



# INSIGHTS

**Matchday 37 Serie A 2023-24**  
**17 - 20 May 2024**

17/05/2024 20:45 - ARTEMIO FRANCHI

 **FIorentINA** Vs **NAPOLI** 

Fiorentina have won two of their last four matches against Napoli in Serie A (D1 L1), as many successes as in their previous 15 matches against the Neapolitan team in the competition (D4 L9). Overall, Viola have achieved 55 victories against Napoli in the tournament (D40 L52), only against Bologna (57) have the Viola won more games in the competition.

After the 3-1 success in the reverse fixture last October, Fiorentina could win both games against Napoli in a Serie A season for the first time since 1995-96, under Claudio Ranieri in that case.

Napoli have lost only one of their last 14 away matches against Fiorentina in Serie A (W7 D6); among the teams they've faced at least four times in the last 15 top-flight seasons (since 2009-10), only against Cagliari (zero in 13 away matches) have the Azzurri recorded fewer defeats away from home than against the Viola in the tournament (1).

Fiorentina have won three of their last four league matches (L1), as many successes as in their previous 14 Serie A games (D5 L6).

Napoli have not won any of their last five Serie A matches (D3 L2), last failing to win more consecutive league games in the period between October and December 2019 – a run of 8 between the management of Carlo Ancelotti and Gennaro Gattuso.

Napoli have conceded at least one goal in each of their last 15 matches in Serie A (last keeping a clean sheet in the 0-0 draw against Lazio in January); the only occasion in which the Neapolitan team had a longer such run in the competition dates back to January 1998 (17, when Bortolo Mutti, Carlo Mazzone and Giovanni Galeone took turns on the Azzurri bench).

Only Bayern Munich (18) have scored more headed goals than Fiorentina in the top-5 European Leagues in 2023-24 (17, level with Arsenal); on the other hand, only Udinese (14) and Lecce (13) have conceded more such goals than Napoli (12, equal to Frosinone) in Serie A this term.

Seven of the last 12 goals scored by Nicolás González in Serie A have come from headers. Since his first such goal in the competition (3 May 2023, v Salernitana) only Olivier Giroud (8) has scored more headed goals than the Argentine player (7) in the tournament.

Antonín Barák has been involved in four of Fiorentina's last five goals in Serie A (1 goal and 3 assists), after having participated in only one of the previous 48 goals scored by the Viola in the current tournament (goal v Frosinone, on last 11 February).

Matteo Politano has scored four goals against Fiorentina in Serie A, only against Milan and Genoa (both 5) has he scored more in the competition; however, he has not scored a single goal in his last five matches against the Viola in the Napoli shirt.

**18/05/2024 18:00 - ETTORE GIARDINIERO - VIA DEL MARE**



**LECCE**

**Vs**

**ATALANTA**



Lecce and Atalanta have faced each other 27 times in Serie A: eight victories for the Giallorossi, as many draws and 11 victories for the Nerazzurri. After the 1-0 home win last December (goal by Ademola Lookman), Atalanta could win two games in a row without conceding a goal against Lecce in the tournament for the first time since October 2001 (a run of three under Alberto Cavasin).

Lecce won their last home match against Atalanta (2-1, on 9 November 2022) and only on one occasion have they collected at least two home successes in a row against the Dea in the competition, three between February 1986 and September 1989.

After their 2-0 defeat against Udinese last time out, Lecce could lose at least two matches in a row without scoring in Serie A for the first time since last February (a run of three v Bologna, Torino and Inter).

Lecce have failed to score in four of their last six Serie A home games, as many times as in their previous 14 home matches in the competition. Indeed, no team has scored fewer home goals than the Giallorossi in Serie A in this calendar year (six in nine such matches, level with Torino).

Atalanta have won 33 of the 48 points available in the second part of Serie A this term (W10 D3 L3), scoring 35 goals; in general, only Inter have a higher average points (2.59) and average goals (2.47) than Atalanta (2.06 points per game, 2.19 goals per match) in the second part of the campaign.

