-24
1 - 4 December 2023

01/12/2023 20:45 - U-POWER STADIUM



MONZA

Vs

JUVENTUS



Monza have won their previous two Serie A matches against Juventus and could become the first side to obtain three wins in their opening three games against the Bianconeri in the competition. The last side to beat Juventus three times in a row in Serie A was Parma (May 2011).

After Monza's 1-0 victory over Juventus in September 2022, the Bianconeri could become the third team beaten twice away from home by Monza in Serie A, after Empoli and Salernitana.

Monza have not conceded more than once in any of their previous 10 Serie A matches (seven goals conceded); it is the longest such streak among sides currently in Serie A - followed by Juventus (eight games with a maximum of one goal scored from the opponents).

Monza have conceded only four goals in their previous eight home games in Serie A. Across this period, among ever-present sides in the competition, Monza boast the best home defence.

Juventus have kept eight clean sheets in Serie A this season, fewer only than Nice (10) across big five European leagues. Furthermore, the Bianconeri have recorded an Expected Goals against value of 8.7, with only Bayern Munich having a lower tally (8.5).

Juventus have won four of their first six away games in Serie A this term (D1 L1) and have not achieved five wins in their first seven away games since 2019-20. On 12 of the 14 occasions in which the Bianconeri won at least five of their first seven away matches in Serie A, they ended the season in first place (including 2004-05 and 2005-06).

Monza are the only side in Serie A who are yet to concede or score a goal in stoppage time. The last such goal scored by the Brianzoli came in May against Sassuolo (goal scored by Matteo Pessina).

Raffaele Palladino is one of 12 managers who have won their first two matches against Juventus in Serie A, although none of these coaches managed to obtain three successes in their first three matches against the Bianconeri in the division.

This match will feature two of the three players that have provided the most assists via crosses in Serie A this season: Filip Kostic and Giorgos Kyriakopoulos (both on three, equal to Matteo Ruggeri). Kyriakopoulos provided one in his last match for Mirko Maric's goal.

Monza could become the 22nd opponent that Dusan Vlahovic has scored against in Serie A. The Serbian has found the net against 21 of the 29 opponents he has faced in the competition so far. Among the teams which he is yet to score find the net, only against Venezia (169) and Parma (133) has he played more minutes than against Monza (115).

02/12/2023 15:00 - LUIGI FERRARIS



GENOA

Vs

EMPOLI



Genoa have avoided defeat in 10 of their previous 12 Serie A meetings with Empoli (W4 D6). The Tuscan club's last success against the Rossoblù in the competition came back in October 2015, and since then there have been four victories for the Grifone and three draws.

There have only been two or more goals in two of the six Serie A meetings between Genoa and Empoli at the home of the Ligurians: 1-1 in October 2014 and 2-1 in August 2018. Overall, just seven goals have been scored across these six matches, four by the home side and three by the visitors.

Genoa have failed to score more than once in their last six Serie A matches (four goals) - no side in the division is on a longer such streak (Udinese also six). Furthermore, the Ligurian team has alternated with two goals conceded and then a clean sheet in their last five league games (1-2 defeat against Frosinone in the most recent).

Genoa have won their previous two Serie A home games without conceding and have not managed three home wins in a row without conceding in the competition since February 2010 under Gian Piero Gasperini.

Empoli have scored five goals in their last three league games, one more than they scored in their previous 12 Serie A matches (four). The Tuscans scored three goals in their last outing against Sassuolo, and have not managed two or more goals in consecutive games since May (against Bologna and Salernitana).

Empoli have won two of their last three away games in Serie A, as many as in their previous 22 such games in the competition. The Tuscans, who defeated Napoli in their last away match, have not achieved consecutive away successes in the competition since October 2021, against Salernitana and Sassuolo.

Genoa have only had five open play sequences with at least 10 passes ending in a shot or a touch in the area this season, fewer than any other Serie A team; Empoli have had the 16th most with 13 such sequences.

