



INSIGHTS

Matchday 25 Serie A 2023-24
16 - 18 February 2024

16/02/2024 19:00 - OLIMPICO GRANDE TORINO**TORINO****Vs****LECCE**

Torino have won their last three matches against Lecce in Serie A without conceding a goal – they had never won three league games in a row against them previously; furthermore, the Granata could win 4+ matches in a row without conceding a goal against a single opponent in Serie A for the first time since the period 1967-1970, against Brescia (a run of 6).

Torino and Lecce are equal in their five encounters played on Granata soil in the 2000's in Serie A: two wins each and a draw – the Granata won the most recent such game against Lecce (1-0), on 5 September 2022.

Torino have remained unbeaten in their last five league matches (W2 D3), only recording once a run of six consecutive matches without defeat under Ivan Juric in Serie A, between April and May 2022 (W3 D3 in that case).

Torino have drawn their last two league matches (vs Salernitana and Sassuolo), the Granata have not recorded three draws in a row in Serie A since the period between November 2022 and January 2023.

Torino have conceded just one goal in their last five home league matches, keeping a clean sheet in the most recent two – the Granata could record three home clean sheets in a row in Serie A for the first time since the period between December 2018 and March 2019 (a run of 5 under Walter Mazzarri).

Torino have kept 11 clean sheets after their first 23 games in Serie A this term, as many as in the entirety of last season. The Granata could record at least 12 clean sheets after 24 Serie A games in a season for the first time since 1991-92 (13 in that case and third place in the standings at the end of the championship).

Lecce have lost their last five league away games, scoring just one goal – the Giallorossi last recorded six away defeats in a row in Serie A in the period between October and December 2010, under Luigi De Canio.

Since MD17, no team has won fewer points than Lecce in Serie A: four in eight games (W1 D1 L6), equal to Frosinone and Sassuolo. Furthermore, only Napoli (4) have scored fewer goals than the Giallorossi (5) in this period.

Among the teams against which he has scored at least three goals in Serie A, Lecce are the team Duván Zapata has the best mins/goals ratio against – a goal every 52 minutes (5 goals in 4 matches), including his last hat-trick in the competition, on 1st March 2020 with Atalanta.

Nicola Sansone has scored three goals against Torino in Serie A, including his first goal in the competition (on 28 October 2012, with Parma at the Olimpico Grande Torino stadium), only against Milan (6) and Inter (5) has he scored more goals than against Torino in the top-flight.

16/02/2024 21:00 - GIUSEPPE MEAZZA**INTER****Vs****SALERNITANA**

Inter and Salernitana have only drawn one of their nine meetings in Serie A: 1-1 on 7 April 2023 at Arechi stadium – Inter have won six games and Salernitana two.

Salernitana have lost each of their four away games against Inter in Serie A, only losing more such matches against Fiorentina in the top-flight (5/5).

Inter have won each of their first seven matches in a single calendar year for the first time in their history across all competitions since 1929-30 (7/7 in 2024).

Inter are the team with the highest winning percentage in the major 5 European Leagues this season: 83% (19 wins in 23 matches); the Nerazzurri are also the only side to record a higher number of clean sheets (14) than goals conceded in these competitions (12).

Salernitana have kept a clean sheet in two of their last three league away games (W1 D1 L1), as many shutouts as in their previous 29 matches on the road in Serie A.

Fabio Liverani has lost each of his three debut games as a coach of a Serie A side: with Genoa against Inter on 25th August 2013 (0-2), in charge of Lecce again against Inter on 26th August 2019 (0-4) and with Parma against Napoli on 20th September 2020 (0-2).

This will be the match between the team that has scored the most goals in the second halves in Serie A this term (Inter, 30) and the one that has conceded the most goals in the second 45 of the games (Salernitana, 27).

Inter are the team to score the most goals from penalties in Serie A this season (9), while Salernitana are the side to concede the most goals from the penalty spot (9). Overall, the Nerazzurri have scored the most goals from set piece situations (17), while Salernitana are one of the two clubs with the most goals conceded from set piece situations (15, level with Cagliari).

In the reverse fixture in September, Lautaro Martínez became the first player to score four goals as a substitute in a match in the history of Serie A, also becoming the player with the most goals scored against Salernitana in the top-flight (9) - against no team has the Argentine player scored more goals in Serie A (also 9 against Cagliari).

Antonio Candreva has scored seven league goals against Inter, more than against any other side in Serie A. Since 2011-12 (the season of his first goal against the Nerazzurri in the competitions), only Domenico Berardi (8) has scored more goals against Inter in the top-flight.