Atalanta have won three of their last four Serie A away games (L1), including the last two (v Monza and Salernitana), as many successes as in their previous 13 away games in the tournament (D4 L6). Indeed, the Dea could win three consecutive games on the road in the competition for the first time since August-September 2022 (a run of four).

Only Inter (39) and Milan (34) have scored more goals than Atalanta (31) in the first half of matches in Serie A this term, while no team has scored fewer goals than Lecce in the first 45 minutes of play (10, level with Empoli).

Roberto Piccoli - who made his Serie A debut with Atalanta, made 15 appearances and scored one goal in two separate spells (between April 2019 and July 2020 and subsequently between August 2021 and January 2022) - has scored five goals in 33 matches played in this campaign and he has never done better in a single Serie A season (5 goals but in 20 games also with Spezia in 2020-21).

Charles De Ketelaere has scored nine goals in 32 appearances in Serie A this term; the only Belgian midfielder to reach double figures in the competition was Radja Nainggolan (11 goals in 37 appearances with Roma in 2016-17).

Ademola Lookman is the only current player of Atalanta to have scored against Lecce in Serie A, scoring the winning goal in the reverse fixture (1-0 at the Gewiss Stadium, on last 30 December). Since his arrival at Atalanta (2022-23), no Nerazzurri player has scored more league goals than the Nigerian (22, level with Koopmeiners).

## 18/05/2024 20:45 - OLIMPICO GRANDE TORINO



### TORINO

### Vs

### MILAN



AC Milan have won six of their last eight Serie A matches against Torino (D1 L1), as many wins in the previous 17 games against the Granata in the top-flight (D9 L2). In general, in 155 matches between the two sides in the competition there are 65 wins for the Rossoneri, 34 for the Granata and 56 draws.

Torino have won three of their last five home games against AC Milan in Serie A (D1 L1), as many wins in their previous 24 home matches against the Rossoneri in the competition (D16 L5).

After a streak of four consecutive games without scoring, Torino netted two goals in their last league match, winning 2-1 against Hellas Verona; the Granata could win two matches in a row in Serie A while scoring at least two goals for the first time since October 2022 (two in that case, the second of which against AC Milan).

Since the beginning of 2024, AC Milan have scored at least three goals in nine of their 18 matches played in Serie A: only Manchester City, Liverpool and Arsenal (10) have scored at least three goals in more games in this period in the Big-5 European leagues.

AC Milan have drawn their last two away games in Serie A and could register three consecutive draws in away games in the competition for the first time since December 2018 under Gennaro Gattuso.

In 2024 Torino have conceded only two goals in nine home matches in Serie A, fewer than any other team; on the other hand, only Inter (24) have scored more away goals than Milan (20) this calendar year in the competition.

AC Milan (34) have scored the second-most goals in the first half in Serie A this season, after Inter (39); on the other hand, Torino have conceded the joint-fewest goals in the first half in the Big-5 European leagues in 2023/24 (seven, level with Inter).

Duván Zapata has been involved in 45% of Torino's goals in Serie A this season (15/33, 11 goals and four assists), a record in percentage for a player in the current league season. Against AC Milan, the Colombian has netted five goals in 15 matches in Serie A.

Olivier Giroud has scored 14 goals in Serie A this season, the last season he netted more in the Big-5 European leagues was in 2015/16 (16 with Arsenal). In addition, Torino are the team against which Giroud has the best mins/goal on average in Serie A (one goal every 86 minutes, four goals in 344 minutes).

Christian Pulisic has been involved in 19 goals in 34 appearances in the current league season (12 goals and seven assists) and could become only the second AC Milan midfielder to be involved in at least 20 goals and assists in a single season in the last 20 Serie A campaigns (since 2004/05), after Kakà (20 in 2005/06, 26 in 2007/08, 25 in 2008/09).