Genoa are one of three sides, alongside Milan and Monza, that are yet to score a goal in stoppage time this season, as well as being the side that has conceded the most goals in the same period (four).

Since his Serie A debut in August 2019, only Lionel Messi (23) has scored more goals from outside the area than Ruslan Malinovskyi (16) across Europe's big five leagues. In fact, seven of his last eight league goals have come from outside the box.

Francesco Caputo, who has scored three goals against Genoa in Serie A, has scored three goals in his last five matches, as many as in his previous 14 appearances. The striker has not scored in consecutive Serie A appearances since April 2022.

02/12/2023 18:00 - OLIMPICO



LAZIO

Vs

CAGLIARI



Lazio are unbeaten in their last 16 Serie A matches against Cagliari (W13 D3). In the top-flight, the Biancocelesti have only had a longer unbeaten streak against Inter (19 games between September 1996 and November 2005).

Lazio have scored 66 goals in 36 home matches against Cagliari in Serie A (1.8 goals per game), and among the teams they have faced at least 30 times at home in the top-flight, only against Bologna (1.9) do Lazio have a better goals per game average.

This season is the first since 2013/14 that Lazio haven't earned at least 17 points from their first 13 Serie A matches. On that occasion, they also lost the 14th match played.

Lazio have kept a clean sheet in their last two Serie A home matches and haven't kept three consecutive clean sheets at home since October 2022. However, they failed to score in their last home match and they haven't gone two home games in a row without scoring in the top-flight since November 2007.

Cagliari have picked up seven points from their last four Serie A matches, only one fewer than they managed from their previous 20 matches in the competition (eight points).

Cagliari have gained two points from their first six away matches of Serie A this season and should they lose, it would be their worst tally from the first seven away matches of the season in Serie A since 2005/06 (one point in the first seven away matches).

23% of Cagliari's high turnovers have led to a shot in Serie A this season (23/100), the joint-highest percentage in Serie A this season – alongside Napoli.

Cagliari have the highest PPDA value in Serie A this season (17.9), indicating a low pressing level. PPDA is the ratio of opponent passes allowed outside their defensive third to the number of defensive actions outside the defensive third.

Ciro Immobile, who is only two goals shy of reaching both 200 goals in Serie A and 100 goals in home matches in the competition, has scored 12 goals against Cagliari in the top-flight. Only against Sampdoria (15) and Genoa (14) has he netted more times in Serie A.

Andrea Petagna has scored four goals against Lazio in Serie A and has only scored more against Atalanta (6). Petagna's first goal in the top-flight was against Lazio in August 2016 whilst playing for Atalanta.

02/12/2023 20:45 - GIUSEPPE MEAZZA



MILAN

Vs

FROSINONE



AC Milan are unbeaten in their first four matches against Frosinone in Serie A (2 wins, 2 draws). Out of the teams Frosinone have faced at least five times in the competition, they have only failed to secure a win against Napoli, Roma, and Inter.

AC Milan have lost just one of their last 33 Serie A matches against newly promoted teams (23 wins, 9 draws), with their only defeat in that period coming against Spezia on 13 February 2021 (0-2).

After a four-match winless run consisting of two draws and two losses, AC Milan won 1-0 in their last Serie A match against Fiorentina. The last time the Rossoneri won two consecutive Serie A matches without conceding a goal was between September and October - against Lazio and Genoa.

AC Milan have not drawn a home match in Serie A this season (4 wins, 2 losses). Last season, the Rossoneri were also without a draw after the seventh home match. Only between 1929/30 and 1930/31 had AC Milan not recorded a draw in the first seven home matches for two consecutive seasons in the top-flight.

Frosinone have picked up 18 points from their first 13 matches of this season, a tally they had previously achieved no earlier than the 23rd matchday in Serie A (in 2015/16, with 19 points in that case).