17/02/2024 15:00 - DIEGO ARMANDO MARADONA

**NAPOLI****Vs****GENOA**

Following their 2-2 draw in the reverse match, Napoli and Genoa could draw both games in a Serie A season for the first time since 1993/94, under Marcello Lippi (for the Partenopei) and Claudio Maselli (first game) and Franco Scoglio (second game) for the Grifone.

Napoli are unbeaten in 20 (W14 D6) of their last 21 Serie A matches against Genoa: Grifone's only win in this period was in February 2021 (2-1 win).

Napoli are unbeaten in their last 13 (W9 D4) Serie A home games against Genoa and they've never gone more home games in a row without defeat against the Liguri in the top-flight; Grifone's latest away win there was in February 2009 (1-0 thanks to a Bosko Jankovic's goal).

Napoli have lost eight of their 23 league matches in 2023/24; in their previous two Serie A seasons, they hadn't lost more than seven games in total (7 in 2021/22 and 4 in 2022/23).

Genoa lost last time out against Atalanta, interrupting a streak of eight games without defeat (W3 D5); in Serie A this season, only once have the Liguri lost back-to-back games, doing so in October against Milan and Atalanta.

Genoa are unbeaten in four Serie A away games (W2 D2) for the first time since between January and July 2020 (6 in that run under Davide Nicola).

Genoa are both the only team to have failed to score in injury time in Serie A in 2023/24 and the side to have conceded the most goals (7) from the 90th minute onwards.

Matteo Politano has scored five goals against Genoa in Serie A, including three in his last four league matches against Grifone: against no other team has he netted more in the top-flight (also 5 against Milan).

Genoa is Giacomo Raspadori's favorite opponent in Serie A, scoring four goals against them. However, his last goal in the top-flight was back in November against Salernitana; since then he has played 12 matches and only twice in Serie A has the Italian striker played more games in a row and failed to find the net: 14 between August and December 2021 and 14 between September 2022 and April 2023.

Ruslan Malinovskyi has scored nine of his last 10 Serie A goals from outside the box; since 2021/22, only Kylian Mbappé and Kevin De Bruyne (both 10) have netted more such goals than him (9) in the Big-5 European leagues.

17/02/2024 18:00 - MARCANTONIO BENTEGODI

**HELLAS VERONA****Vs****JUVENTUS**

Juventus have won their last four Serie A matches against Hellas Verona without conceding a goal; the Bianconeri could win five top-flight games in a row against the Scaligeri for the first time in the competition.

Hellas Verona are unbeaten in seven (W3 D4) of their last nine Serie A matches at Bentegodi against Juventus; however, they lost the most recent one (0-1 in November 2022) and could lose back-to-back meetings on their own patch against the Bianconeri for the first time in the competition.

After three league home defeats in a row, Hellas Verona are unbeaten in five (W2 D3) of their last six Serie A matches on home soil, losing only against Salernitana in this period (0-1).

After five league wins in a row, Juventus have only picked up one point in their last three matches, losing their most recent two while failing to score; the last time the Bianconeri lost three games in a row in Serie A was in April 2023, while the last time they recorded three matches in a row without scoring in the competition was between February and March 2011, under Luigi Delneri.

Juventus have won seven of their last eight Serie A matches against teams who were in the bottom three positions of Serie A table at the start of the matchday, however they drew their most recent game against Empoli in January.

Only Inter have conceded fewer goals (6) than Juventus (9) on the road in Serie A this season; on the other hand, only Empoli have scored fewer goals (8) than Hellas Verona in home games (12).

Only Inter have scored more goals (13) than Juventus (11) from crosses in Serie A in 2023/24; on the other hand, no team have conceded more goals from crosses than Hellas Verona (9, alongside with Roma and Salernitana).

Tomás Suslov has been directly involved in Hellas Verona's last two goals in Serie A, scoring against Frosinone and assisting against Napoli; the Slovakian could have a hand in at least one goal in three matches in a row for the first time in Serie A.

Federico Chiesa has failed to find the net in each of his five Serie A games against Hellas Verona: only against Roma (10) and Juventus (8) has he played more matches in the competition without scoring.

Since Massimiliano Allegri's return to Juventus (from 2021/22), the Bianconeri have won 62% of the matches with Danilo on the pitch in Serie A (47 out of 76); without him, the Piemontesi win percentage is only 46% (11/24).

17/02/2024 20:45 - GEWISS STADIUM

**ATALANTA****Vs****SASSUOLO**

Atalanta and Sassuolo have drawn just one of the last 13 matches in Serie A (1-1 in May 2021 at the MAPEI Stadium), with 10 wins for the Nerazzurri and two wins for the Neroverdi.

