



# INSIGHTS

**Matchday 20 Serie A 2023-24**  
**13 - 16 January 2024**

13/01/2024 15:00 - LUIGI FERRARIS



GENOA

Vs

TORINO



Genoa have won only one of the last 11 league matches against Torino: 1-0 at the Luigi Ferraris, on 18 March 2022, thanks to Manolo Portanova's decisive goal. They've drawn two and lost eight of the 10 other matches in this period, including a defeat in the most recent meeting last September.

Torino have won eight of their last 10 games against Genoa in Serie A, as many wins as the Granata had achieved in the previous 30 league matches (D13 L9) against Grifone; in that period (from May 2018), Genoa are the team that Torino have won the most matches against (8) in the top-flight.

Genoa have won 25 of their 50 home games (50%) against Torino in Serie A, including the last one in March 2022 (1-0); only against Roma (26) and Lazio (29) have they collected more home victories than against the Granata in the competition.

Genoa have drawn three of their last four league matches (W1), as many as in their previous 24 such games; furthermore, the Grifone could remain unbeaten for five consecutive matches in the top-flight for the first time since a run of eight between January and March 2022 (their first eight matches under Alexander Blessin).

Torino have won 27 points in their first 19 games of Serie A this term; in the three points for a win era (since 1994-95), they've only had more points (29) at this stage in a single top-flight season back in 2016-17.

Torino have not scored in any of their last three away matches (last scoring on the road in Serie A back in 11 November, v Monza) and they could fail to score for four away league matches in a row for the first time since November 2021 in Serie A.

Genoa are the team to have lost the most points with goals conceded in the last 10 minutes of play in Serie A this term (11); however, only two of the nine goals conceded by the Rossoblù in this timeframe came in home matches (v Napoli last September and Milan in October).

Torino are, alongside Inter, one of only two teams yet to concede a goal in the first 15 minutes of play in Serie A this term (last doing so in Serie A back in 16 April 2023, v Salernitana courtesy of Vilhena). Overall, Torino are the team who have conceded the lowest percentage of goals in the first half in the competition this season (22%, 4/18).

Since 15 December 2023 (when Genoa met Juventus at home), no player has been directly involved in more goals than Albert Gudmundsson in the big five European Leagues (5 - 3 goals and 2 assists) - level with Chris Wood, Cole Palmer and Michael Olise.

Duván Zapata made his Serie A debut at Ferraris against Genoa, on 28 September 2013, while playing for Napoli; the Ligurian team could become the second side that the Torino striker has 10+ goal involvements against in the top-flight, after Sassuolo (13) - 9 against Genoa, with four goals and five assists.

13/01/2024 15:00 - DIEGO ARMANDO MARADONA



NAPOLI

Vs

SALERNITANA



Salernitana have not won any of their seven matches in Serie A against Napoli, with three draws and four defeats in the process, including the reverse fixture on last November (0-2 at home). Against no other team have the Granata played more matches in the top-flight without ever winning (7 matches also v Torino).

Napoli have remained unbeaten in each of their last 11 matches against Salernitana in all competitions: seven wins and four draws in this period, also keeping seven clean sheets; the Granata's last victory against Napoli dates back to 24 November 2002, when they won 2-0 away from home in Serie B.

Napoli have not lost any of their 14 home games against Salernitana in all competitions (W9 D5); only against four other teams have the Neapolitans played more home matches in all competitions without ever losing: Cesena (22), Ascoli (19), Pescara (16) and Cremonese (15).

Napoli have failed to score in six of their last eight Serie A matches - as many times as in their previous 46 league matches - including the three most recent; the Neapolitans could fail to score for four consecutive matches in the top-flight for the first time since February-March 1998, under Vincenzo Montefusco.

For the first time in the history of Serie A, the reigning champions from the previous campaign finished the first half of the season with a gap of 20+ points from the leaders; the previous negative record belonged to Inter, when they were 15 points from first place in 1930-31 (counting 2 points per victory).

Napoli have lost four of their first nine home games (W3 D2) in Serie A this term; in their history in Serie A, only once had they suffered more home defeats at this stage (six defeats in 1997-98), when they finished in 18th place and were relegated to Serie B.

Salernitana won their last away league match, against Hellas Verona, and could win two in a row for only the second time in Serie A: the first one was in April 2022, against Sampdoria and Udinese, under Davide Nicola.

Salernitana are the team with the fewest high turnovers in Serie A this term (86), while only Fiorentina (170) have forced more high turnovers than Napoli (164) so far.