## 19/05/2024 12:30 - MAPEI STADIUM



### SASSUOLO

### Vs

### CAGLIARI



Sassuolo and Cagliari have drawn 10 of their 17 Serie A matches (three Neroveri wins and four Rossoblù wins); against no other team have the Emilians collected more draws in the competition (10 also against Udinese).

Cagliari won 2-1 in the reverse match against Sassuolo (with the Emilians' goal by Erlic, overturned the results thanks to goals in the 94th minute by Lapadula and in the 99th by Pavoletti) and could win both Serie A seasonal matches against the Neroverdi for the first time.

Sassuolo have not lost any of their eight home Serie A matches against Cagliari (W2 D6), among the teams against which the Neroverdi have never lost in home matches in Serie A, the Sardinian side are the one they have faced the most (at least five more than against any other).

Cagliari have lost 12 of their 18 away Serie A games in this campaign, scoring just 12 goals (W1 D5); On the road, only the opponents of this MD (13) have more defeats than the Rossoblù (12 at level with Salernitana), while no team has scored fewer goals than the Sardinians in away games (12, always on a par with the Campanians) in the current tournament.

Sassuolo have won the last Serie A match against Inter (1-0) and could collect two home wins in a row for the second time in Serie A this season, the previous one in September against Hellas Verona and Juventus, while they could record two consecutive home wins with clean sheets in the competition for the first time since April-May 2018 (double 1-0 against Fiorentina and Sampdoria).

Only Inter (85), AC Milan (66), Atalanta and Lazio (both 57) have won more points than Sassuolo considering only the first half of games in Serie A this season (50 at level with Genoa). On the other hand, Cagliari (31) would be second-bottom in this ranking, ahead of Salernitana (28).

Sassuolo are the team that have dropped the most points from winning positions in Serie A this season (31); on the other hand, the Rossoblù have won 17 from losing positions in the competition – fewer only than Napoli (20) and Genoa (18) – however, only three of these have come in matches away from home.

Andrea Pinamonti has scored 29 goals in the last three Serie A seasons (since 2021/22) - including one for Empoli against Cagliari on 13 February 2022 - among players born since 1999, only Dusan Vlahovic (50) and Rafael Leão (34) have scored more than the Neroverde striker (29) in this run in the Italian top flight.

Since his arrival in Serie A (2022/23), Armand Laurienté (40) is one of four players along with Khvicha Kvaratskhelia (48), Rafael Leão (43) and Matteo Politano (41) with at least 40 chances created following carries in the competition. While, the black-and-green striker has scored Sassuolo's last three goals in home matches in the tournament (two vs Milan, one vs Inter).

Nicolas Viola has scored five goals in 24 Serie A matches in this campaign, equalling his scoring record in the competition (five goals in 17 games for Benevento in 2020/21); Cagliari's last Italian midfielder to score more in a single top-flight season was Nicolò Barella in 2017/18 (six goals in 34 appearances).

**19/05/2024 15:00 - U-POWER STADIUM**



**MONZA**

**Vs**

**FROSINONE**



Monza are unbeaten in five of their six matches against Frosinone between Serie A, Serie B and Coppa Italia (W4 D1), winning each of the last two – the Ciocari's only win against the Brianzoli came in April 2022 in Serie B (4-1).

This will be the first match between Monza and Frosinone at the home of the Brianzoli in Serie A; the Biancorossi won all three home games against the Gialloblù between Serie B and Coppa Italia: 12 total goals between the two sides in these three matches (four on average per game).

With a defeat in the last match against Fiorentina, Monza registered seven games in a row without any win for the first time in Serie A (D3 L4).

Monza haven't lost in eight of their nine matches against newly promoted sides in Serie A (W5 D3), winning each of their last four; their only defeat against such opposition during this period came in May 2023 against Lecce (0-1).

Frosinone haven't lost six of their last seven league games (W1 D5), losing however the most recent match against Inter. The Ciociari have also recorded four clean sheets in the last six matches, having kept only two clean sheets in the first 30 games in Serie A in 2023/24.

Frosinone haven't scored in their last two league games and could register three games in a row without scoring in Serie A for the first time since the period between December 2018 and January 2019 under Marco Baroni.

