



INSIGHTS

Matchday 33 Serie A 2023-24
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19/04/2024 18:30 - LUIGI FERRARIS



GENOA

Vs

LAZIO



Genoa won their most recent Serie A match against Lazio, after picking up only one point in their previous six (D1 L5); the last time the Rossoblù won back-to-back league games against the Biancocelesti in the top-flight was in February 2015 (eight wins in a row).

Genoa have lost three of their last five Serie A home games against Lazio (W1 D1), after going unbeaten in their previous seven (W4 D3); since the 2017-18 season the Rossoblù have lost more games on their own turf against only four teams: AC Milan (5), Atalanta, Napoli and Torino (all four).

Genoa have earned 39 points after 32 matches in Serie A this season and only once in their history have they picked up more at this stage of a top-flight season as a newly-promoted team: 42 points in 2007-08 when they finished in 10th.

Genoa have drawn five of their last nine home league games (W2 L2) and since December no team has recorded more draws on home soil in Serie A (also 5 for Udinese).

Since Maurizio Sarri's departure, Lazio have won three of four league matches (W1 under Giovanni Martusciello, W2 L1 under Igor Tudor), as many wins as in their previous nine Serie A games (D1 L5).

Lazio lost to nil in their last away Serie A match (0-1 against Roma) and could they suffer back-to-back losses on the road whilst also failing to find the net for the first time since May 2021 (3 in a row).

Genoa have scored the fewest goals in the final 30 minutes of matches in Serie A this season, scoring seven which is exactly half of the total Lazio have netted (14) in that same period. Furthermore, Genoa have conceded a greater proportion of their total goals conceded in the competition this term in the final 15 minutes of games than any other team (36% - 14/39).

Lazio are one of the two teams, along with Atalanta, to have as many as four midfielders score at least four goals in Serie A in 2023-24 (Felipe Anderson, Luis Alberto, Matías Vecino and Mattia Zaccagni). Overall, only the Dea have found the net more times (30) via midfielders than the Biancocelesti in the league this season (21 - level with Inter).

Albert Gudmundsson has scored in each of his last three Serie A appearances with the last player to score in four matches in a row in the competition for Genoa being Mattia Destro in 2021-22 while the last non-Italian player was Krzysztof Piatek in 2018-19 (seven in a row between August and September 2018).

Since his return to Lazio in 2021-22, Felipe Anderson is one of the three midfielders, along with Antonio Candreva and Luis Alberto, to have been directly involved 10+ goals in each of the last three Serie A seasons; the last time the Spaniard scored in back-to-back top-flight appearances was in April-May 2023.

19/04/2024 20:45 - UNIPOL DOMUS



CAGLIARI

Vs

JUVENTUS



Juventus have won 12 of their last 13 matches against Cagliari in Serie A (L1) and against no team have the Bianconeri achieved more victories against in the competition than the Rossoblù since the 2016-17 campaign (also 12 versus Udinese and Bologna).

Juventus have won 19 away games in Serie A against Cagliari (D12 L10) with no team achieving more away victories against Cagliari than the Bianconeri in the competition (also 19 for AC Milan) – 12 of their such 19 victories have come across their last 14 away games against Cagliari, after winning just seven of the previous 27 league games on the road against the Rossoblù.

Cagliari have won 13 points across their last eight games in Serie A (W3 D4 L1), one more than they won in their previous 14 matches in the competition (W3 D3 L8).

Cagliari have not won any of their last 15 Serie A matches against teams starting the matchday in the top-3 positions of the table (D4 L11), including their game against Inter last time out (2-2); their last such success came against Juventus however, a 2-0 home win thanks to goals from Luca Gagliano and Giovanni Simeone in July 2020.

Cagliari have won six home games in Serie A this season, already more than they did in both of their previous two top-flight campaigns (5 in 2020-21 and 3 in 2021-22) – two of their home victories in Serie A this term have come across their last three home matches (D1), as many as in their previous seven such games (D3 L2).

Juventus have both conceded and scored exactly once across their last four league matches; the Bianconeri had failed to score in as many games (3) in their previous 29 Serie A matches, while they had kept as many clean sheets (3) in their previous 13 games in Serie A.

Juventus have not won any of their last five away league matches (D2 L3), last going longer without a win on the road in a single campaign back in May 2010 in Serie A (D1, L5 under Alberto Zaccheroni). The Bianconeri have also failed to score in their last two away games, last failing to score in three such matches in a row in Serie A back in December 1998, under Marcello Lippi.