Frosinone have lost each of their last four away matches in Serie A. They have lost five on the trot on the road on two previous occasions - between May 2016 and October 2018 and between October and December 2015.

AC Milan are both the team with the highest percentage of goals scored in the first half in Serie A this season (67%: 14/21) and the team that with the second-fewest percentage of goals conceded in the first half of the game (29%: 4/14), surpassed only by Torino (25%).

63% of the goals scored by Frosinone in Serie A this season (12/19) have been scored by players born in 2000 or later, a record percentage in Serie A this season. Among the top five European leagues, only Chelsea (64%), Real Madrid (68%), Manchester City (70%) and Rennes (74%) have a higher percentage.

After eight matches played in Serie A this season, Luka Jovic is still without a goal. In the top five European leagues, he had never gone without scoring in the first eight matches of the season. After scoring a goal in his first match against a newly promoted team in Serie A (14 August 2022, against Cremonese), he has since failed to score in the last five such matches.

Among players who have scored more than five goals in the top five European leagues this season, only Evan Ferguson (October 19, 2004) and Jude Bellingham (June 29, 2003) are younger than Matías Soulé (April 15, 2003). Without his six goals, Frosinone would have five fewer points. In this Serie A, only Lautaro Martínez and Domenico Berardi (both with eight goals) have contributed more points to their team.

03/12/2023 12:30 - ETTORE GIARDINERO - VIA DEL MARE



LECCE

Vs

BOLOGNA



Bologna have won each of the last four Serie A matches played against Lecce, scoring at least two goals; this is already the longest streak for the Emilians against the Salentos in the competition for consecutive wins and also for consecutive games with at least two goals scored.

Two of Bologna's five away victories against Lecce in Serie A have come in the two most recent matches, between 2019 and 2023, only one fewer than in the previous 12 matches played in Puglia between these two teams (two Lecce wins, seven draws, three Bologna wins).

Lecce have drawn their last two Serie A matches and have not drawn three in a row in Serie A since November 2019 (run of four). Furthermore, the Giallorossi's last win in Serie A was in September (1-0 vs Genoa), since then they have recorded four draws and four defeats.

Lecce have won three of the first seven home games played this league season, but none of their last four (D2 L2); on five of the six occasions in which they have achieved at least four wins in their first eight home games in Serie A, they've avoided relegation come the end of the season - the only exception was 1990-91.

Bologna have kept a clean sheet in six of their 13 league games this season and have not managed seven clean sheets in their first 14 Serie A games since 2002-03. Indeed, last season the seventh match with a clean sheet for the Emilians arrived at their 29th league game.

After a run of four successive defeats, Bologna have won each of their last four Serie A matches played at 12.30pm; for the Rossoblù this is the same number of wins in their previous 15 matches played at this time in the competition (D5 L6).

Lecce have conceded the most headed goals in Serie A this season (6), including the last one scored by Hellas Verona's Milan Djuric.

Remi Oudin, who scored on the last matchday against Hellas Verona, has scored two goals in seven games this season, and is just one goal away from his tally of three goals in 31 appearances in Serie A last season.

Joshua Zirkzee has scored five goals in Serie A this season, more than any other Dutch player in the current big five European leagues. Indeed, the Bologna striker has scored in his last two Serie A games, with the last Dutchman to score in three games in a row in the tournament being Michel Kreek (run of four in 1995 with Padova).

Lecce are the only team against which Lewis Ferguson has managed to score two goals in Serie A against; with his first goal in the competition coming against Lecce in a 2-0 win in October 2022.

03/12/2023 15:00 - ARTEMIO FRANCHI

 **FIORENTINA**

Vs

SALERNITANA 

Fiorentina have lost just two of their eight previous encounters with Salernitana in Serie A (W4 D2), scoring 16 goals against this opponent.

Salernitana are one of the four teams that Fiorentina have faced at least four times at home in Serie A and won on every occasion (4/4), along with Avellino (10/10), Liguria (4/4), and Reggina (7/7).