44% of Frosinone's Serie A goals this season have come via set piece situations, the highest share in the division (19/43). Meanwhile, Monza are one of the three teams with the highest share of goals scored from open play (77%, 30/39), level with Udinese and Empoli.

Milan Djuric has scored in his last two league games and could score in three matches in a row for the first time in his Serie A career. Djuric could also become the first Monza player to score in three consecutive games in Serie A.

Matteo Pessina has been involved in nine goals in the current league season (six goals and three assists): a record for him in a single Serie A campaign – surpassing his eight goal involvements in 2022/23 (five goals and three assists).

Nadir Zortea is the Frosinone player who has been involved in the most goals in the second half of the current Serie A campaign (six, one goal and five assists), while in the first half of the season the record was for Matías Soulé (nine, eight goals and one assist).

## 19/05/2024 15:00 - BLUENERGY STADIUM - STADIO FRIULI

**UDINESE****Vs****EMPOLI**

Udinese are unbeaten in their last four Serie A matches against Empoli (W2 D2). Only between January 1999 and March 2003 (five, under Francesco Guidolin first and Luciano Spalletti then) have they enjoyed a longer run without defeat against them in the competition.

Udinese have not conceded a goal in their last two games against Empoli in Serie A – including the reverse fixture which ended 0-0 October – and have never collected more clean sheets in a row against them in competition. Indeed, the Bianconeri could keep a clean sheet in both seasonal matches against this opponent for only the second time in the competition (also in 1986/87).

Udinese and Empoli drew their last meeting at the Bluenergy Stadium in Serie A (1-1 in January 2023) and could draw two matches in a row at the home of the Friulians in the top-flight for the first time since October '97 - January '99.

Udinese won their last Serie A match without conceding a goal (2-0 vs Lecce) and could collect two clean sheets in a row for the first time since last February (against Monza and Juventus). Indeed, they have not recorded two consecutive wins without conceding in the competition since August-September 2022 (vs Fiorentina and Roma).

Udinese have won just a single home Serie A game this season, the joint fewest in the division alongside Salernitana (3-0 vs Bologna, on 30 December). Indeed, on only one of the previous eight occasions in which a team has recorded one or fewer home wins have they avoided relegation at the end of the season (Fiorentina in 1970/71).

Empoli have lost without scoring each of their last five Serie A away games; the last team to reach six away defeats in a row without a goal in the competition was Spezia between August and October 2022.

Empoli have scored the fewest goals from set piece situations in Serie A this season (six), while Udinese have scored the highest percentage from open play (77% - 27/35).

Following his goal against Empoli in April 2022 (4-1), the Tuscan team could become the second team against which Lazar Samardzic has more than one goal in Serie A after Napoli (two); he has scored five goals in 32 appearances in the competition this term and is one goal away from setting his own scoring record in a single season (five goals in 37 games also in the previous season).

Among Italian players with at least eight goals scored in this Serie A season, Lorenzo Lucca (born 2000) is the youngest; the Udinese striker, who scored in the last match against Lecce, could score in two matches in a row in the competition for the first time.

M'Baye Niang, scorer of four Serie A goals this season, could equal his scoring record in a single Serie A season (five goals with both Genoa in 2014/15 and Milan in 2015/16). Furthermore, he has already scored in Serie A against Udinese, netting for Milan back in February 2016 (1-1 at San Siro).

## 19/05/2024 18:00 - GIUSEPPE MEAZZA

**INTER****Vs****LAZIO**

After the 2-0 in the reverse match played on 17th December 2023, Inter could win both matches in a single season against Lazio in Serie A for the first time since 2016/17.

Inter have won their last two league games against Lazio and could achieve three wins in a row against the Biancocelesti in Serie A for the first time since the period between 2008 and 2010: four in that case under José Mourinho.

