



INSIGHTS

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08/03/2024 20:45 - DIEGO ARMANDO MARADONA



NAPOLI

Vs

TORINO



Napoli have drawn more matches against Torino than against any other side in Serie A: 55 out of 139 (51 wins for The Partenopei and 33 wins for the Granata) – the last draw between the two teams in the competition was back on 23rd December 2020 (1-1 at Maradona stadium).

After their 3-0 win in the reverse match, Torino could win both seasonal matches against Napoli in Serie A for the second time in the three points for a win era in Serie A (since 1994/95), after 2008/09.

Napoli are unbeaten in their last 11 home matches against Torino in Serie A (W7 D4), the last away win for the Granata against the Partenopei in the top-flight was back on 17th May 2009: 2-1 with goals netted by Rolando Bianchi and Alessandro Rosina for the Granata after Inacio Pià's goal for the Partenopei.

Napoli have won their last two league matches, the Partenopei could win three games in a row in a single Serie A season for the first time since between January and February 2023 (eight in that case).

Torino have drawn the most games 0-0 in the Big-5 European leagues this season (six). In addition, only Udinese (15) have drawn more matches than the Granata (10) in Serie A in 2023/24.

Only Inter (17) have kept more clean sheets than Torino (13) in the current league season – the Granata have registered at least 13 clean sheets after 27 Serie A matches in a single season for the first time since 1991/92 (16 in that case).

Torino have conceded the fewest goals in the first 30 minutes of play in Serie A this season (two), on the other hand Napoli have scored the joint-fewest goals in the first 15 minutes of play (only one, level with Monza and Cagliari).

The next will be Victor Osimhen's 100th appearance in Serie A (61 goals so far), only five players have scored more goals in their first 100 games in Serie A among those who made their debut in the competition in the three points for a win era (since 1994/95): Cristiano Ronaldo (81 goals in 98 total matches), Gonzalo Higuain (65), Andriy Shevchenko (64), Vincenzo Montella (64) and David Trézéguet (63).

After goals against Sassuolo and Juventus, Khvicha Kvaratskhelia could score in three matches in a row for only the second time in Serie A, after February 2023.

Duván Zapata has netted nine goals in the current league season - he could score at least 10 goals for the 7th different season in Serie A - in the 21st century only two foreign players have scored at least 10 goals in more different seasons in Serie A: Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Paulo Dybala (both 8).

09/03/2024 15:00 - UNIPOL DOMUS



CAGLIARI

Vs

SALERNITANA



Cagliari are unbeaten in five matches against Salernitana in Serie A (W2 D3), only against Crotone (six) have they played more matches without ever losing in the competition.

In the five matches between Cagliari and Salernitana in Serie A both teams have always scored: 10 goals for the Sardinians and six for the Granata.

Cagliari and Salernitana have drawn each of their last three matches in Serie A, Salernitana have never drawn four games in a row against a single opponent in the top-flight.

Cagliari are unbeaten in their last three league matches (W1 D2), the Rossoblù could register more consecutive matches without defeat in Serie A for the first time since between January and February 2022 (five in that case).

Cagliari never conceded in their last league match against Empoli, the Sardinians could keep two clean sheets in a row in a single Serie A season for the first time since May 2021.

Salernitana have gained 14 points in the current league season, in the 22 occasions in which a team has picked up a maximum of 14 points after 27 matches in a single Serie A campaign (considering always three points for a win) only once a club avoided the relegation: Crotona in 2016/17 (exactly 14 points at this point of the season).

Salernitana are the only team with zero wins in 2024 in Serie A: two points in nine league matches in the calendar year, another negative record for them.

Cagliari and Salernitana are two of the four clubs with the most goals conceded by crosses in Serie A this season: 10, level with Roma and Lecce.

Alberto Dossena is the Cagliari's player with most minutes played (2273) in the current league season; he is also the player with the most clearances in Serie A in 2023/24: 130, 71 of which were headed (another record).

Antonio Candreva has scored three goals against Cagliari in Serie A, all penalties – only against Udinese (four) has he netted more penalty goals in the competition. He is also the oldest midfielder with at least five goals and five assists in the Big-5 European leagues this season.?

09/03/2024 15:00 - MAPEI STADIUM

**SASSUOLO****Vs****FROSINONE**

Sassuolo are unbeaten in four of their five matches against Frosinone in Serie A (2W, 2D) but lost the most recent one earlier this season (2-4 on September 17th). The Gialloblù could win both games against a single opponent in the same Serie A season for the third time in their history (v Empoli and Hellas Verona in 2015/16).

