



INSIGHTS

Matchday 34 Serie A 2023-24
26 - 29 April 2024

26/04/2024 20:45 - BENITO STIRPE



FROSINONE

Vs

SALERNITANA



Frosinone have lost just one of their last eight matches against Salernitana across Serie A and Serie B (W2 D5, including a draw in the reverse fixture); the Granata's only win in this period against the Ciociari came back in April 2021 (1-0 in Serie B).

This will be the first match between Frosinone and Salernitana at the home of the Ciociari in Serie A; the head-to-head between the two sides is level in their six encounters at the home of the Gialloblù in Serie B, with two wins each and two draws.

Amongst current Serie A teams, Salernitana (15) and Frosinone (12) are the two sides currently on the longest winless streaks in the competition. Overall, both teams have recorded only one win in their last 20 league matches: Frosinone 3-1 against Cagliari in January and Salernitana 1-0 against Hellas Verona in December 2023.

Frosinone have drawn their last four league matches, already a record such run for the Ciociari in Serie A; the last team to draw more consecutive matches in Serie A was Salernitana, between March and April 2023 (a run of six).

Frosinone have recorded two clean sheets in their last three league matches, as many as across their previous 30 matches of this current Serie A season. The Ciociari could record a clean sheet in back-to-back matches for the second time in Serie A, also doing so between October and November 2018.

With their defeat against Fiorentina last time out, Salernitana set a club record for games lost in a single Serie A season: 22 in 2023-24, one more than the 21 defeats suffered in the entire 2021-22 league campaign.

Salernitana (34) and Frosinone (30) are the two teams to have conceded the most first half goals in Serie A this season. Indeed, considering only the first half of the games, only Salernitana (22) would have won fewer points than Frosinone (28 - level with Cagliari) in the top-flight this term.

This game will see the team that has conceded the most goals from set pieces (Frosinone - 20) and the team that has conceded the most goals from open play (Salernitana - 53) in Serie A this season come up against each other.

Since his debut with Frosinone (since the weekend of 20-21 January 2024), Nadir Zortea has provided five assists in Serie A, with only Álex Grimaldo of Bayer Leverkusen and Deniz Undav of Stuttgart providing more across that period in the big-5 European Leagues (both 6 assists).

Since the beginning of last season, Antonio Candreva (suspended for this match) has missed only four league games for Salernitana in Serie A; in those four matches the Granata have never won (D1 L3), while in the 67 matches with him on the pitch the Granata have obtained 0.8 points per game with a win-rate of 16%.

27/04/2024 15:00 - ETTORE GIARDINIERO - VIA DEL MARE



LECCE

Vs

MONZA



Lecce are unbeaten in three previous games against Monza in Serie A (W1 D2); amongst opponents they've never lost against in the competition, Venezia (4) are the only team they have faced more often.

After the 1-1 draw in the reverse fixture last September, Lecce and Monza could draw both meetings in a Serie A or Serie B campaign for the first time since 1992-93 (in Serie B).

Lecce are unbeaten in 11 of their 13 home games against Monza across Serie A and Serie B (W4 D7), with the last Brianzoli away win against Giallorossi coming on 6th December 1998 (1-0 in Serie B).

Lecce have won their last two Serie A games without conceding and could win three games in a row in the competition for the first time since doing so between November 2022 and January 2023; meanwhile the last time they recorded three clean sheets in a row was between February and March 2004. They could also record three wins in a row without conceding for the first time in the competition.

Since Luca Gotti became Lecce's manager (13th March), only Lazio (12), Inter (10) and Bologna (10) have won more points than Lecce in Serie A (10 in 5 matches). Gotti could become the first Lecce coach to win four of his first six games in Serie A.

Monza have recorded just one point across their last four Serie A games and could go five without a win in the competition for the first time under Raffaele Palladino. Overall the only time they have gone as long without winning three points came in their first six games in Serie A under Giovanni Stroppa (D5 L1).