Khvicha Kvaratskhelia has been directly involved in 30 goals (17 goals, 13 assists) in the last two Serie A seasons, and could become only the second player born from 2001 onwards to record more than 30 involvements in the period in the big five European Leagues, after Bukayo Saka (37).

One of Simy's six braces in Serie A came against Napoli, with Crotone at Maradona, on 3 April 2021; the Nigerian's last goal came on 10 December against Bologna, 785 days after the previous one, away against Spezia on 16 October 2021.

13/01/2024 18:00 - MARCANTONIO BENTEGODI



HELLAS VERONA

Vs

EMPOLI



After losing four of the first eight Serie A matches against Empoli (W3 D1), Verona have remained unbeaten in each of the last five encounters against the Tuscans in the competition, winning two and drawing three.

In the 13 meetings between Hellas Verona and Empoli in Serie A, the Azzurri have never managed to score more than one goal in a game, remaining goalless in the last match last August; only once have the Tuscans fail to find the net for two games in a row in the competition against the Gialloblu, doing so across 1987 and 1988, losing 0-1 away from home in both cases.

After having won their opening two matches of the current Serie A campaign, Hellas Verona have won only one of the last 17 games (D5 L11) - a 2-0 success in December at home against Cagliari. Indeed, since September, only Almería (4), Lorient and Union Berlin (7 each) have earned fewer points than the Gialloblu (8) in the big five European leagues.

Hellas Verona ended the first half of the current Serie A campaign earning 14 points (W3 D5 L11); on the six previous occasions in which they collected 14 or fewer points after the opening 19 games of a Serie A season, converting to three points for a win, only once have the Gialloblu avoided relegation, doing so last season when they picked up 12 points.

Since June, Empoli have not found the net in 13 of the 20 games played in Serie A, including each of the last four, at least four more times than any other team in the big five European leagues over this period.

Empoli have scored the fewest away goals in Serie A this season (5). However, Hellas Verona have scored only nine goals at home, with only Empoli netting fewer (5).

Empoli have scored the joint-fewest goals in the big five European leagues this season (10 - level with Köln); only once have the Tuscans netted fewer goals after the opening 19 games played in a Serie A season (8 in 1986/87).

Hellas Verona, along with Napoli, are one of the only two teams to not yet drop any points after being ahead in Serie A this season, with three wins out of three for the Gialloblu once they went ahead.

Only Bayer Leverkusen's Patrik Schick has played fewer minutes (114) than Hellas Verona's Thomas Henry (165) among the players who have scored at least three goals in the big five European leagues this season.

Nicolò Cambiaghi has had the most shots (41) and joint-most shot on target (11 - level with Rémy Cabella), among those who have not yet scored in the big five European leagues this season. Indeed, his last goal in Serie A dates back to May 2023 against Salernitana, with 22 appearances without a goal since then.

13/01/2024 20:45 - U-POWER STADIUM



MONZA

Vs

INTER



After failing to win in their two matches last season (D1 L1), Inter won the reverse fixture against Monza this season 2-0, with a brace from Lautaro Martínez, on the opening day of the Serie A season.

Monza have never won in the five home matches they have played against Inter in all competitions (D2 L3), always conceding at least one goal in the process (9 in total). Indeed, of these, one match was played in Serie A (January 2023) and four in the Coppa Italia (between 1958 and 1990).

Inter finished top of Serie A after 19 games for the 18th time in their history - in 10 of the previous 17 occasions (including four of the last five), the Nerazzurri have gone on to win the Scudetto at the end of the season.

Inter finished the first half of the season with 48 points (W15 D3 L1); in the era of three points for a win (since 1994-95), only twice have the Nerazzurri collected more points after the first 19 matches of a single Serie A season (51 in 2006-07 and 49 in 2007-08).

After going six consecutive games unbeaten at the U-Power Stadium (W2 D4), Monza have lost two of their last three home Serie A matches (W1), as many home defeats as the Brianzoli had suffered in their previous 13 at home.

Inter ended the first half of this season with a goal difference of +35 (44 scored and 9 conceded); considering the first 19 matches of a top-flight season, only three teams have recorded a better goal difference in Serie A history: +36 and +40 for Juventus in 1959-60 and 1950-51 respectively, +45 for Fiorentina in 1958-59 and +42 for Torino in 1947-48.

Monza have gained only four of their 25 points against teams in the upper half of this season's Serie A standings, more only than Cagliari - the last team in this ranking with only one point earned against these opponents.