Both the previous two encounters between Sassuolo and Frosinone played at the MAPEI Stadium in Serie A ended in a 2-2 draw, on January 6, 2016, and on May 5, 2019.

Sassuolo have lost each of their last four league matches, and they have only recorded a longer losing streak in the tournament once: seven games between January and March 2014.

Only Almería and Granada (both with two) have collected fewer points than Frosinone (three) in away matches across the top five European leagues in 2023/24.

After earning 18 points in their first 13 matches (5W, 3D, 5L: averaging 1.4 points per game) in the current Serie A season, Frosinone have only gained six in the last 14 matches (1W, 3D, 10L: averaging 0.4 points per game).

Frosinone (56) and Sassuolo (55) are the two teams that have conceded the most goals in this Serie A season; the same goes for league goals conceded in 2024: Frosinone (25) and Sassuolo (22).

Frosinone (11.9) and Sassuolo (10.2) are the two teams that have conceded more goals than expected according to the Expected Goals model in the current Serie A season: indeed, Frosinone has conceded 56 goals against an xG of 44.1, while Sassuolo has conceded 55 goals against an xG of 44.8.

Sassuolo and Frosinone are two of the four teams to have conceded the most goals from set pieces in this championship (16, same as Lecce and Salernitana); however, Frosinone are also the side that has scored the highest percentage of goals from set pieces (49%: 17 out of 35).

Andrea Pinamonti – who has scored nine league goals this season, including his latest brace v Frosinone in the reverse fixture – could reach double digits for the second time in his Serie A career (13 goals with Empoli in 2021/22). The striker had 27 Serie A appearances with Frosinone in the 2018/19 season, during which he managed to net his first five goals in the tournament.

The only time Luca Mazzitelli scored multiple goals in a Serie A match was against Sassuolo in the reverse fixture this season (September 17, 2023); that was the first and only game Frosinone won after trailing by two goals in the Italian top-tier. Sassuolo are also the club where the 28-year-old has collected the most appearances in Serie A: 38, with one goal.

09/03/2024 18:00 - RENATO DALL'ARA

**BOLOGNA****Vs****INTER**

Bologna haven't lost in three of their last four league matches against Inter (W2 D1), including the two most recent – the last time the Emilians avoided defeat in three games in a row against the Nerazzurri in Serie A was between March 2013 and April 2014.

After the 2-2 draw in the reverse match in 7th October 2023, Bologna and Inter could draw both seasonal matches for only the second time in Serie A, after 2013/14.

Bologna have won their last two home league games against Inter and could win three matches in a row at Dall'Ara stadium against the Nerazzurri in Serie A for the first time since the period between 1973 and 1975 under Bruno Pesaola.

Bologna have won their last six league matches, only once have they achieved at least seven consecutive wins in their history in Serie A: 10 between November 1963 and February 1964 under Fulvio Bernardini.

Inter have picked up 72 points in the current league season and in case of win against Bologna they will gain 75 points after 28 matches, only once in Serie A's history has a team gained more points after 28 matches: Inter in 2006/07 under Roberto Mancini (76). The Nerazzurri could also win at least 10 games in a row for only the third time in their history in Serie A: after a streak of 17 between October 2006 and February 2007 and 11 between January and April 2021.

Only Inter (37) have gained more points in home matches than Bologna (35 in 14 matches) in the current league season, on the other hand the Nerazzurri have picked up the most points in away games in the Big-5 European leagues in 2023/24: 35 in 13 away matches. In addition, Inter are both the club with the most goals scored (69) and the fewest goals conceded (13) in the Big-5 European leagues this season.

This match is between two of the three teams that have picked up the most points in Serie A in 2024: Bologna 20 (W6 D2 L1 – alongside AC Milan) and Inter (27, with nine wins in nine games).

Bologna have gained the joint-most points from losing positions in Serie A this season: 15, level with Napoli; 11 of these arrived in 2024 (another record for the Rossoblù).

Joshua Zirkzee has scored 10 goals in the current league season, the last Dutch player to score more goals in a single Serie A season was Ruud Gullit in 1994/95 (12).

Lautaro Martínez has scored three league goals against Bologna, each of these at Meazza stadium; the Dall'Ara is indeed the stadium in which the Argentine has played the most minutes without ever scoring in Serie A (341).