Lecce have gained the most points via goals scored in the final 15 minutes of Serie A games this season though Monza have dropped only one point from goals conceded the same period, something only AC Milan can better.

Roberto Piccoli has scored five goals in Serie A this season, equalling his best return in a single Serie A campaign (five with Spezia in 2020-21); he could score in two games in a row in the competition for the first time since May 2023 with Empoli.

Only Douglas Luiz (9) has scored more goals than Andrea Colpani (8) among players to have scored solely in home games in the Big-5 European Leagues this season. The last time Colpani scored away from home in Serie A was on June 4th 2023 against Atalanta.

Matteo Pessina has scored two goals against Lecce in Serie A, both for Hellas Verona, including his first goal in the competition in September 2019 at Via del Mare; only against Sassuolo and Salernitana (3) has he scored more goals versus in the top-flight.

27/04/2024 18:00 - ALLIANZ STADIUM

**JUVENTUS****Vs****MILAN**

Following their 1-0 victory in the reverse fixture in October, Juventus could win both seasonal matches against AC Milan in Serie A for the first time since 2018/19 (under Massimiliano Allegri).

Across the last six games between Juventus and AC Milan in Serie A only once have both sides scored: 1-1 on September 2021 - four clean sheets for Rossoneri and one for Bianconeri in the other five games.

After nine away defeats in a row against Juventus in Serie A, AC Milan have gone unbeaten in the last three at the Allianz Stadium (W2 D1); only once have the Rossoneri avoided defeat in four consecutive away games against the Bianconeri in the competition: between May 1991 and March 1994.

Juventus have drawn six of their 15 Serie A games in 2024 (W5 L4), during this period only Torino and Genoa (both 7) have drawn more games in the competition. The Bianconeri could draw three games in a row for the first time since September-October 2020.

Milan have lost three of their last four matches in all competitions (D1), including the last two – the Rossoneri could record three defeats in a row in all competitions for the first time this season, previously doing so in May 2023 (two against Inter in that case in the Champions League and one against Spezia in Serie A).

AC Milan rank second for points gained in away games in Serie A this season (34 in 17 matches, less than Inter), despite only Frosinone (37), Salernitana (36) and Sassuolo (33) conceding more goals than Milan (29) on the road this term.

Milan are the team that have received the highest number of red cards in Serie A this season (8); in the last 20 Serie A seasons (since 2004-05), only twice have the Rossoneri received more red cards: 12 in 2016-17 and 13 in 2014-15.

Dusan Vlahovic is the only player to have reached double figures for goals in 2024 in Serie A (10 goals in 12 appearances). He has never faced Milan at the Allianz Stadium in Serie A, while with Fiorentina he had been involved in four goals in four home matches against the Rossoneri in Serie A (2 goals and 2 assists).

Federico Chiesa has been involved in six goals against AC Milan in Serie A (three goals and three assists), against no side has he been involved in more in the competition; however, he's not been involved in a goal in his last four games against Rossoneri in the competition.

Olivier Giroud scored the winning goal in the last game between Juventus and AC Milan at Allianz Stadium in Serie A (1-0, 28 May 2023); the Frenchman could become the first Milan player to score in each of his first two away games against Juventus in the competition since 1994/95.

27/04/2024 20:45 - OLIMPICO

**LAZIO****Vs****HELLAS VERONA**

Following the 1-1 draw in the reverse fixture back in December, Lazio and Hellas Verona could draw both of their seasonal encounters in Serie A for the first time since 1989-90.

Lazio and Hellas Verona have drawn three of their last four league encounters (one win for Biancocelesti completes the process), as many draws as in their previous 20 Serie A matches (11 victories for Lazio against six successes for Hellas Verona in this period).

Lazio have avoided defeat in 14 of their last 15 home games against Hellas Verona in Serie A (W10 D4); the only success for Gialloblu in this period came on 12 December 2020 (2-1, thanks to the own goal by Lazzari and Tameze's goal).