Inter has scored in 27 consecutive Serie A matches, though their last goalless game came in April 2023 against Monza (0-1) - this is the longest ongoing scoring streak among the teams in this Serie A season, more than double that of any other opponent (Juventus next with 12).

Valentin Carboni is the youngest player that has scored at least two goals and provided at least two assists in Serie A this season, and is one of the four born from 2005 onwards in the big five European leagues along with Mathys Tel, Warren Zaïre-Emery, and Eli Junior Kroupi.

Lautaro Martínez has been involved in 18 Serie A goals this season (16 goals, 2 assists) and could become the fourth player to be involved in at least 20 goals in each of the last four seasons across the big five European leagues, alongside Mohamed Salah, Kylian Mbappé, and Harry Kane.

14/01/2024 12:30 - OLIMPICO



LAZIO

Vs

LECCE



Lecce have won three of their last four Serie A matches against Lazio (D1), as many as in their previous 19 top-flight games against the Biancocelesti (D4 L12).

Following their 2-1 victory in the reverse fixture, Lecce could win both matches against Lazio in a single Serie A season for the first time.

Maurizio Sarri's Lazio are winless in their three Serie A matches against Lecce (D1 L2); Sarri could become the first Lazio manager to remain winless in his first four Serie A matches against the Giallorossi (Giuseppe Materazzi won once in his first four games between 1988 and 1990).

Lecce have won only one of their 16 away matches against Lazio in Serie A (D5 L10): a 2-1 victory on January 9, 2011, with an own goal by Muslera and a goal by Grossmüller (Mauri for Lazio).

Lazio have won their last three league matches and could achieve four consecutive Serie A wins for the first time since April last year.

Lecce have drawn nine of their first 19 matches in a Serie A season for the second time, after 1990/91. The Salentini have never recorded 10 draws from their opening 20 matches in a single top-flight season.

Lecce are one of three Serie A sides without an away win this season, along with Cagliari and Frosinone. Their last away win came in their final such match last season (May 28 against Monza), while they have recorded five draws and four losses since.

No side has conceded more headed goals than Lecce in Serie A this term (seven, alongside Frosinone), while Lazio have scored the fewest such goals (one, Valentin Castellanos against Frosinone in December).

No player has provided more assists than Felipe Anderson in Serie A this season (six, alongside Paulo Dybala and Marcus Thuram). Following his assist against Udinese last time out, Anderson could provide an assist in consecutive matches for just the second time in his Serie A career, also doing so in January 2015.

No player has created more chances without providing an assist in Serie A this term than Gabriel Strefezza (20, alongside Kristian Thorstvedt). However, he has been involved in two goals across his last three Serie A matches against Lazio (one goal and one assist).

14/01/2024 15:00 - UNIPOL DOMUS

**CAGLIARI****Vs****BOLOGNA**

Across the last 10 Serie A meetings between Cagliari and Bologna, the same result has never occurred in two consecutive games. Bologna won 2-1 in the reverse fixture this season – meaning each side has four wins, while there have been two draws across the last 10 games.

Cagliari have won each of their last four home Serie A matches against Bologna, scoring eight goals. This is the longest ongoing streak of home wins for the Sardinians against any side in the division.

Cagliari are unbeaten in their last five home Serie A games (W3 D2) and are looking to go six Serie A games unbeaten in Sardinia for the first time since September – December 2019, with Maran as coach.

Bologna are one of three teams – along with Real Betis and Mainz – that have drawn the most away matches in the Big-5 European leagues this season (six draws in nine away games under Motta).

After winning 32 points from their opening 19 games, Bologna have recorded their best first half of a season in the three-points-per-win era. The Emilians have conceded just 16 goals across the first 19 games – their fewest goals at this stage of the season since 1979/80 (15 back then).

Cagliari (6) and Bologna (5) are two of the four teams – along with Roma (7) and Atalanta (5) – that have scored the most goals in the closing minutes of matches this season (from the 86th minute onwards). The reverse fixture between these two sides was decided by a goal from Giovanni Fabbian in the 89th minute.

Cagliari are the only Serie A side yet to score a goal from outside the box this season, though they have also conceded the lowest percentage of goals from outside the box (only one out of 32, 3% of the total – alongside Roma).

Only Inter (296) have had more open play sequences with at least 10 passes than Bologna (280) in Serie A this season; Cagliari have had the third fewest with 73.

Two of the three youngest midfielders to have scored two or more goals this season are Giovanni Fabbian (born in 2003) and Gaetano Oristanio (born in 2002), both former Inter youth players. As is Valentin Carboni, who is the other player to make-up the top three.