Atalanta have won their last six home matches against Sassuolo in Serie A; they have recorded more successive home wins against a single opponent only twice in their history in the competition - seven against Bologna between 2013 and 2021 and eight against Livorno between 1947 and 2014.

Atalanta have won four matches in a row in Serie A for the first time since between November and December 2021 (run of six) - in these four games, La Dea have scored 14 goals (3.5 per match).

Atalanta have won each of their last six matches at the Gewiss Stadium in Serie A; they have won seven home games in a row only four times in their history, doing so between February-May 2021, February-July 2020, December 1967-March 1968, and April-October 1948.

After their 1-1 draw against Torino, Sassuolo could draw at least two matches in a row in Serie A for the first time since between August and September 2022 (run of three).

No team has scored more goals than Atalanta in Serie A in 2024 (15 - level with AC Milan), while only Torino (2) has conceded fewer goals than La Dea (3) in the competition in that time.

Atalanta (7 - level with Lecce) and Sassuolo (6 - along with Genoa) are two of the four teams to have scored the most goals from outside the box in Serie A this season.

Atalanta's Charles De Ketelaere is the only midfielder that has scored more than five goals (6) and provided more than five assists (6) in Serie A this season. Since 12th January, only Deniz Undav and Niclas Füllkrug (both 7) have been involved in more goals than De Ketelaere (6 - 4 goals, 2 assists) in the big five European leagues.

In the last three seasons, only Mario Pasalic (21) has scored more goals than Teun Koopmeiners (20) among Serie A midfielders. However, he's scored only one of his six goals in Serie A this season at the Gewiss Stadium, against Frosinone in January.

Since the start of 2022-23, no player has scored more goals than Andrea Pinamonti without providing an assist in the big five European leagues (13 - level with José Luis Morales).

18/02/2024 12:30 - OLIMPICO



LAZIO

Vs

BOLOGNA



Lazio have lost just three of their last 21 matches against Bologna in Serie A (W10 D8), but have lost three of their last six such games, including a 0-1 defeat earlier this season. Indeed, the Rossoblù could win both matches against the Biancocelesti in a single campaign for the first time since 1996-97 under Renzo Ulivieri.

Bologna have kept a clean sheet in four of their last six matches against Lazio in Serie A, as many as in their previous 31 encounters. However, the last time the Rossoblù did so on the road against the Biancocelesti in the competition was back in November 2009 (0-0).

Lazio are the team against which Bologna have scored the most goals in Serie A (188), while the Biancocelesti have scored 196 goals against the Rossoblù in the competition, with only Fiorentina scoring more against them (208).

Bologna are unbeaten in the five Serie A matches played on Sunday's early kick-off slot with Thiago Motta in charge (W4 D1) - under him, the Rossoblù have recorded an average of 2.6 points per game in league matches starting at 12:30, an average that drops to 1.48 per game across other time slots.

Even though the Olimpico is the stadium where the most goals have been scored so far in this Serie A season (62), only in Torino's home matches (18) have there been fewer goals compared to those of Lazio (19 - 12 for, 7 against).

Maurizio Sarri (99) is close to reaching 100 Serie A games with Lazio and would become the eighth manager to reach this milestone with the Biancocelesti, after Simone Inzaghi, Dino Zoff, Delio Rossi, Mario Sperone, Sven-Göran Eriksson, Tommaso Maestrelli and Edoardo Reja.

Lazio and Bologna are the two teams with the highest ratio of passes per shots attempted in Serie A this term - the Biancocelesti have attempted a shot every 46 passes on average, with the Rossoblù one every 44.

Bologna (218) and Lazio (187) are two of the three teams that have faced the most high turnovers in Serie A this season (Udinese second with 189).

Ciro Immobile has nine goals against Bologna in Serie A and has already scored at least 10 against five different opponents in the competition (Cagliari, Genoa, Sampdoria, Udinese, and Verona). Indeed, the Italian forward could become the third player to reach double figures against six or more teams in the tournament in the three points per win era, after Francesco Totti (10) and Antonio Di Natale (7).

Since the start of 2024, only Dusan Vlahovic (6) has scored more goals in Serie A than Riccardo Orsolini (5). Indeed, Orsolini, who has nine goals in Serie A this term, could become the first Italian player to reach double figures for goals with Bologna in consecutive seasons in Serie A since Marco Di Vaio (run of four between 2008-09 and 2011-12).

18/02/2024 15:00 - CARLO CASTELLANI COMPUTER GROSS ARENA**EMPOLI****Vs****FIORENTINA**

Empoli have only lost one of their last six Serie A games against Fiorentina (W3 D2), also winning the reverse meeting this season 2-0; the Azzurri have never won both fixtures against the Viola in a single season in the competition.