Igor Tudor could become only the second coach in the last 65 years to win each of his first three home games in charge of Lazio in Serie A, after Delio Rossi (who won his first four between August and October 2005).

Lazio are the team that have drawn the fewest matches in 2024 in Serie A (P15 W8 D1 L6): a goalless draw against Napoli in January.

Hellas Verona remain unbeaten in their last three away league games (W1 D2), the Scaligeri could record at least four away games in a row without defeat in a single Serie A season for the first time since the period between October 2020 and January 2021 (a run of seven, under Ivan Juric).

Hellas Verona have scored in their last seven league matches and have not had a longer such run in Serie A since the period between September and November 2021 (11 matches in that case).

This will be the game between the team that have committed the highest number of fouls in Serie A this season (Hellas Verona, 456) and the side that have been shown the second most cards in the division: Lazio (84, 79 yellow cards and 5 red cards), only fewer than Roma.

Ciro Immobile has scored 10 goals against Hellas Verona in the top-flight, only Gabriel Batistuta (11) has scored more goals against the Scaligeri in the history of Serie A.

Tijjani Noslin has been involved in four goals in his last five league games (2 goals and 2 assists). With him on the pitch, Hellas Verona have won 25% of their matches in Serie A this season (3/12), with an average of 1.2 points per match – while without him the percentage of successes drops to 19% (4/21), with an average of 0.8 points.

28/04/2024 12:30 - GIUSEPPE MEAZZA



INTER

Vs

TORINO



Inter have won eight of their last nine Serie A matches against Torino (D1), keeping a clean sheet in the last three – the Nerazzurri could keep four clean sheets in a row against the Granata in the competition for the first time since doing so between 2001 and 2003.

Inter have won each of their last four Serie A matches at Meazza against Torino; the Nerazzurri have only achieved more home wins in a row against the Granata in Serie A once, doing so between 1969 and 1976 (seven in a row).

Inter have won the Scudetto with five matchdays remaining, equalling the record for earliest title wins in the history of Serie A set by Napoli in 2022-23, Juventus in 2018-19, Inter in 2006-07, Fiorentina in 1955-56 and Torino in 1947-48; indeed, the Nerazzurri are the only side in the history of the competition to win the league as early on two occasions.

Inter have remained unbeaten in their last 27 league matches (W22 D5), and only twice in their Serie A history have they gone more matches in a row without defeat: 31 between April 2007 and February 2008 and 33 between May 2006 and April 2007.

Inter have drawn two of their last three home Serie A games (W1), as many as in their previous 48 (W38, D2, L8) – the Nerazzurri could draw two home matches in a row in the competition for the first time since doing so between September and October 2021.

Inter (19) and Torino (17) are the two teams with the most clean sheets in Serie A this season; the Nerazzurri have only recorded more shutouts in one previous season, doing so in 1988-89 (20) whilst the Granata have beaten their current tally three times (18 in 1991-92, 18 in 1979-80 and 19 in 1976-77).

Torino have drawn eight matches 0-0 in Serie A this season, more than any other side in the Big-5 European Leagues; only twice have the Granata recorded more goalless draws in a single edition of the competition (10 in 1966-67 and 11 in 1963-64). The last Serie A team to record more 0-0 draws in a single Serie A campaign was Cagliari in 2011-12 (9).

Inter (6) and Torino (7) are the two teams that have conceded the fewest first-half goals in the big-5 European Leagues this season.

Lautaro Martínez has scored nine goals in home games and 14 goals in away games in Serie A this season and he could become only the third Inter player to score 10+ goals both home and away in a single Serie A campaign since 2000, after Mauro Icardi in 2017-18 (16+13) and Zlatan Ibrahimovic in 2008-09 (13+12).