Only Napoli (19) have won more points from trailing positions than Cagliari (17) in Serie A this term; indeed, the Sardinian team have won 14 such points at home, at least five more than any other side this season.

Nicolas Viola has scored five goals in Serie A this season – all as a substitute – and is just one goal away from setting his personal scoring record in a single top-flight season (also 5 goals scored with Benevento in 2020-21). The Cagliari player is the midfielder who has scored the most goals from the bench in the big five European Leagues 2023-24 (5).

Dusan Vlahovic's first two goals in Serie A came away against Cagliari, on November 10th, 2019 with Fiorentina; he has scored five goals in total against the Sardinians in the top-flight, only scoring more often against four teams in Serie A: Bologna, Lazio, Salernitana and Sassuolo (all 6 goals).

20/04/2024 18:00 - CARLO CASTELLANI COMPUTER GROSS ARENA

**EMPOLI****Vs****NAPOLI**

Empoli have won four of their last six Serie A matches against Napoli (L2) and since 2019 the Partenopei are one of the three opponents against which the Toscani have won the most games in the competition (also 4 against Salernitana and Sassuolo).

After keeping a clean sheet in each of their first four Serie A home games against Napoli, Empoli have conceded in each of their last six; the Toscani have recorded more clean sheets on their own turf in the competition against only five teams: Atalanta, Bologna, Fiorentina, Torino and Udinese (all 5).

Empoli have lost five of their last six Serie A matches to nil and since March they are both the team that has failed to find the net in the most games and also the side that have lost the most matches.

Empoli won their last Serie A home match (3-2 against Torino) and could they win back-to-back games on home soil in the competition for the first time since last May (three in a row - against Bologna, Salernitana and Juventus).

Napoli have conceded at least two goals in each of their last three Serie A games; the last time they went on a longer such streak in the top-flight was back in September 2015 (seven between two seasons - 4 in 2014/15 and 3 in 2015/16).

Napoli have failed to score in six different away matches in Serie A this season; the last time they have failed more often on the road in a single Serie A season was in 1997-98 (9).

Napoli have attempted the most shots (546) in Serie A this season whilst Empoli have faced 487 shots, the second most behind only Salernitana (494).

M'Baye Niang has scored net four times in Serie A this season and could equal his best tally in a single top-flight season (5 goals in 2014 -15 and in 2015-16). His only previous goal against Napoli in Serie A came in August 2016.

Since Francesco Calzona joined Napoli (February 19, 2024), Victor Osimhen and Khvicha Kvaratskhelia are the two players to have been directly involved in the most goals in Serie A (both 7: 6 goals and 1 assist for the Nigerian and 4 goals and 3 assists for the Georgian).

Piotr Zielinski played 63 games and scored five goals in Serie A for Empoli, before moving to Napoli; since then, he has scored two goals against his former team: one at home (November 8, 2022) and one away from home (April 3, 2019).

20/04/2024 20:45 - MARCANTONIO BENTEGODI

**HELLAS VERONA****Vs****UDINESE**

Since 2015, Udinese have kept seven clean sheets against Hellas Verona, their joint-most against an opponent in Serie A across this period (seven clean sheets also against Genoa and Sassuolo).

Hellas Verona lost their last Serie A home game against Udinese (1-2 in October 2022), while they have never suffered consecutive home defeats against the Bianconeri in the top-flight. Prior to that defeat, the Gialloblù had kept a clean sheet in three successive home games against Udinese (W2 D1).

After a 2-2 draw against Atalanta in their last Serie A game, Hellas Verona could score two or more goals in back-to-back matches in the competition for the first time since November - December last year: recording two draws in that case, the second of which was against Udinese (3-3).

Hellas Verona have scored in each of their last six Serie A home games, their longest such run since a 10 game-streak between December 2021 - May 2022 under Igor Tudor.

Excluding the abandoned match between Udinese and Roma, the Bianconeri have never repeated the same result in their last 10 Serie A matches (W2 D4 L4), losing the most recent one against Inter (1-2).

Udinese have won two of their last four Serie A away games (D1 L1), as many wins as in their previous 20 away matches played in the competition (D7 L11).

53% of Hellas Verona's goals in Serie A in 2024 have been scored from outside the box (8/15). The Gialloblù are the side that have scored the most goals from outside the box in the Big-5 European Leagues (ahead of Manchester City with six).

Hellas Verona (19) and Udinese (25) are two of the sides, alongside Cagliari (23) and Genoa (25), which have recorded the fewest build-up attacks; the Bianconeri are also the side with the lowest percentage of possession in the top-flight (39%).

