



INSIGHTS

Matchday 35 Serie A 2023-24
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03/05/2024 20:45 - OLIMPICO GRANDE TORINO**TORINO****Vs****BOLOGNA**

Bologna have won 45 of their 131 Serie A matches (D40 L46) against Torino; only against Roma (53) and Lazio (48) have the rossoblù collected more wins against a single opponent in the competition.

Following their 2-0 win in the reverse fixture back in November, Bologna could win both seasonal Serie A games against Torino for the first time since 1980/81 under Luigi Radice.

Torino are unbeaten in seven of their last eight Serie A home games (W6 D1) against Bologna; the only Rossoblù win on the road against the Granata in this period came back in March 2019 (3-2).

In April 2024, only Salernitana picked up fewer points (1) than Torino (2 in four matches) in Serie A; furthermore, the Granata scored the fewest goals in this period (only two).

Torino have failed to find the net in their last three league games; in Serie A this season, the Granata have already failed to score for four matches in a row: between September and October 2023.

In the second half of this season, only Inter have earned more points (41) than Bologna: 31 in 15 matches, level with AC Milan. During this period, only Inter have conceded fewer goals (9) than Bologna (11) and Torino (13) in Serie A.

Torino have collected the most clean sheets in home games in the Big five European leagues this season (12 in 17 matches), while Bologna rank joint second in this regard alongside Inter (11). The Granata have not conceded goals in seven of their last eight meetings at Olimpico Grande Torino in Serie A.

Only Martin Ødegaard (45) and Luis Díaz (36) have created more chances from open play than Raoul Bellanova (35) in 2024 in the big five European leagues. Raoul Bellanova has provided five assists for Duván Zapata this term: no player has provided more to a single teammate in Serie A this season (Weston McKennie also five assists for Dusan Vlahovic).

No player was directly involved in more Serie A goals than Alexis Saelemaekers in April 2024: four (three goals and one assist). Furthermore, he scored in two matches in a row for the first time in his career between Serie A and the Belgian top-flight.

Joshua Zirkzee has scored 11 goals in Serie A in 2023/24 (level with Teun Koopmeiners); the last Dutch player to find the net more in a single Italian top-flight season was Ruud Gullit in 1994/95 (12).

04/05/2024 18:00 - U-POWER STADIUM**MONZA****Vs****LAZIO**

Having lost both of their first two matches against Lazio in Serie A without scoring, Monza drew 1-1 in the reverse fixture back in September.

Considering both Serie A and Serie B, Monza have avoided defeat in eight of their nine home games against Lazio (W4 D4), however their single defeat against the Biancocelesti came the only previous time they hosted them in the Italian top-flight: 0-2 in April 2023.

Following their draw against Lecce, Monza recorded a streak of five games in a row without a win in Serie A for the first time under Raffaele Palladino (D2 L3); moreover, only once previously have they endured a longer such streak in the Italian top-flight: in their first six matches ever in the tournament.

Monza have lost their last two games at the U-Power Stadium in the Italian top-flight (against Napoli and Atalanta): only between August and September 2022 have they suffered more home defeats in a row in Serie A (against Torino, Udinese and Atalanta in that case).

Starting from their first match without Maurizio Sarri (16/03/2024), Lazio are the team that have won the most points in Serie A: 15 in six matches (W5, L1), one more than Inter (14).

Lazio have not conceded a goal in their last two Serie A games and could record three clean sheets in a row in Serie A for the first time since the period between February and April 2023 (six in that case).

Igor Tudor could become the first coach in Lazio's history to win five of his first six matches as Biancocelesti manager in Serie A. Furthermore, only one coach had achieved four successes in his first five Serie A matches in charge of the club before Tudor: Walter Alt in 1934.

Only Atalanta (10) have scored more goals from outside the box than Monza (nine) in this Serie A campaign; on the other hand, only Cagliari (two) have scored fewer goals from distance than Lazio (three).

Matteo Pessina has scored six league goals this term, only in 2019/20 with Hellas Verona (seven) has he scored more goals in a single Serie A campaign. Furthermore, he has scored seven of the eight penalties he has taken in his Serie A career.

Across the last two Serie A seasons, Mattia Zaccagni is the midfielder who has scored the most goals from open play (14). Moreover, he could score in two consecutive league matches for the first time since January 2023 (three in that case).

04/05/2024 20:45 - MAPEI STADIUM

**SASSUOLO****Vs****INTER**

Sassuolo have won nine of their 21 matches against Inter in Serie A (D2 L10); against no other team have the Neroverdi won more in the top-flight (also 9 v Hellas Verona).