09/03/2024 20:45 - LUIGI FERRARIS

**GENOA****Vs****MONZA**

After winning in the reverse fixture last 10th December, Genoa could become the third side against which Monza wins both of their first two encounters in Serie A, after Juventus and Spezia in the last top-flight season.

Monza have won three of their last six matches against Genoa across Serie A, Serie B and the Coppa Italia (D1 L2), after having achieved only two successes in their first 45 such games against the Grifone (D16 L27).

Genoa are unbeaten in each of their 26 home matches between Serie B and the Coppa Italia against Monza (W20 D6); their last such match against the Grifone dates back to 12 November 2000 (a 3-1 win in Serie B).

Genoa have won 33 points after their first 27 matches in Serie A this term for the first time since 2014-15 (37 in that case); the Ligurians, in fact, had never obtained more than 30 points at this stage of the season in their previous seven campaigns in the top-flight.

After the defeat against Inter, Genoa could lose two games in a row for only the second time in Serie A this season, after last October (v Milan and Atalanta).

Monza have not conceded a single goal in their last two away games in Serie A (v Udinese and Salernitana) and they have never kept a clean sheet in three consecutive matches on the road in Serie A.

Among the teams in the bottom half of the table, Genoa (33) and Monza (34) are the two that have conceded the fewest goals in Serie A this term.

Only Atalanta and Genoa (both 8) have scored more goals from outside the box than Monza (7) in Serie A this season.

Albert Gudmundsson is the Genoa outfield player with the highest minutes played in Serie A this term (2238), also being the Grifone player with the most goals scored (9), the most chances created (63), the most successful dribbles (37) and the most fouls won (40) in Serie A 2023-24.

Michele Di Gregorio could reach 50 clean sheets in all competitions with Monza (currently 49); moreover, he is the goalkeeper who has prevented the highest number of goals in this Serie A season, according to the Expected Goals on Target model: 7.5 - 21 goals conceded vs 28.5 xGoT against.

10/03/2024 12:30 - ETTORE GIARDINIERO - VIA DEL MARE



LECCE

Vs

HELLAS VERONA



Hellas Verona are undefeated in their last eight matches played against Lecce in Serie A (5W, 3D): indeed, this represents one of their two longest current unbeaten streaks against an opponent in the top-flight (8 also against Cagliari).

After a run of three consecutive wins against Hellas Verona between Serie A and B, Lecce haven't won any of the last five league games against them (1D, 4L); they also failed to score in four of those five matches (just two goals scored, in the 2-2 earlier this season).

Hellas Verona have won their last two Serie A away matches against Lecce, after not winning any of the previous six (2D, 4L); they could find record three consecutive away victories against a single opponent for just the second time in the competition, after doing so against Pisa between 1982 and 1985.

Lecce have conceded at least one goal in each of their last 22 Serie A matches, already their longest such streak in a single season in the competition. They've also failed to find the net in seven of their last 11 league matches, a period in which they only managed one victory (2D, 8L).

Hellas Verona have won only one of their last seven matches played in Serie A (3D, 3L), although that victory came last time out against Sassuolo: since February 2022, they've only been able to record consecutive league wins on one previous occasion, doing so in their first two games this term – against Empoli and Roma.

After winning four of their first six Serie A matches played in the Sunday early kick-off (1D, 1L), Lecce haven't managed to win any of the most recent six (3D, 3L).

In 2024, no team have scored more goals from outside the box than Hellas Verona in Serie A (four – level with Genoa), which is already one more than in all of 2023 (three).

Lecce's 17 goals in Sunday's early matches in Serie A have been scored by 16 different players, including the two scored in this league (Roberto Piccoli against Bologna and Nikola Krstovic against Genoa). The only player who has scored more than one goal for the club in the competition in matches played on Sunday at 12:30 p.m. is Assan Ceesay (two last season).

One of the three goals scored by Remi Oudin in Serie A this season came against Hellas Verona in the reverse fixture; overall, the last time he scored more goals in a single season in the big five European leagues was in 2021/2022 (4 with Bordeaux).

Last season against Sassuolo, Karol Swiderski became the third Polish player to score in Serie A for Hellas Verona, after Mariusz Stepinski (three goals) and Pawel Dawidowicz (two goals); in addition; he could become the first Hellas Verona player to score in consecutive 12:30 p.m kick-offs in Serie A since Giampaolo Pazzini on 15th December 2019.

10/03/2024 15:00 - GIUSEPPE MEAZZA



MILAN

Vs

EMPOLI



Empoli have won just one of their last 14 Serie A matches against AC Milan (5D, L8): 2-1 on April 23, 2017 at San Siro, thanks to goals scored by Levan Mchedlidze and Mame Thiam.