Andrea Petagna has scored in both of his last two home Serie A matches against Bologna: with Monza on October 31, 2022, and with SPAL on January 25, 2020. The Cagliari striker is seeking to avoid going 13 consecutive games without scoring for the first time since January 2022 (run of 15).



14/01/2024 18:00 - ARTEMIO FRANCHI



FIORENTINA

Vs

UDINESE



Fiorentina have won their last two Serie A matches against Udinese with a score of 2-0; not since February 1953 has the Viola beaten the Friulani three times in a row in Serie A without conceding.

In eight of the last nine Serie A encounters between Fiorentina and Udinese, at least one of the two teams has failed to score, with the exception being Fiorentina's 3-2 win in October 2020.

Fiorentina have won 14 of their last 15 home Serie A games against Udinese (L1). In total, the Friulani have suffered 31 away defeats in Serie A against the Tuscans (as against Roma), while in away matches in the top-flight, the Bianconeri have suffered more defeats only against Juventus (38).

Fiorentina have won their last four home league matches and have not conceded a goal in the last three; the Tuscan team has not kept four consecutive clean sheets at home since April 2018 (W3 D1).

Despite the defeat to Sassuolo, Fiorentina have recorded their second-best first half of the season in Serie A in the last 10 seasons with 33 points. Indeed, only in 2015-16 under Paulo Sousa did they earn more (38).

Udinese lost in their last league match against Lazio, but not since September (under Sottile's management) have they recorded two consecutive defeats in Serie A (against Fiorentina and Napoli in that case).

Only Napoli (-22) and Empoli (-12) have a greater negative points difference between the first half of last season and this first half compared to Udinese (11 points fewer for the Friulani - 28 vs 17).

Jonathan Ikonè is both the Fiorentina player with the most shots (20) without scoring any goals this season, and the Viola player involved in the most shots (22, including chances created) without scoring or providing an assist.

With six goals, Giacomo Bonaventura - who has scored in his last two matches against Udinese in the league - has recorded his best first half of the season in terms of scoring in his Serie A career. Indeed, the Viola midfielder is just two goals away (8 with Milan in 2017-18) from his personal record for goals in a single top-flight season.

Among teams Roberto Pereyra is yet to score against in Serie A, only against Genoa (12) has he played more times than against Fiorentina (11).



14/01/2024 20:45 - GIUSEPPE MEAZZA



MILAN

Vs

ROMA



Roma are winless in their last eight Serie A matches against Milan (D3 L5), since a 2-1 victory in October 2019.

AC Milan are unbeaten in their last five home Serie A games against Roma (W3 D2), including the draw 2-2 last season; the Giallorossi's last win at the Meazza stadium against the Rossoneri was back on 1st October 2017.

In each of the last seven Serie A matches between AC Milan and Roma, both teams have scored (25 goals in total, 3.6 on average per match); the last clean sheet was recorded by the Rossoneri in the 2-0 on 28th June 2020.

In the last seven Serie A MDs, AC Milan have picked up 16 points (W5 D1 L1), keeping four clean sheets: in the period only Inter and Juventus (both 17) gained more points.

Roma have lost (without scoring) in their last two away Serie A games: they could lose three consecutive away league games for the first time since September-October 2021; the last time they registered three defeats on the road in a row without scoring in Serie A was back in March 2005.

AC Milan have registered the most direct attacks in Serie A this season (41), while Roma are 19th in this ranking (17); however, the Rossoneri (four) and the Giallorossi (three) are two of the first five teams for goals scored by direct attacks.

Since José Mourinho joined Roma, the Giallorossi have always lost the first match of the second half of the season (20th match in Serie A): defeat against AC Milan at the Meazza stadium in 2021/22 and defeat against Napoli at Maradona stadium in 2022/23.

Olivier Giroud – who scored a penalty in the reverse match against Roma – has netted nine goals in the current league season; the last AC Milan player to score at least 10 goals in three Serie A campaigns in a row was Alexandre Pato (between 2008/09 and 2010/11).

Roma's Romelu Lukaku has scored in each of the four games he has started against AC Milan in Serie A; the Belgian closed this first half of the season with eight goals scored in 16 league appearances, four less than in the first half of 2020/21 season (12) and six less than in 2019/20 (14) – last season he played only seven matches, scoring one goal, in the first 19 Serie A games played by his club.

Roma's Paulo Dybala has been involved in 12 goals in Serie A against AC Milan (seven goals and five assists), only against Udinese (19) he has had a hand in more. However, his last goal against the Rossoneri in Serie A was back on 10th November 2019 (1-0 with Juventus).