Inter's only defeat in Serie A this season came against Sassuolo in the reverse fixture (1-2 in September). The Neroverdi could complete a double in Serie A over the Nerazzurri for the first time since 2017-18.

There have been no draws in the 10 matches at the MAPEI Stadium between Sassuolo and Inter in Serie A, with this exact fixture seeing four victories for the Neroverdi and six for the Nerazzurri (including each of their last four).

Sassuolo have only won one of their last 15 Serie A matches (D4 L10), which was also the only match in this period in which they kept a clean sheet (1-0 v Frosinone in March).

Inter have won 89 points after 34 matches in Serie A this season; they have surpassed the 90 point mark in a single Serie A season only twice before (91 in 2020-21 and 97 in 2006-07).

Inter have kept the most clean sheets (20) in the big-five European Leagues this season; the Nerazzurri have never recorded more clean sheets in a single season in their history in Serie A (also 20 in 1988-89 under Giovanni Trapattoni).

Inter have scored 13 penalties in Serie A this term; only two teams have scored more such goals in a single season over the last 20 Serie A campaigns (since 2004-05): Milan (15 in 2020-21) and Lazio (15 in 2019-20).

Only Lautaro Martínez (7) has scored the first goal of a match more times than Andrea Pinamonti (6) in Serie A this season. The Sassuolo striker made his debut in the top-flight for Inter in February 2017 (v Empoli), and has scored one goal in nine matches against the Nerazzurri in Serie A.

Lautaro Martínez both made his Serie A debut against Sassuolo in August 2018 at the MAPEI Stadium, and scored his first brace in the competitions against the Neroverdi in October 2019 (5 goals overall against the Neroverdi in Serie A). However, El Toro has not scored in Serie A since 28th February against Atalanta (six matches without scoring since), and he has only recorded a longer goalless run in the competition twice before (8 games between December 2021-February 2022 and 7 from April-August 2019).

Hakan Çalhanoglu has scored 13 goals in Serie A this season; the last midfielder to score more for Inter in a single Serie A season was Lothar Matthäus (16 in 1990-91). Furthermore, he has scored all 16 penalties he has taken in Serie A; no player has ever recorded a longer run of penalties converted in Serie A since this data has been available (from 2005-06) - Çalhanoglu has equalled the previous such record by Giampaolo Pazzini (16 between 2012 and 2020).

05/05/2024 12:30 - UNIPOL DOMUS

**CAGLIARI****Vs****LECCE**

Cagliari have only lost one of their last eight matches against Lecce in Serie A (W3 D4), however they have drawn the most recent three - as many draws as in the 16 previous meetings between the two teams in the top-flight.

Cagliari have only lost one of their nine home matches against Lecce in Serie A (W5 D3); the only away win for Lecce against the Sardinians in the competition came in February 2012 (2-1 at Sant'Elia).

Among teams involved in the current relegation battle in Serie A (between 13 and 19th place in the standings - excluding already relegated Salernitana), Cagliari are the team that has gained the most points over their last 10 games (14 - W3 D5 L2). Lecce are joint-second in this standing with 12 points (W3 D3 L4, level with Hellas Verona).

Since the arrival of Luca Gotti, Lecce have won 11 points in six league matches (W3 D2 L1), as many as they had won in their previous 16 Serie A matches beforehand (W2 D5 L9).

Lecce have won two of their last three away league games (L1), including their last one against Sassuolo; they could record two wins in a row away from home in Serie A for the first time since February 2023 (v Cremonese and Atalanta).

Cagliari (17) and Lecce (15) are two of the four teams to have gained the most points from goals scored in the last 30 minutes of play in Serie A this season, along with Bologna and Roma also both on 15.

Lecce (39%, 12 out of 31) and Cagliari (36%, 13 out of 36) are the two teams that have scored the highest percentage of their goals in the last quarter of an hour of play in the Serie A in 2023-24.

Cagliari have won the most points from losing positions in home games in Serie A this season (14), while only Sassuolo (13) have lost more points than Lecce (12) when leading in away matches.

Among Cagliari players in Serie A this season, Zito Luvumbo has been involved in the most goals (9 – 4 goals, 5 assists), has the most touches in the opposition's box (117), and has attempted the most shots, both total (42) and on target (13).

Lecce's Nikola Krstovic has been involved in two goals in his last two league games (a goal against Monza and an assist against Sassuolo). He has been involved in at least one goal in three consecutive games in Serie A only once before, doing so in his first three appearances in the tournament (3 goals).