Yann Sommer (79.1%) and Vanja Milinkovic-Savic (77.3%) are two of the three goalkeepers with the highest save percentage in the current Serie A season, among shot stoppers with more than 10 appearances – along with Michele Di Gregorio (78.7%).

28/04/2024 15:00 - RENATO DALL'ARA

**BOLOGNA****Vs****UDINESE**

Bologna have avoided defeat in seven of their last eight Serie A matches against Udinese (W2 D5); however, they lost the most recent one, in the reverse fixture back in December (0-3). The Friulians can win both seasonal matches against the Emilians in the competition for the first time since 2017/18.

This will be just the second Serie A meeting between Bologna and Udinese where there has been more than a 20 point gap between the two sides coming into the game (considered two points per win before 1994/95): the only precedent dates back to 18/04/1962 (+28 on that occasion for the Rossoblù), with that game finishing 1-1.

Bologna are unbeaten in their last five home Serie A games against Udinese (W2 D3), after having lost four of the previous six (W1 D1); moreover, the Rossoblù have scored at least one goal in 12 of their last 13 home games against the Bianconeri (the only exception coming in February 2014, a 2-0 Friulans' away success).

Udinese have drawn 10 of their last 16 away matches against Emilia-Romagna sides in Serie A (W3 L3), although they've drawn just one of their last three against such opposition on the road.

Bologna have lost only one of their last 13 Serie A games (W9 D3), with that defeat coming against Inter last month – from MD21, only the Nerazzurri (35) have collected more points than the Rossoblù (30) in the Italian top-flight.

Udinese have won 16 points from 16 away games played in Serie A this season (W3 D7 L6), more than any other team currently in the last eight positions in the league.

Bologna have won 62 points in Serie A this season (considering 3 points for a win) last winning more in a top-flight campaign in 1966/67 (63).

Only Napoli (19) and Cagliari (17) have gained more points from losing position than Bologna (15) in Serie A this season. Meanwhile, only Sassuolo (28) have dropped more points from winning position than Udinese in the division this term (22, without considering the match against Roma).

Dan Ndoye has attempted the most shots without scoring in this Serie A campaign (35); in general, the last Bologna player who needed more shots to score his first goal in the Italian top-flight was Mattias Svanberg, who eventually netted with his 59th attempt on goal, between 2018 and 2020.

Roberto Pereyra, who has scored or provided an assist in two of his last three Serie A appearances, has scored two goals against Bologna in the Italian top-flight, including one in the reverse fixture this season. However, the Udinese midfielder's only goal against the Rossoblù at the Dall'Ara stadium in the league dates back to 06/01/2021, in a 2-2 draw.

28/04/2024 18:00 - GEWISS STADIUM



ATALANTA

Vs

EMPOLI



Atalanta have won six of their nine Serie A matches against Empoli under Gian Piero Gasperini (D1 L2), one more success than they had achieved in all their previous 14 matches against them in the competition (D7 L2).

Empoli have won just one of their last six away games against Atalanta in Serie A (D3 L2), losing 2-1 in the exact fixture last season.

Atalanta have won the last three Serie A matches against Empoli – only against Monza (4) are they on a longer such ongoing run against current top-flight sides.

Empoli have won two of their last three (L1) league matches (both against opponents in the top half of the table), after having recorded a run of four consecutive defeats; after their success against Napoli, Empoli could win two matches in a row in Serie A for the first time since May 2023.

Atalanta have not won any of their last two home league games (D1 L1), after a run of seven consecutive home victories in Serie A; they've not gone three home league games without a win since November 2022.

Empoli have lost each of their last three away games in Serie A without scoring, last losing four consecutive away matches in the competition without netting a single goal between February and April 2017 under Giovanni Martusciello.

Although Atalanta have won seven of their last nine matches against opponents in the bottom half of the table at the start of the matchday in Serie A, they have failed to win two of their most recent three such games: 2-1 defeat against Cagliari and 2-2 draw against Hellas Verona.