This is the sixth time in the entire history of Serie A that Fiorentina will face Empoli while more than 15 points ahead of them in the table; however, after winning the first three of these meetings, the Viola have been defeated in the two most recent ones (April 2016 and April 2017).

Empoli have won three of their last five home games against Fiorentina in Serie A (D1 L1), and in the process have kept a clean sheet three times. Overall, they have five home clean sheets against the Viola in the competition; against no opponent do they have more (also five against Atalanta, Bologna, Torino, and Udinese).

Fiorentina have only won two of their last five Serie A matches against teams in the bottom five positions in the standings at the start of the day (D1 L2): the three they failed to win including the most recent two – vs Sassuolo and Udinese – and their defeat in the reverse meeting against Empoli.

Only Salernitana (seven) have earned fewer points at home than Empoli (nine) in the 2023/24 Serie A; the Azzurri have also scored the fewest goals in home matches in the division this term (8).

Empoli, along with Valencia, are one of only two teams that have not yet managed to score either from a corner kick or from an indirect free kick in the big-five European leagues this season.

Empoli (331) and Fiorentina (365) are two of the three teams that have recorded the most pressed sequences in Serie A this season (also Napoli with 340) – these are defined as the number of opposition sequences with three or fewer passes in their defensive or midfield thirds of the pitch.

Empoli have recorded two wins and two draws in Serie A under the management of Davide Nicola, who could become the first coach to remain unbeaten in each of his first five games in charge of the Tuscans in the competition.

Thanks to his hat-trick in January against Monza, Szymon Zurkowski has scored 50% of the goals by Empoli players at home in Serie A this season; he also made four appearances for Fiorentina in the competition, all as a substitute between 2019 and 2022.

Andrea Belotti has been directly involved in eight goals in his last seven appearances against Empoli in Serie A; the Tuscan team are one of the three opponents against which the new Fiorentina striker has scored at least four goals and provided at least four assists in the competition (exactly 4 of each), along with Cagliari and Udinese.

18/02/2024 15:00 - BLUENERGY STADIUM - STADIO FRIULI**UDINESE****Vs****CAGLIARI**

Cagliari have won only one of their last nine Serie A matches against Udinese (D2 L6), a 1-0 away win in April 2021 thanks to a goal by João Pedro; prior to this run, the Sardinians had won five of their previous seven encounters against the Friulians in the top-flight (D1 L1).

Udinese have won 27 of their 55 encounters against Cagliari in Serie A (D16 L12); against no other team have the Friulians earned more wins in the competition (also 27 against Atalanta, but in 80 meetings).

Udinese have scored a total of 40 goals in their 18 home matches against Cagliari in Serie A during the 2000s (an average of 2.2 per match), more than against any other opponent in the same period.

Cagliari have matched their worst run of consecutive defeats in Serie A under Claudio Ranieri, reaching four straight losses after their 1-3 defeat against Lazio; the last time the Sardinians lost five consecutive games in the competition was in April 2022 under Walter Mazzarri.

Following a 0-0 draw against Monza and a 1-0 victory against Juventus, Udinese could keep a clean sheet in three consecutive Serie A matches for the first time since February 2021, a streak that began with a goalless draw (against Inter).

Considering meetings between sides currently in the bottom six positions in the standings in Serie A this season, Udinese are the team that have gained the fewest points (five, D5), one fewer than Cagliari's six (W1 D3 L1).

Cagliari (43%) and Udinese (39%) are the two teams with the lowest average possession in Serie A this season; in addition, the Friulians have drawn their only two league matches this season in which they recorded more than 50% possession, including their away match against the Sardinians.

Cagliari are the least prolific team from open play in this Serie A season, scoring just 14 such goals. However, they have attempted 204 shots from open play situations (more than seven teams), registering a conversion rate of 6.9% (only better than Lecce's 6.4%).

Udinese midfielder Roberto Pereyra has been directly involved in two goals in his four home matches played against Cagliari in Serie A (one goal and one assist); overall, he has scored two goals against the Sardinians in the competition, but the most recent was in April 2013.

Nicolas Viola has been directly involved in three goals in as many Serie A matches against Udinese (two goals and one assist); against no other opponent has he had a hand in more goals in the competition (also three against Genoa). Overall, his three goals in Serie A this season have all come as a substitute, and no Cagliari player has scored more goals in a season in the top division after coming off the bench in the 3 pts/win era (since 1994/95).