05/05/2024 15:00 - CARLO CASTELLANI COMPUTER GROSS ARENA



EMPOLI

Vs

FROSINONE



Empoli have only won one of their five matches against Frosinone in Serie A, suffering three defeats (D1), including in the reverse fixture (2-1 in November). Overall, the Ciociari have scored an average of exactly two goals per game in these matches.

Empoli's only win against Frosinone in Serie A came in their last home match in March 2019 (2-1, goals by Caputo and Pajac for the Azzurri, Valzania for the visitors); on that occasion too, the Azzurri started the matchday in 17th place in the standings.

Empoli have lost their last five matches against teams from the Lazio region in Serie A – their longest run of defeats against such opponents – while they've scored just once in this period and conceded 15 times.

Frosinone, who are unbeaten in their last five league games (W1 D4), could record their longest ever unbeaten run in Serie A. Furthermore, after their win at Salernitana (3-0), they could win two matches in a row for only the second time in the top-flight after April 2019 against Parma and Fiorentina.

Frosinone are the only team in Serie A this season still without an away win (D6 L11); the last two teams to end a Serie A season without a win away from home were Catania and Parma in 2007-08.

Empoli have won their last two home games in Serie A against Torino and Napoli, as many home wins as in their previous 15 games at the Castellani this season (D4 L9); they have not managed three wins in a row at home in Serie A since May 2023.

Empoli are the team that have scored the fewest goals from set pieces – including penalties – in Serie A this season (6), while Frosinone are the team that have scored the most such goals by way of proportion (44% – 19/43) in Serie A this term.

M'Baye Niang (299) is one game away from 300 appearances in the big five European leagues. Indeed, among the 10 teams he has played with in these competitions, Empoli are the one with which he boasts his best min/goals ratio – a goal every 137 minutes.

Elia Caprile is the goalkeeper who has made the most saves in Serie A in 2024 (57), recording a save percentage of 74%.

Among players born from 2003 onwards who have scored this season, only Jude Bellingham (17 goals) has scored more goals than Matías Soulé (11, level with Florian Wirtz and Benjamin Sesko) in the big five European leagues in 2023-24.

05/05/2024 15:00 - MARCANTONIO BENTEGODI



HELLAS VERONA

Vs

FIorentINA



Hellas Verona have won 14 of their 65 matches against Fiorentina in Serie A (D20 L31), only against Cagliari (15) have they won more games against a side in the competition.

Fiorentina are unbeaten in their last eight matches against Hellas Verona in Serie A (W4 D4), winning each of the last three without conceding a single goal; the Viola have never recorded four clean sheets in a row against the Scaligeri in the competition.

Fiorentina have won seven of their last nine away matches against Hellas Verona in Serie A (D1 L1), after winning just one of their previous nine such games against them (D3 L5).

After a 1-0 win against Udinese in their last match at the Bentegodi, Hellas Verona could win two home matches in a row for the first time in Serie A this term, previously doing so in April 2023.

Fiorentina have won their last two league matches against Salernitana and Sassuolo; they have won three in a row only once in Serie A this term, doing so in December, with the first win against Hellas Verona.

Fiorentina won their last away league match (2-0 vs Salernitana) and could record two successive away wins in the same Serie A season for the first time since between February and April 2023 (a run of three, the first of these against Hellas Verona in February 2023).

Fiorentina (20) are the team that has hit the woodwork the most in Serie A this term, with only Liverpool (24) doing so more times in the big five European leagues in 2023-24, while no team has hit the woodwork fewer times than Hellas Verona in Serie A this season (6, level with Torino).

Fiorentina are the team that have scored the most headed goals in Serie A this term (16); in the last 20 Serie A seasons (since 2004-05), the Viola have scored more such goals only once (21 in 2005-06).

In the last three Serie A seasons (since 2021-22), Lorenzo Montipò is the goalkeeper who has made the most saves (327), 133 of which were from shots outside the area (another record).

Antonín Barák has scored four goals against Hellas Verona in Serie A, only against Sassuolo (5) has he scored more goals in the competition. Verona is also the team with which he has both played the most matches (64) and scored the most goals (18) in the top-flight (between September 2020 and August 2022).

05/05/2024 18:00 - GIUSEPPE MEAZZA



MILAN

Vs

GENOA



AC Milan have won each of their last four Serie A matches against Genoa. In their top-flight history, only once have Milan had a longer winning run against the Grifone - seven wins between 1959 and 1963.