Salernitana have never played an away match against a Tuscan opponent without conceding a goal in Serie A (21 goals conceded), with a record of eight losses, one win (3-2 against Empoli in February 1999), and one draw (1-1 vs Empoli in May 2022).

Fiorentina have lost four of their last five league matches (W1), following four wins in the previous five (D1). Moreover, Fiorentina have only netted two goals in their last five Serie A games, after scoring 18 in their first eight matches of the season, averaging 2.3 per game.

After a run of 13 Serie A matches without a win (D5 L8), Salernitana won their most recent game, defeating Lazio 2-1. The last time they won consecutive matches in the competition was in October 2022, with one of those wins against Lazio.

Fiorentina have won eight of their last 13 home Serie A matches (D3 L2), although have suffered defeats in two of the three most recent games. During this period (since the beginning of March), Fiorentina have scored at least two goals in eight different home matches in the competition, surpassed only by Roma (10) and Inter (9).

Only Bayern Munich (35) have faced fewer shots than Fiorentina (39) in the final 30 minutes of play in the current season across the big five European leagues. On the other hand, only Eintracht Frankfurt (36), Cadiz (39), Torino (41), Metz and Milan (both 46) have attempted fewer shots than Salernitana (47) in the same period.

Nicolás González has scored 11 goals in 2023, second only to Lautaro Martínez (27) among Argentine players in the big five European leagues. Specifically, he has scored six goals in the current season, his best single-season performance in the big five European leagues was seven goals in 33 appearances in Serie A for Fiorentina in 2021-22.

Fiorentina's Fabiano Parisi has conceded a penalty in each of his last two Serie A appearances (against Bologna and Milan). The last player to concede a penalty in three consecutive Serie A matches was Felipe, between December 2012 and January 2013 with Siena.

Antonio Candreva has provided 11 assists in Serie A against Fiorentina, more than any other player against a single opponent since Opta started collecting this data (since 2004-05). Extending to the big five European leagues from Candreva's debut season in 2007-08, only Thomas Müller (17 against Werder Bremen and 13 against Köln) and Lionel Messi (15 against Levante and 13 against Getafe) have more against a specific opponent.

03/12/2023 15:00 - BLUENERGY STADIUM - STADIO FRIULI



UDINESE

Vs

HELLAS VERONA



Hellas Verona have won only two of their last 13 Serie A matches against Udinese (D5 L6), but have scored at least one goal in each of the four most recent encounters against the Bianconeri, after failing to find the net in six of the previous seven.

Udinese are unbeaten in six home games against Hellas Verona in Serie A (W3 D3), although the two most recent matches ended in draws. The Bianconeri have never drawn more than two consecutive home matches against the Gialloblu.

Udinese and Hellas Verona together have 20 points this season (11 and nine respectively). In their Serie A history, they have never faced each other with so few combined points after the 13th matchday.

Udinese are the only team still seeking their first home win in Serie A this season, having drawn four and lost two of the first six home games. Only in the 1982/83 season (D7) did they fail to win any of their first seven home matches in a season in the topflight.

Hellas Verona have lost five of their last six away Serie A games (D1) and have failed to score in four of the last five. The last time the Gialloblu failed to score in three or more consecutive away games in the competition was between February and April 2018, when they went five matches without scoring, with Fabio Pecchia as coach.

Udinese have drawn eight of their first 13 games this season (W1 L4). The last team to draw at least nine of their first 14 games in a Serie A season was Torino in 2007/08 (nine draws).

Hellas Verona (6.4%) and Udinese (5.5%) are two of the three teams with the lowest conversion rates in this Serie A season (the other is Empoli, with 5.8%). However, Udinese have scored two goals with their last 13 shots in the league, while Verona has scored the same with their last 16 attempts – the Gialloblu have scored as many goals as they did with the previous 48 attempts.