Empoli have scored the fewest goals in the middle half hour of matches in Serie A this term (just three goals scored between the 31st and 60th minute) – in the same part of the game, Atalanta have scored 22 goals, only less than Inter (32) and Milan (28).

Gianluca Scamacca has scored four goals in three games against Empoli in Serie A, more than he has against any other opponent in the competition; furthermore, with one goal he can become the first Italian Atalanta player to reach double figures for goals in a top-flight season since Simone Tiribocchi in 2009/10 (11).

Empoli's Emmanuel Gyasi has found the net in two of his last three Serie A appearances against Atalanta (both goals scored with Spezia) and against no other opponent has he scored more goals in the competition (also twice against Cagliari, Sassuolo and Parma).

28/04/2024 18:00 - DIEGO ARMANDO MARADONA



NAPOLI

Vs

ROMA



Roma won the reverse fixture against Napoli in Serie A, ending their run of seven consecutive matches without a win against them in the competition (D2 L5). The last time they won both home and away against Azzurri in Serie A was back in 1997/98 (6-2 and 2-0).

Napoli haven't lost any of their last five home matches against Roma in Serie A (W3 D2), the last time they recorded a longer run of home matches without defeat against the Giallorossi in the competition was between May 1989 and April 1995 (run of seven).

Six of the last seven goals scored in Serie A matches between Roma and Napoli have been scored from the 75th minute onwards - including the two most recent goals scored by the Giallorossi in this fixture - Pellegrini in the 76th minute and Lukaku in the 90+6th minute.

When only considering matches between clubs currently in the top eight positions of the Serie A table, Roma are the team which has collected the fewest points (eight in nine games - W2, D2, L7) followed by Napoli (10).

Napoli have conceded at least one goal in each of their last 12 league matches and only twice in their history have they recorded a longer streak of games without a clean sheet in Serie A - a run of 13 between December 1937 and March 1938 and a run of 17 between August 1997 and January 1998.

After scoring in the first half in six of the Daniele De Rossi's first seven Serie A matches in charge, Roma have failed to score in the opening 45 minutes in five of their last recent six.

Francesco Calzona won three of his first nine games as Napoli coach in Serie A (D4 L2), in the current championship, after the same number of matches Walter Mazzarri had also recorded exactly three wins, while Rudi Garcia had won two more at this stage. The last coach who recorded no more than three wins after their first 10 matches in charge in the top flight was Roberto Donadoni in 2008/09 (one win from his first 10).

Napoli have taken on the most shots in Serie A this season (555), however, they have recorded just a 9% scoring percentage: with 12 other Serie A teams doing better, including Roma who are second in this particular ranking with an average of 14.7% behind only Inter (15.3%).

Matteo Politano, who scored his first Serie A goal against Roma (on Sept. 20, 2015 with Sassuolo), has been involved in six league goals against the Giallorossi (2G and 4A) - against no opponent has he been involved in more goals in Serie A than he has against Roma (six also against Genoa, Milan and Hellas Verona). Politano has been involved in 13 goals this season, (8G+5A), only doing better in a single top-flight season once before - 2017/18 (14).

Stephan El Shaarawy has scored five goals in his last six Serie A matches against Napoli at the Diego Armando Maradona Stadium - in the three-points-per-win era (since 1994/95) no other player has scored more away goals in this stadium than him (five also for Edin Dzeko).

28/04/2024 20:45 - ARTEMIO FRANCHI**FIorentINA****Vs****SASSUOLO**

Fiorentina have won only two of their last eight Serie A matches against Sassuolo (D2 L4), though these two victories have come in the three most recent matches (but the Neroverdi won the reverse fixture).

This will be the sixth time that Fiorentina and Sassuolo face each other in Serie A after 33 matchdays, with the Neroverdi winning three of the previous five such games (D1 L1).

Fiorentina have won only one of their last five home games against Sassuolo in Serie A (D2 L2), after having won three of the first five such encounters (D1 L1).