AC Milan have kept a clean sheet in four of their last six matches against Empoli in Serie A, after conceding at least one goal in each one of the previous 10.

Empoli have avoided defeat in four of their last six meetings with Milan when facing them for a second time that season in Serie A (1W, 3D), although in the last three they have not scored a single goal.

Since early December, only Inter have collected more points and scored more goals than Milan in Serie A: 40 points and 39 goals for the Nerazzurri in this period, with 30 and 30 for the Rossoneri.

After a run of five consecutive away games without a win in Serie A (3D, 2L), Empoli won the two most recent ones, against Salernitana and Sassuolo; the last time they won three away games in a row in the competition was between December 2015 and January 2016, with Marco Giampaolo on the bench.

Among the teams that finished the first half of this Serie A season in the bottom eight positions, Empoli are the team that have collected the most points in their first eight matches played in the second half (12), just one fewer than their total in the first half of the season (13).

Milan have scored the most goals in the big five European leagues this season from substitute players (13): this is also a record for the Rossoneri in a single Serie A tournament in the three-point-per-win era, while since 1994/95, only Napoli (16 in 2022/23), Fiorentina (17 in 2022/23) and Atalanta (20 in 2019/20 and 21 in 2020/21) have had more in a single campaign.

In case of a victory here, Stefano Pioli would surpass 350 points won as a coach in charge of Milan in Serie A (currently on 348), becoming just the second manager to reach this milestone with the Rossoneri in the three points per win era, after Carlo Ancelotti (557).

M'Baye Niang, who scored eight goals in 67 Serie A matches with AC Milan between 2012 and 2017, has been involved in four goals in his four appearances in the competition with Empoli (three goals and one assist). Indeed, he has also been involved in two goals in two league matches played against Rossoneri, notching a goal and an assist, both on April 29, 2015 at San Siro (for Genoa).

Milan's Olivier Giroud, who found the net in his last league game against Empoli on January 7th, has scored 12 goals in the current league season – only in 2022/23 has he netted more in a single season in the competition (13).

10/03/2024 18:00 - ALLIANZ STADIUM



JUVENTUS

Vs

ATALANTA



Although only Inter (68) have won more times against Atalanta than Juventus in Serie A (66, out of 123 matches), the Bianconeri have recorded just one win in their last eight league games against the Dea in the competition (D5 L2): 2-0 in May 2023, thanks to goals from Samuel Iling-Junior and Dusan Vlahovic.

Atalanta are unbeaten in their last five Serie A away games (W1 D4) against Juventus, after eight defeats in a row on the road against them in the competition.

Nine of the last 14 meetings between Juventus and Atalanta in Serie A have ended with a draw (three wins for the Piemontesi, two for the Bergamaschi): as many draws as in the previous 43 encounters between these two teams in the top-flight.

Considering the direct meetings between sides currently in the top seven positions in Serie A, only Roma (four) have picked up fewer points than Atalanta (six) in such encounters, while Juventus are the side that have conceded the fewest goals (five conceded, six scored).

After eight league games in a row without a defeat (W6 D2), Atalanta have lost their last two (against Inter and Bologna); the last time the Dea went on a longer such streak in the top-flight was in November 2022 (three in that case).

Juventus have only won one of their last six league games (D2 L3) and are looking to keep a clean sheet for the first time in Serie A since January 21st, against Lecce; the Bianconeri have lost three of their last five league matches (W1 D1), as many as they did in their previous 29.

No team have conceded fewer goals from set pieces than Juventus in Serie A this season (four, alongside Inter); on the other hand, Atalanta have conceded the highest share of their goals from set pieces (43% - 13 out of 30).

Atalanta's Gian Piero Gasperini and Juve's Massimiliano Allegri are the two managers with the most draws in their Serie A meetings in the three points per win era (since 1994/1995), with nine out of their 22 matches ending level (eight wins for the current Juventus manager, and five for Gasperini).

In the current Serie A season, Juventus haven't conceded a single goal in the 229 minutes played with the defensive lineup formed by Bremer, Danilo and Rugani. Meanwhile, the Bianconeri have averaged 0.8 goals conceded per 90 across the 2,410 minutes when at least one of them haven't been on the pitch.

Ademola Lookman scored his only brace away from home in Serie A against Juventus, at the Allianz Stadium on January 22nd 2023; overall, the Atalanta forward has been directly involved in three goals against the Bianconeri in the competition, and only has more combined goals and assists against Salernitana (four).