On one hand, only Napoli (123) have completed more dribbles than Udinese in Serie A this season (120), on the other hand, only Genoa (72) and Monza (75) have fewer dribbles than Hellas Verona (77).

Isaac Success scored his first Serie A goal against Hellas Verona on October 27, 2021, with his first shot in the competition. However, since then, the Udinese forward has made 71 attempts in the Italian topflight, scoring only two goals.

Federico Bonazzoli has scored two goals in his last five matches against Udinese in Serie A, playing for Sampdoria and Torino and coming off the bench on both occasions. Since his first goal in the competition on September 25, 2019, against Sampdoria as a substitute, the Hellas Verona forward is the Italian player with the most goals coming off the bench in Serie A (10 goals).

03/12/2023 18:00 - MAPEI STADIUM



SASSUOLO

Vs

ROMA



Sassuolo have been unbeaten in six of the last seven Serie A games against AS Roma (W2 D4), after losing eight of the previously 12 games against them in the competition (D4).

AS Roma have drawn their last three Serie A away matches against Sassuolo. The last time they recorded four consecutive away draws against a single team in the competition was between 2005 and 2010, against Livorno.

Sassuolo have won only 10% of their Serie A matches against AS Roma (two out of 20), and only against Napoli (9.5% - 2/21) have they recorded a lower success rate among opponents faced at least five times in the competition.

Sassuolo have failed to win eight of their last 10 Serie A home games (D3 L5), after winning four of the previous five home games (D1). In addition, the Neroverdi have drawn the last two at home (against Bologna and Salernitana) and could draw three consecutive home matches in the competition for the first time since May 2019.

AS Roma have won only one of the last 10 Serie A away matches (D4 L5) and have not scored in the last two (against Inter and Lazio). The last time Roma failed to score in three away games in a row the competition was between January and February 2021 (against Lazio, Juventus, and Benevento).

After their 2-2 draw against Salernitana and the 4-3 win against Empoli, Sassuolo could record three consecutive matches both scoring and conceding at least two goals for the second time in their Serie A history. The previous was in April 2021, with the third match of that series against Roma (a 2-2 draw).

Only Barcelona (13) has scored more than AS Roma (11) in the last 15 minutes of matches in the Big-5 European leagues this season. In addition, only Sassuolo (52) have attempted more shots than AS Roma in this period in Serie A this season (51).

Sassuolo's forward Domenico Berardi has scored the most penalties in the top five European leagues in 2023, converting all 10 attempts from the penalty spot. Only two players have scored more penalties in a single calendar year in Serie A since 2004/05: Cristiano Ronaldo in 2020 (13) and Lorenzo Insigne in 2021 (11).

AS Roma are the team against which Andrea Pinamonti has scored the most goals in Serie A. The Sassuolo forward has scored five goals in eight matches against Roma, and only once has he ended a home game against Giallorossi without scoring: 12 May 2021, with Inter, when he played 13 minutes.

AS Roma's forward Andrea Belotti has scored nine goals in Serie A in 14 games against Sassuolo, against no other opponent has he scored more goals (also nine against Sampdoria). In the history of the competition, no player has scored more goals against Neroverdi (also nine for Duván Zapata and Gonzalo Higuaín).

03/12/2023 20:45 - DIEGO ARMANDO MARADONA

**NAPOLI****Vs****INTER**

Inter have won five of their last eight league games against Napoli (D2, L1), although they they lost the most recent one (3-1 on May 21st); the last time the Neapolitans won two games in a row against the Nerazzurri in the competition was in 2016/17.

Napoli remain unbeaten in 16 of their 17 home matches against Inter played in the 2000s in the Italian top-flight (W10, D6 L1); in fact, the Neapolitan team is the opponent against which the Nerazzurri have the lowest percentage of away successes in this period among teams they've faced more than once (6%).

Inter have found the net in each of their last 10 Serie A matches against Napoli, the last time they scored in more consecutive matches against the Neapolitans was between 1952 and 1957 (11).