Sassuolo have conceded in each of their last 22 Serie A away games, the longest current streak in the competition. Their last such clean sheet was in February 2023 against Lecce.

Fiorentina are unbeaten in each of their last five league matches against opponents lower in the table at the start of the matchday (W2 D3), after having lost two of their previous three such matches (D1), including the reverse fixture against Sassuolo in January.

For the second time in 11 participations in Serie A, Sassuolo have won less than 34 points after the first 33 matchdays. Only in 2013-14 (their debut Serie A campaign) have they had fewer points at this stage (25) than their 26 this term.

Only Napoli (60) have attempted more shots from high turnovers than Sassuolo (49) in Serie A this term; on the other hand, Fiorentina are the team that have made the most high turnovers in general in the current tournament (276).

Jonathan Ikoné has found the net in consecutive appearances for the first time in the top five European leagues (v Genoa and Salernitana); the Fiorentina winger has scored a total of three goals in 23 games played in Serie A this term, just one less than he did last season in the competition (four goals in 33 games).

Sassuolo's Andrea Pinamonti has scored three goals against Fiorentina in Serie A, one of which in his first match against this opponent (on 9 November 2018 with Frosinone) and one in the most recent one (last 6 January with Sassuolo) – however, none of his three goals against Viola in the competition came away.

Sassuolo could become the first team against which Andrea Belotti scores double figures of goals in Serie A; the Fiorentina striker scored nine goals against the Neroverdi (level with Sampdoria); overall, only Duván Zapata has scored more goals against Sassuolo than Belotti in the competition (10).

29/04/2024 20:45 - LUIGI FERRARIS**GENOA****Vs****CAGLIARI**

After a series of five wins in a row against Cagliari in Serie A, Genoa lost the most recent one 2-1 in November. The last time the Sardinian team won both seasonal matches against the Ligurians in the Italian top-flight was in 2013/14.

Cagliari have registered only one clean sheet their last 20 Serie A matches against Genoa, while at the other end they've failed to score in four of their last six against them in the league.

Each of Genoa's last three home games against Cagliari in Serie A ended with a 1-0 Ligurian success: the last opponent against which they collected more clean sheets in a row at home in the Italian top-flight were Novara (six between 1949 and 2011).

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Cagliari have won only one of their 16 away games in this Serie A campaign, with only Salernitana (7) and Frosinone (6) earning fewer points on the road (8). The last season in the Italian top-flight in which the Sardinians recorded less than two successes in their first 17 away matches was 2013/14 (one also on that occasion).

Considering the matches between the teams currently in the bottom nine positions in the Serie A table, Genoa are the side that have won the most points (25). Meanwhile, five of Cagliari's seven wins this season have been against these opponents.

Genoa and Cagliari are two of the three teams, alongside Hellas Verona, who have scored the fewest goals during the first half hour of play in this Serie A season - all with six goals.

Cagliari are the team that on average score the first goal of the match later in this Serie A campaign, on average in the 55th minute of play - on the other hand, Genoa concedes the first goal of the match to their opponent on average in the 47th minute, worse only than Inter (54') and Torino (50').

Albert Gudmundsson, who scored in the first leg of this tournament against Cagliari, has scored 13 goals in this championship, only five foreign players have done better in a single Serie A season with Genoa: Juan Esposito (15 in 1932/33), Tomas Skuhravy (15 in 1990/91), Carlos Aguilera (15 in 1990/91), Diego Milito (24 in 2008/09) and Rodrigo Palacio (19 in 2011/12).

Cagliari's Nicolas Viola has been involved in three goals in his last two Serie A appearances against Genoa (2G+1A) and against no other opponent he has been involved in more goals in the competition (three also against Udinese). Moreover, he scored one of his five goals as a substitute in the current league against Grifone - the last midfielder who scored more goals as a substitute in a single Serie A season was Leonardo, in 1998 /99 (six).