Darko Lazovic has been involved in at least one goal in each of his last two Serie A appearances and could be directly involved in a goal in three games in a row for the first ever time in the competition. However, Udinese are the opponents against which the midfielder has played the most minutes in the top-flight without ever contributing to a goal (892).

Hellas Verona are Roberto Pereyra's favourite opponents in Serie A; the Udinese midfielder has scored three goals against the Gialloblù, though all three came in his first four such matches (failing to score in his last five).

21/04/2024 12:30 - MAPEI STADIUM

**SASSUOLO****Vs****LECCE**

Sassuolo have achieved three wins and two draws in five Serie A matches against Lecce, they have only faced SPAL more often without ever losing in the competition (6: W4 D2).

Sassuolo won their first two Serie A home matches against Lecce, who could become the fourth team beaten by the Neroverdi in their first three home matches in the competition, after Crotona, Empoli and Milan.

Sassuolo have drawn their last three Serie A matches, as many times as in the previous 19 league matches (W3 L13); only once have they achieved four draws in a row in the competition (April 2018 – the third against Milan in that case too).

Sassuolo have remained unbeaten in their last three Serie A home games (W1 D2) and have not done better in the competition since last May (W4 D2) – Davide Ballardini could become the first coach to remain unbeaten in his first four games at home in the top-flight on the Neroverdi bench.

Since Luca Gotti's arrival, Lecce have kept a clean sheet in three out of four matches, while they had only obtained two clean sheets in the previous 28 matches with Roberto D'Aversa on the bench this championship.

Lecce have scored only four goals in their last 10 Serie A away games, and never more than one in a match; the Giallorossi have not reached 11 consecutive away games without scoring more than once since December 2000 (11 in that case).

Only Salernitana (22) have conceded more goals in the final 15 minutes of games than Sassuolo in Serie A this season (18); meanwhile, Lecce have scored a league-high 41% of their goals in this timeframe (11/27).

In 2024, only Napoli (six) have scored more goals than Sassuolo (four) following a high turnover in Serie A, including two of the three scored in their last match against Milan.

Armand Laurienté has scored three goals in his last two Serie A matches, as many as in his previous 40 appearances; the Sassuolo striker has never scored for three games in a row in the competition and the last Neroverde to do so was Andrea Pinamonti in September.

Nicola Sansone (84 games and 17 goals in Serie A with the Sassuolo shirt, between 2014 and 2016) has scored two goals and provided two assists in this Serie A season, all coming on as a substitute during the match; among those who have at least two goals and two assists in this Serie A, only Marko Arnautovic (three) has started fewer games than the Lecce striker (four).

21/04/2024 15:00 - OLIMPICO GRANDE TORINO



TORINO

Vs

FROSINONE



Torino are unbeaten in their five matches against Frosinone in Serie A, thanks to four wins followed by a draw in the first leg. They've only faced Mantova (14), Salernitana (8) and Messina (6) more often without ever losing in the competition.

Torino won their first two Serie A home matches against Frosinone, who could become the 18th team beaten by the Granata in their first three home matches in the competition, and first since Piacenza in 2000.

Since the start of December, no team in the big five European leagues has kept more league clean sheets than Torino (11).

No team have kept more clean sheets at home this season than Torino (11, like Bologna); in addition, for the first time in their history in Serie A, the Granata have recorded 11 clean sheets at home in a single tournament - the last team to rank outside the top eight positions at the end of the season and with 12 home clean sheets was Sampdoria in 1985/86.

Frosinone have drawn their last three Serie A matches, as many draws as in the previous 23 (W4 L16); the Ciociari have not drawn for more consecutive matches between Serie A and Serie B since December 2021 (four in that case).

Frosinone are the only team that have not yet won away from home in Serie A this season (D5 L11), since Serie A returned to 20 teams (2004/05) five of the eight teams without even one success after 17 away matches were then relegated at the end of the season.

Only Inter (six) have conceded fewer goals than Torino (seven) in the first half this season in the big five European leagues. In the first half of the season, only 20 goals were seen in total (13 scored), only Nice had fewer in the top five European leagues (nine scored, 10 conceded).

Frosinone have conceded a league-high 20 goals from set pieces, and a league-high 11 goals from corners in Serie A this season. However, they've also scored a league-high 45% of their goals from set pieces this term (18/40).

Frosinone are the only opponent against whom Duván Zapata managed to score four goals in a single Serie A match (20 January 2019 with Atalanta); the Gialloblù (five goals in four matches) are, with Lecce, one of the only two teams against which the Torino attacker has more goals than appearances in the tournament.