Napoli have scored in all of their last 15 Serie A matches against the league leaders at the start of the day (excluding the first four matchdays) and have remained unbeaten in three of the most recent four (W1, D2); in particular, in each of the last two they have recorded a 1-1 draw against Inter.

Inter have won nine of their last 11 Serie A away games, scoring an average of 2.4 goals per match (26 in total); the exceptions in this set are a defeat against Napoli on May 21st and a draw against Juventus in their last game

Napoli and Inter are the top two teams in Serie A this season to have taken the most shots (233 vs 212), touched more balls in the opponent's area (414 vs 400), the highest Expected Goals (25.5 vs 25.9) and finally scored the most goals (26 vs 30).

Under the management of Walter Mazzarri, Napoli have won nine of their last 11 Serie A matches (1D, 1L), including a 3-1 success against Inter on 5 May 2013 at the Maradona; the Neapolitan coach has 49 previous games with the Nerazzurri in the competition (W19, D19, L11), between 2013 and 2014.

Piotr Zielinski has scored three goals against Inter in the league, only against Milan and Udinese (four) has he scored more goals in Serie A; overall, the Neapolitan midfielder has scored six goals in home matches against a 'Milanese' team in Serie A, but none in the last nine matches.

Lautaro Martínez (34) and Victor Osimhen (32) are the two players who have scored the most goals in Serie A since the start of last season; in the same period in the five biggest European leagues they are preceded only by Erling Haaland (50), Harry Kane (48) and Kylian Mbappé (43).

Lautaro Martínez has scored 27 goals in Serie A in 2023, only two Inter players have scored more goals in a single calendar year in Serie A since 2000: Diego Milito (28 in 2012) and Christian Vieri (28 in 2001).

04/12/2023 20:45 - OLIMPICO GRANDE TORINO

**TORINO****Vs****ATALANTA**

Torino have lost five of their last seven games against Atalanta in Serie A, conceding an average of 3.6 goals per match (2D); in the previous 12 matches against the Nerazzurri, the Granata had lost only twice (6W, 4D).

Atalanta have won each of their last four Serie A away games against Torino: they've never managed to achieve more consecutive away wins against a single opponent their history in the competition.

Among the 11 teams that Torino have faced at least 100 times in Serie A, Atalanta is the one against which they have lost the fewest matches in the competition (26 defeats in 108 matches).

Atalanta have not found a win in any of their last three matches in Serie A (D1, L2), having won four of their previous six (D1 L1); the last time the Bergamo team went four in a row in Serie A without winning was between February and March 2023 (D1 L3).

Torino have obtained only eight points in the last eight Serie A matchdays, only more than Salernitana (five), Lecce (four) and Verona (two) in this period; in these eight matches the granata failed to score on five occasions, as many times as in their previous 25 league games.

Among the teams who have lost at least eight away games in 2023 in the Big-5 European leagues, none have scored more goals away from home than Atalanta (29, equal to Sassuolo) - the "bergamaschi" have seven wins, four draws and eight defeats this year.

Torino's matches have seen just three goals scored in the first half hour of play in Serie A this season (two goals scored, one conceded), at least half as many as any other team.

Ivan Juric made 86 appearances in Serie A between 2007 and 2010, all with Genoa and all with Gian Piero Gasperini on the bench. However as a manager, against his former coach he has won only once in nine matches in Serie A between Genoa, Hellas Verona and Torino (D2, L6).



The two best Colombian scorers in the history of Serie A face each other in this match: Duván Zapata (110 goals) and Luis Muriel (101); the current Torino striker has scored in four of his last five matches against the Bergamo's team in the competition, while the Atalanta striker has been involved in 11 goals in his last six appearances against the granata (seven goals and four assists).

Luis Muriel has scored eight goals against Torino in Serie A, only against Udinese (12) has he scored more in the tournament; only Ciro Immobile (nine) has more goals against the Granata among players currently in the competition.