15/01/2024 20:45 - GEWISS STADIUM



ATALANTA

Vs

FROSINONE



After achieving three wins and a draw in their first four Serie A encounters against Frosinone, Atalanta lost in their most recent clash (this season's reverse fixture).

In the two previous top-flight meetings in Bergamo between Atalanta and Frosinone, Atalanta secured two victories and kept two clean sheets: 2-0 in August 2015 and 4-0 in August 2018.

Atalanta have won three consecutive home games, after winning only one of their previous four (D1 L2) at the Gewiss Stadium; the Bergamo side have earned 19 of their 30 points so far in home matches.

Frosinone are one of three Serie A teams yet to win an away game this season (along with Cagliari and Lecce) and are also the team that have earned the fewest points on the road (just two in nine games). They currently have a record negative streak of seven consecutive away losses in the top-flight.

Since the beginning of December, Frosinone have earned just one point in the league (D1 L5) in six games, fewer than any other Serie A team; during this period, Di Francesco's team have also conceded 13 goals (a negative record shared with Salernitana).

Atalanta have conceded only 21 goals so far this season: not since the 2000/01 season had the Nerazzurri conceded so few goals after the first 19 rounds of a Serie A season (16).

Only Salernitana (six) have conceded more goals than Frosinone (five) following a high turnover in this Serie A season. Meanwhile, only Inter (seven) have scored more following a high turnover than Atalanta (five) this term.

Atalanta's Gianluca Scamacca hasn't scored in his last five league appearances (179 minutes played) and has not gone at least six consecutive Serie A games without scoring since October 2021 with Sassuolo (seven back then).

Frosinone's Matias Soule is - alongside Leroy Sané of Bayern Munich - one of the only two players in the big five European leagues this season with more than 40 successful dribbles, over 40 shots, and more than 40 chances created.

One of Abdou Harroui's three goals this season came in the reverse fixture against Atalanta: among players who have scored at least three goals in this Serie A, the Frosinone midfielder has played the fewest matches (just seven).

16/01/2024 20:45 - ALLIANZ STADIUM



## JUVENTUS

Vs

## SASSUOLO



Sassuolo have won three of their last five Serie A matches against Juventus (L2), including the last two in a row; the Neroverdi had managed just one win in their previous 16 top-flight encounters with Juventus, losing 12 times (D3).

Juventus have won eight out of 10 home league matches against Sassuolo (D1 L1). The Bianconeri kept a clean sheet in their last match at the Stadium against Sassuolo and have not recorded consecutive home clean sheets against the Neroverdi since 2016.

Following their defeat in the first seasonal meeting against Sassuolo, Juventus have not lost in the league and have recorded 11 wins and three draws in 14 rounds, achieving the best performance in Serie A (36 points earned, three more than Inter).

Sassuolo have achieved three of their five wins in this league campaign against three of the top four teams in the standings coming into this MD (Inter, Juventus, and Fiorentina); it has been since September – since the Juventus-Inter double – that the Neroverdi have not recorded two consecutive wins in Serie A.

Excluding 2005/06, when Juventus collected more than 45 points in the first 19 Serie A matches, they have always then won the Scudetto at the end of the season (this has happened on five occasions, the last in 2019/20). The last time they had exactly 46 points was in 2014/15, Massimiliano Allegri's first season in charge of the Old Lady.

Sassuolo have earned 19 points in this first half of the season, two more than the 17 recorded in Serie A 2022/23 at this point of the tournament; in all the last four seasons (from 2019/20 to 2022/23) the Neroverdi have always collected more points in the second half compared to the first.

The next match will be Sassuolo's 400th in Serie A: they will be the 38th team in history to reach this milestone since the establishment of the current format (1929/30); so far, the Neroverdi have 131 wins, 110 draws, and 158 losses.

Juventus are one of the three teams with the most headed goals in this Serie A season (eight, tied with Fiorentina and Roma): in general, since Allegri returned to the Juventus bench (2021/22), the Bianconeri have scored 34 headed goals in the top-flight, a record shared with Napoli.

Dusan Vlahovic has always found the net in the three home matches he has played against Sassuolo in Serie A: two with Fiorentina at the Artemio Franchi and a double in his only match at the Allianz with Juventus against the Neroverdi (3-0 on August 15, 2022).

The only goal scored in this championship by Sassuolo's Armand Laurienté came in the first leg against Juventus: after that match, the Frenchman has attempted 29 shots in Serie A without ever finding the target (only Cambiaghi of Empoli, 33 shots without scoring, has done worse in the period).