Since the beginning of March 2024 Walid Cheddira has scored four goals in Serie A, a record equal to Albert Gudmundsson in the period – the Frosinone striker has scored six goals in this championship and the only Moroccan player to do better in a single season in the competition was Achraf Hakimi (seven in 2020/21).

21/04/2024 18:00 - ARECHI



SALERNITANA

Vs

FIorentina



After the 3-0 success in the first leg last December, Fiorentina could win both seasonal matches against Salernitana for the first time in Serie A.

Among the teams against which Salernitana have never lost in home matches in Serie A, Fiorentina are the one they have faced the most: four (W2 D2). On the other hand, only against Varese (seven) have the Viola played more away games without ever winning in Serie A than those against Salernitana (four).

With the defeat in the last match against Lazio, Salernitana established their longest streak of consecutive games without a win in Serie A: 14 matches (D3 L11).

Before Salernitana in 2023/24 (68 goals conceded), the last team that had conceded at least 68 goals after 32 seasonal Serie A matches were Salernitana themselves in 2021/22 (69). In that case, despite having scored the same number of goals as in the current championship (26 in both 2023/24 and 2021/22), the Campania team had collected seven more points (15 vs 22).

In the second half of this championship, Fiorentina gained only 11 points in 12 matches (W2 D5 L5), only Salernitana (three), Sassuolo (seven) and Frosinone (eight) obtained fewer points than the Viola.

Fiorentina have won only one of their last 10 away games in Serie A (D3 L6): 1-0 against Monza in December. In 2024, in fact, no team has scored fewer goals than the Viola away from home in the league (three, equal to Lecce) and only Sassuolo (one) has earned fewer points than the Viola away from home (two in six matches).

Jonathan Ikoné's goal in the last match against Genoa was the 13th headed goal by Fiorentina in this Serie A season: no team has scored more.

Only Salernitana (nine) and Udinese (eight) have conceded more penalty goals than Fiorentina (seven) this Serie A season.

Salernitana's Antonio Candreva is the player who in the last 20 Serie A seasons (since 2004/05) has provided the most assists against a single team in the tournament: 11 against Fiorentina.

Fiorentina's Andrea Belotti scored three goals in his first three matches against Salernitana in Serie A and only against three teams did he do better in his first four meetings in the Italian top-flight: Crotone (six), Bologna (five) and Frosinone (five).

21/04/2024 20:45 - U-POWER STADIUM



MONZA

Vs

ATALANTA



Atalanta are the only team to have recorded a 100% win rate against Monza in Serie A: three successes in three matches so far, with an overall score of 10-2.

Between Serie A and Serie B, Monza have won only one of their last 10 matches against Atalanta (D2 L7): 1-0 in a home match on 31 October 1999.

After losing five games in a row against Lombard opponents in Serie A, Monza won the most recent one against Milan on 18 February (4-2 at the U-Power Stadium); the Brianza team have never achieved two successes in a row against teams from Lombardy in the tournament.

Monza have gained just one point in their last three league matches, only once in this Serie A season have the Brianza players recorded four consecutive matches without a win: last September (the first match of that run was against Atalanta).

After five wins in a row in the league, Atalanta have won only one of their last seven Serie A matches: 3-0 against Napoli on 30 March (D3 L3), conceding 13 goals in the period (1.9 on average per match).

Considering only the away performance, Atalanta would be ninth in the standings in this championship, with 19 points in 16 matches (W5 D4 L7), with a goal difference of zero: 24 goals scored, and 24 goals conceded.

Only Atalanta and Hellas Verona (nine) have scored more goals from outside the box than Monza (eight) in Serie A this season; in the whole of last season the Brianza team managed six goals from distance, while the Bergamo team ranked first with 13.

Only Roma (+13.9) have recorded a greater difference between goals scored and expected goals than Atalanta (+12.3) in this Serie A season: the Dea have scored 57 goals against an xG value of 44.7.

Monza's Matteo Pessina, who made his Serie A debut with Atalanta and played 67 games (scoring three goals) in the top-flight, has scored five Serie A goals this season, only netting more in 2019/20 (seven goals with Hellas Verona).

Atalanta's Teun Koopmeiners has been involved in more Serie A goals against Monza than any other opponent (5 - 3 goals, 2 assists), with four of these coming in a single match in June 2023 (3G 1A).

22/04/2024 18:30 - OLIMPICO

**ROMA****Vs****BOLOGNA**

Bologna have won 52 of their 151 games against Roma in Serie A (D45 L54), more than they have against any other opponent in the competition.