Genoa have failed to score in their last three league matches against AC Milan and could equal their longest streak without finding the net against the Devil in the competition – four games in a row which they managed between 1965-1974 and between 2011-2013.

Across all competitions, AC Milan are winless in each of their last five matches (D2 L3). Under manager Stefano Pioli they have only recorded a longer winless streak once before – a run of seven between January and February 2023 (D2 L5).

AC Milan have lost their last two home games across all competitions (vs Roma and Inter) and could suffer three defeats in a row at home for the first time since between February and March 2014 (vs Atlético de Madrid, Juventus and Parma) under Clarence Seedorf.

Genoa won last time out in Serie A (3-0 vs Cagliari) and could win back-to-back matches for only the second time in the league this season – having previously done so vs Salernitana and Lecce in January. However, the last time the Rossoblù kept a clean sheet in two games in a row in the competition was between February and March 2022 (a run of four in that case).

Genoa have only lost one of their last nine Serie A away matches (W3 D5), with their only defeat on the road in this period coming at San Siro against Inter (1-2 in March 2024).

Genoa have scored the fewest goals from crosses (3) in Serie A this season. Meanwhile, AC Milan have conceded the fewest goals from such situations (2) this season.

Christian Pulisic scored the winning goal for Milan in the reverse match (1-0 in October). The American international has found the net 10 times in Serie A in 2023/24, with all of his last seven coming against teams currently in the bottom part of the table.

This match will see the player with the most big chances created (Rafael Leão, 17) go up against the one with the most chances created from set play in the league this season (Albert Gudmundsson, 47).

Among the players of newly promoted teams in the Big five European leagues this season, no one has scored more than Albert Gudmundsson (14) – including five across his last seven Serie A appearances.

05/05/2024 20:45 - OLIMPICO

**ROMA****Vs****JUVENTUS**

Juventus have won four of their last six Serie A matches (D1 L1) against Roma, keeping a clean sheet in three of those games, including in the reverse match (1-0, December 2023).

Roma won their last home league match against Juventus (1-0, March 2023) and could win back-to-back matches against the Bianconeri at the Olimpico in Serie A for the first time since between 2015 and 2017.

Roma haven't repeated the same result in consecutive matches in any their last eight Serie A games (W4 D3 L1), after winning five of their first six league games (L1) under manager Daniele De Rossi.

Juventus have drawn each of their last three Serie A matches (vs Torino, Cagliari and Milan). The last time they went on a longer such streak in the competition was between February and March 2012, under Antonio Conte (4 draws).

Considering only the matches between the current top five team in the Serie A table, Roma are the only one of those not to have picked up a single point, with seven defeats in as many matches against those opponents in the league this season.

Juventus have picked up just 1.27 points on average in the second half of Serie A this season (19 points from 15 matches). Only in 2009/10 did the Bianconeri pick up fewer points on average (1.16) in a single second half of a Serie A season in the three-points-for-a-win era (since 1994/95).

Roma have scored the most goals in the last 15 minutes of matches in Serie A this season (20 - including in their last match - 2-2 v Napoli), while Juventus have netted 12 goals in the last 15 minutes of the games, at least three more than they have managed in any of the other five quarters of an hour of play.

Paulo Dybala, who played seven seasons for Juventus from 2015 to 2022, with 293 appearances and 115 goals across all competitions, is the only Serie A player to have scored 25+ and provided 15+ assists since the beginning of last season, with Dybala being directly involved in a total of 40 goals in only 50 league appearances in the period (25 goals, 15 assists).

Paulo Dybala and Dusan Vlahovic are the two Serie A players to have been directly involved in the most goals in 2024 - with both players being involved in 12 goals. Nine goals and three assists for Dybala and 10 goals and two assists for the Vlahovic.

The Olimpico in Rome is the Stadium where Arkadiusz Milik has scored the most away goals across all competitions since he joined to the Big 5 European leagues with four goals - including one in his last appearance, scoring for Juventus against Lazio in the Coppa Italia semi-final in April 2024.

06/05/2024 18:00 - ARECHI



SALERNITANA

Vs

ATALANTA



Salernitana have lost three of their seven matches against Atalanta in Serie A (W1 D3), which includes one of the two biggest defeats in the history of the Granata in the Italian top-flight: 8-2 on 15th January 2023 (alongside a 7-1 defeat against Torino in 1947).

The seven Serie A meetings between Salernitana and Atalanta have seen a total of 19 goals, but only two of those were scored at the home of the Granata, where the head-to-head record is balanced: one win each and a draw.