18/02/2024 18:00 - BENITO STIRPE

**FROSINONE****Vs****ROMA**

Roma have won each of their five matches against Frosinone in Serie A, with an aggregate score of 14-3; the only team the Giallorossi have previously won each of their first six matches in the competition against is Crotone, between 2016 and 2021.

Frosinone have won just one point in 10 Serie A matches against teams from their own region (Roma and Lazio), in a home goalless draw against the Biancocelesti on 21 February 2016. Overall, they have an aggregate scoreline against these opponents in the competition of 4-21.

Roma have won each of their last seven Serie A matches against opponents in the bottom half of the table at the start of the matchday, scoring at least one goal in each of their last 27 of those matches; their last defeat against these teams came on 28th September, in a 1-4 defeat against Genoa at the Ferraris stadium.

No team has won fewer points than Frosinone in Serie A since the start of December: just five points (W1 D2 L8), level with Sassuolo and Salernitana.

Roma won their last away games in Serie A (2-1 v Salernitana), ending a run of three consecutive away defeats; the Giallorossi last won consecutive league matches on the road in Serie A in October 2022 (a run of 4).

Only Las Palmas (21) have won more points at home than Frosinone (20) among the newly promoted teams in the big five European Leagues this season; the Ciociari have notched six wins, two draws and four defeats in 12 home games.

Roma have scored at least two goals in each of the four league matches with Daniele De Rossi on the bench: only one coach in the history of Serie A has seen the Giallorossi score more than one goal in each of the first five matches under his management (Rudi Garcia in 2013 – 8/8 in his case).

Frosinone have scored exactly half of their goals in Serie A this season from set pieces (16 out of 32): in the big five European leagues, only Colonia (53%) have recorded a higher percentage of goals from set pieces this season (50% also for Everton and Lyon).

Matías Soulé has scored 10 goals in Serie A this season, four of them by penalties: in the last 20 years, only Domenico Berardi has managed to score more goals from the penalty spot in a single Serie A season before turning 21 (six, both in 2013/2014 and 2014/2015).

After starting this campaign with six goals in the first nine games, Romelu Lukaku has scored just three goals in his last 12 appearances in Serie A; however, the Roma forward has been involved in 13 goals in his last 14 Serie A games against opponents who started the matchday in the bottom half of the table (10 goals and three assists).

18/02/2024 20:45 - U-POWER STADIUM

**MONZA****Vs****MILAN**

Milan have won each of their first three encounters against Monza in Serie A: the only teams they've beaten in each of their first four meetings in the top-flight are Ancona, Cremonese, Messina, and Pro Vercelli.

Milan, along with Atalanta, are the two teams against which Monza have yet to collect any points in Serie A (three defeats in three against both).

Monza are the only team that has not yet managed to win a Serie A game this season against an opponent in the top half of the table: the Brianza side have just four points in these matches, the result of four draws and seven defeats.

Milan have scored exactly three goals in each of their last three away league matches, against Empoli, Udinese, and Frosinone: the Rossoneri have never scored more than two goals in four consecutive away matches in a single Serie A season (they did so in 1964, but over two different campaigns).

Monza have kept a clean sheet in each of their last three league games (the last two of which ended in 0-0 draws against Udinese and Hellas Verona) and have never recorded a longer run of consecutive clean sheets in Serie A.

Milan are the team that have earned the most points in Serie A since the Rossoneri finished the group stage of the UEFA Champions League (mid-December): in fact, they have collected 23 points in this period (W7 D2), one more than Inter. This run began with a game against Monza, winning 3-0 at San Siro.

Only Roma (30) have conceded more goals than Milan (27) among teams currently in the top half of Serie A. Meanwhile, no team in the bottom half have conceded as few as Monza (28) - these two Lombard teams indeed have just a one-goal difference defensively, while offensively, the Rossoneri have scored more than double the goals compared to the Brianza side (47 v 21).

No midfielder has scored more home goals in the current big five European leagues than Andrea Colpani: seven, level with Douglas Luiz of Aston Villa and Jude Bellingham of Real Madrid.

Against Napoli, Théo Hernández scored his 26th goal in Serie A for Milan - he is now just one goal away from equalling Aldo Maldera (27); the second-highest scoring defender for the Rossoneri in the competition (ahead of them is Paolo Maldini, with 29 goals).

Thanks to 11 goals and eight assists, Olivier Giroud has been involved in 19 goals in Serie A this season; only three players in the last 20 seasons have managed to be involved in at least 20 goals in a Serie A tournament after turning 36: Luca Toni (27 in 2013/2014 and 24 in 2014/2015), Francesco Totti (24 in 2012/2013), and Antonio Di Natale (21 in 2014/15).