After the 2-0 success in the reverse fixture last December, Bologna could complete the double over Roma in a Serie A season for the first time since 1966-67 under Luis Carniglia.

Roma have scored just one goal in their last five matches against Bologna in Serie A, failing to score in the last two; the Rossoblu could record at least three clean sheets in a row against the Giallorossi in Serie A for the first time since a run of four between 1966 and 1968.

Roma have remained unbeaten in eight of their last nine home matches against Bologna in Serie A (W6 D2), keeping six clean sheets in the process (including three in the last three such matches) - the only success of the Rossoblu in this period was in February 2020 (3-2 under Sinisa Mihajlovic).

Roma have won 11 of their 16 home matches in Serie A this term (D3 L2), as many successes as in the whole of last season. The Giallorossi could record at least 12 wins after 17 home games in a Serie A season for the first time since 2016-17 (14 in that case).

Bologna have only lost one of their last 12 league games (W8 D3): 0-1 against Inter last month. However, the Rossoblu have drawn 0-0 in their two most recent matches, last drawing more league games in a row back in last September (three goalless matches in a row v Hellas Verona, Napoli and Monza in that case).

Bologna have not conceded any goals in their last four league matches, last keeping the clean sheet in five games in a row in Serie A between October and November 1999.

Only Bologna (7) and Atalanta (6) have scored more goals than Roma (5) in second half injury time in Serie A this season.

Paulo Dybala has scored seven goals against Bologna in Serie A, though never more than once in a game; the Roma striker has scored in several different matches only against one opponent in the Italian top-flight: eight against Udinese.

After scoring against Lazio at the Olimpico in February, Joshua Zirkzee could become only the second Bologna player in the last 50 years to score in both away games against Roma and Lazio in a single Serie A season, after Julio Cruz in 2001-02.

22/04/2024 20:45 - GIUSEPPE MEAZZA

**MILAN****Vs****INTER**

Inter have won the last five derbies against Milan in all competitions, already a record run for the Nerazzurri against the Rossoneri. Only twice in the history of the Milan derby have one of the two teams achieved six wins in a row: Milan between 1946 and 1948 and between 1911 and 1913.

Milan have won only one of the last eight derbies against Inter played as hosts in all competitions (D3 L4): in the most recent league match (3-2 on 3 September 2022) – the last time the Rossoneri recorded two home wins in a row against the Nerazzurri in Serie A was back in 2008.

If Inter win this match, it will be the first time in Serie A history the Scudetto has been won at the end of a match between Milan and Inter. With five games still to play, it would be the joint-earliest a team has won the Serie A title (also Napoli 2022-23, Juventus 2018-19, Inter 2006-07, Fiorentina 1955-56 and Torino 1947-48).

Stefano Pioli is the coach who has lost the most matches in the history of the Milan derby in all competitions: nine defeats, all in charge of Milan. Since he has coached the Rossoneri, Milan have won only three of the 14 matches overall against Inter (D2 L9), scoring 12 goals and conceding 29.

Milan remained unbeaten in 16 of their last 17 league games (W12 D4), scoring 37 goals (2.2 on average); the only defeat in the period came against Monza on February 18th.

Inter have remained unbeaten in their last 26 league matches (W21 D5), only three times in their Serie A history have they recorded more matches in a row without defeat: 31 between April 2007 and February 2008, 33 between May 2006 and April 2007 and 27 between May 2004 and February 2005.

Inter have scored in their last 40 league matches, setting their Serie A record. Only Juventus (twice) have recorded a longer streak of consecutive goalscoring matches in the history of the competition: 44 matches between October 2016 and December 2017 and 43 between February 2013 and March 2014.

Inter (77) and Milan (63) are the two teams that have scored the most goals in Serie A this season, but the Rossoneri (37) have conceded 20 goals more than the Nerazzurri (17).

In his four Serie A matches against Inter, Milan's Olivier Giroud has scored three goals and provided two assists. The Nerazzurri are one of three teams, with Cagliari and Frosinone, against which the French striker has more involvements than appearances in the Italian top-flight.

Lautaro Martínez (eight goals) is Inter's third best scorer in the history of the Milan Derby in all competitions, behind only Giuseppe Meazza (12) and Stefano Nyers (11). The Argentine could become the fifth player to reach double figures in goals in matches between Milan and Inter with a single shirt, after Andriy Shevchenko (14, Milan), Giuseppe Meazza (12, Inter), Gunnar Nordahl (11, Milan) and Stefano Nyers (11, Inter).