Salernitana - officially relegated to Serie B after their defeat last time out - are only the sixth team in Serie A history to have recorded 15 or fewer points after 34 matches of a season, alongside Lecce in 1993-94, Brescia in 1994-95, Napoli in 1997-98, Ancona in 2003-04 and Pescara in 2016-17.

Salernitana are the only team yet to win a match in the big five European leagues so far in 2024; their last success dates back to their final match played in 2023 (1-0 against Hellas Verona), when they were managed by Filippo Inzaghi.

Since the beginning of 2023, Atalanta have faced a team starting the matchday in the relegation zone on five occasions in Serie A, winning each match by an aggregate score of 14-3.

Atalanta won their last Serie A away game (2-1 against Monza), but they are yet to win two away games in a row in the current season in the Italian top-flight; in fact, the last time they recorded back-to-back away victories in the competition came between August and September 2022, when they won their first four away games of the 2022-23 Serie A campaign.

Atalanta have scored 10 goals from outside the box so far this season in Serie A, including one on the last matchday against Empoli; in the big five European leagues this season, only Paris Saint-Germain (14), Manchester City (13) and Liverpool (11) have scored more goals from such a distance.

The first of three braces scored by Ademola Lookman in Serie A came against Salernitana in Atalanta's 8-2 success in January 2023; since the beginning of April, no player has been involved in more goals than the Nigerian in Serie A (4 - 1 goal, 3 assists), alongside Hakan Çalhanoglu and Alexis Saelemaekers.

Gianluca Scamacca - who has scored in each of his last three league appearances (against Napoli, Cagliari and Verona) - has never scored in four games in a row in Serie A; furthermore, with a goal this weekend he would hit 10+ goals in a single season for the second time in the big five European leagues, after also doing so in 2021-22 (16 goals with Sassuolo).

With his next appearance, Antonio Candreva will surpass the milestone of 500 games played in Serie A to move to 17th in the list of most games played in the history of the competition; the 37-year-old is also the oldest midfielder to have both scored more than five goals and provided more than five assists (6+6) in the big five European leagues in 2023-24.

06/05/2024 20:45 - BLUENERGY STADIUM - STADIO FRIULI

**UDINESE****Vs****NAPOLI**

Udinese have only picked up two points across their last 15 Serie A matches against Napoli (D2 L13), conceding an average of 2.7 goals per game in the period; the last win for the Friulani against the Partenopei in the top-flight came back in April 2016, a 3-1 home win (brace by Bruno Fernandes and goal by Théréau for the Bianconeri).

Napoli have won five of their last seven Serie A away games against Udinese, conceding only four goals in that period and drawing the other two matches. The most recent of those confirmed their Scudetto win in Serie A 2022-23 (1-1 in May 2023).

Udinese have picked up just two points across their last six league games (D2 L4), alternating between two goals conceded and one goal conceded in that period (1-1 vs Bologna in the most recent meeting).

Napoli have recorded 50 points in Serie A so far this season, the same number they ended on in the first half of Serie A last season (50 after 19 games); in fact, the Partenopei have only won one of their last seven Serie A games (D4 L2).

Napoli have only won four of their eight Serie A matches this season against teams starting the matchday in the relegation zone (D2 L2); two of the such games they have failed to win have come under Francesco Calzona, drawing against Cagliari and Frosinone.

Only the already relegated Salernitana (8 points) have picked up fewer points in home games than Udinese (12) in Serie A this season; the Friuliani have only won one of their 17 matches at the Bluenergy Stadium in the top-flight this term (D9 L7).

Udinese and Napoli are two of the three teams that have scored the fewest goals in the opening 15 minutes of Serie A games this season: two for the Friulani (level with Cagliari) and only one for the Partenopei.

Napoli are the only side which Lazar Samardzic has scored more than once against in Serie A, scoring twice in his last three appearances against the Partenopei in the competition; both of those goals came at home however and as a substitute.

Victor Osimhen has scored in each of his last five Serie A matches against Udinese: only two Napoli players have found the net in six games in a row against a single opponent in the competition in the three-points-for-a-win era: Gonzalo Higuaín against Lazio between 2013 and 2016 and Dries Mertens against Bologna between 2016 and 2019.

Fabio Cannavaro grew up in Napoli's youth team, making his Serie A debut for the Partenopei in 1993; as a player, he faced the Azzurri eight times in the top-flight, winning on only three occasions (D2 L3).