10/03/2024 20:45 - ARTEMIO FRANCHI



FIORENTINA

Vs

ROMA



Roma have won only one of their last four league matches against Fiorentina (1D, 2L), also drawing the most recent one (1-1 in the reverse fixture this season).

Fiorentina have won the last two home matches played against Roma in Serie A, after a series of four consecutive home encounters without one against them (1D, 3L); the last time the Viola defeated the Giallorossi in three consecutive home games in the competition was between 1978 and 1980.

This season, Roma have earned the fewest points in games played among the teams currently in the top eight positions in Serie A: just five in nine matches (1W, 2D, 6L).

Fiorentina have won six of their last eight home matches in Serie A (1D, 1L), although they have ended been 1-0 down at half time in three out of the last four.

Since Daniele De Rossi's debut as Roma manager, only Inter (21) and Bologna (19) have earned more points than the Giallorossi (18: 6W, 1L) in Serie A; also, no team has scored more goals than Roma (20, same as Inter) in this period.

Fiorentina have only won two of their nine Serie A games played in 2024 (3D, 4L), and have also failed to secure a win against an opponent starting the matchday in the top five positions since October 8th, against Napoli (3-1).

Fiorentina have recorded the most high turnovers in the current Serie A campaign (247), which is almost 100 more than Roma. Indeed, Roma's total of 150 is the lowest of any side currently in the top half of the table.

While Fiorentina have scored the most headers so far in the 2023/24 Serie A season (11), Roma are the side who've conceded the highest percentage of their goals via headers (27%, nine out of 33).

Andrea Belotti - who played for Roma in the first part of this season - has six goals to his name against the Giallorossi in Serie A, although only one was scored in a home game (September 25, 2016, with Torino). The 30-year-old could become the fourth player to score both for and against Roma in the same Serie A season (excluding own goals), after Dino da Costa (in 1961/62), Marco Branca (in 1995/96), and Mattia Destro (in 2014/15).

Roma's Romelu Lukaku, who has hit double figures for goals for an 11th season within the big five European leagues, has reached 399 appearances across the Premier League and Serie A combined. He could become just the second Belgian player to reach 400 appearances in the big five European leagues since the beginning of the last decade, after Thibaut Courtois.

11/03/2024 20:45 - OLIMPICO

**LAZIO****Vs****UDINESE**

Udinese have won only one of their last 18 Serie A matches against Lazio (D5, L12): a 3-1 away victory in November 2020, with goals from Arslan, Pussetto and Forestieri.

Udinese are the team that Lazio have kept the most clean sheets against in the last 10 Serie A seasons (since 2014/15), doing so in 12 out of 19 matches in this period.

After five home wins in a row without conceding a goal, Lazio have not won any of their last three Serie A home matches against Udinese, drawing the most recent two (L1): the Biancocelesti have never drawn 3+ home games in a row against the Bianconeri in the Italian top-flight.

Lazio have lost four of their last six Serie A games (W2), including the last two (vs Fiorentina and Milan): the last time they suffered three Serie A defeats in a row was in July 2020.

Udinese have won only one of their last nine league matches (D4, L4); however, the only success in this run came in an away game, winning 1-0 in February against Juventus.

Lazio lost 11 of their first 27 games of a Serie A season for the first time since 2009/10: in that case, they also lost their 28th game and ended the campaign in the 12th position.

Udinese are the team with the fewest successful passes in this Serie A season (6,858), with their total over 4,500 fewer than Lazio (11,369); despite this, the Bianconeri have attempted 48 more shots than the Biancocelesti in the current tournament (338 vs 290).

Lazio are the team that have attempted the fewest shots in Serie A in 2024 (79); moreover, among sides currently in the top half of the table, they are the team that have faced the most shots this calendar year (132).



Florian Thauvin has been involved in three goals in his last eight Serie A appearances (two goals, one assist), including an assist in the most recent one against Salernitana; indeed, he could set up a goal in consecutive matches in one of the big five European leagues for the first time since October 2020, when he played for Marseille.

Ciro Immobile has scored 11 goals and provided three assists against Udinese in Serie A. The Lazio striker has already been directly involved in 15+ goals against two opponents in the Italian top-flight (17 vs Genoa; 16 vs Sampdoria) and he could become only the third player to do so against 3+ different teams since 2004/05, after Antonio Di Natale (vs six different opponents) and Francesco Totti (vs three).