Lazio's last win against Inter at the Meazza stadium in Serie A was back on 31 March 2019 (1-0 with a Sergej Milinkovic-Savic goal); since then, there have been four consecutive wins for the Nerazzurri in home matches against the Biancocelesti in Serie A, with an overall score of 9-3.

Inter have won 92 points in 36 matches in the current league season; if they win each of their final two games to move to 98 points, they would establish a new record for the club in a single Serie A campaign (surpassing the 97 of 2006/07).

Inter have kept 21 clean sheets in a single Serie A season for the first time in their history; the Nerazzurri could also equal the all-time record for clean sheets in a season in the history of the competition: 22, set by AC Milan in 1993/94 and Juventus in 2013/14, 2015/16 and 2017/18.

Inter (101 goals in 2023/24) have scored at least 100 goals in each of the last five seasons in all competitions, after having reached this milestone in only six campaigns in their previous 88 seasons as a club (since 1929/30).

Since Igor Tudor's first game as manager (MD30), Lazio have gained 16 points in seven Serie A matches: a joint-record, level with Inter and Atalanta. In addition, only Bologna (two) have conceded fewer goals than the Biancocelesti (four) in the period.

Only Fiorentina (21) have hit the woodwork more often than Inter (18) and Lazio (17) in Serie A this season.

Lautaro Martínez has scored 24 goals in the current league season; in the 21st century, only two Inter players have netted at least 25 goals in a single Serie A campaign: Mauro Icardi (29 in 2017/18) and Zlatan Ibrahimovic (25 in 2008/09).

Felipe Anderson has scored more goals against Inter than against any other side in Serie A (six), including his first brace in the competition (on 21st December 2014 at the Meazza stadium). In addition, he could make his 250th appearance in Serie A in this game.

## 19/05/2024 20:45 - OLIMPICO

**ROMA****Vs****GENOA**

Roma have gone unbeaten in 16 of the last 17 matches against Genoa in Serie A (W12 D4), however did lose the most recent match (1-4 on 28 September).

After winning the reverse fixture on September 28th, Genoa could win both home and away against Roma in Serie A for the first time since 1946/47.

Roma have avoided defeat in 36 of the last 37 home matches against Genoa in Serie A (W30 D6). Indeed, Grifone's only success in this period dates back to 17 January 1990 (1-0 with a goal from Carlos Aguilera at the Flaminio stadium and with Franco Scoglio as coach).

Roma have not won any of their last five matches in all competitions (D3 L2), last having a longer run between April and May 2021, with Paulo Fonseca as coach.

Roma have gained 60 points in 36 matches in Serie A this season, exactly as many as they had obtained after as many games last term (W17 D9 L10) – the Giallorossi have scored more goals at the same stage this term (63 in 23/24 and 47 in 22/23), but also conceded more goals in the current championship (44 in 23/24 and 35 in 22/23).

Genoa have avoided defeat in seven of their last eight league matches (W3 D4), after suffering two defeats in a row (vs Inter and Monza) – their only defeat since then came against Lazio on 19 April (0-1).

With the comeback victory against Sassuolo in the most recent match, Genoa have now gained 18 points from losing positions in Serie A this season; only Napoli (20) have won more.



Romelu Lukaku has scored 12 goals in the current league season; in the last 20 campaigns since Serie A returned to 20 teams (from 2004/05), only two players have scored more goals in their first season with Roma in the top-flight: Tammy Abraham (17 in 2021/22) and Mohamed Salah (14 in 2015/16).

Lorenzo Pellegrini has scored eight goals in Serie A this season; only in 2021/22 (nine) has he scored more goals in a single top-flight campaign. In addition, in 2024 only Teun Koopmeiners (11) has been involved in more goals than Pellegrini (nine: six goals and three assists) among midfielders in Serie A. His next appearance will also be his 250th in the top-flight.

Albert Gudmundsson has scored eight goals away from home in Serie A this season; only two players in Genoa's history have scored more away goals in a single top-flight season: nine for both Rodrigo Palacio in 2011/12 and Guglielmo Trevisan in 1942/43.

## 20/05/2024 18:30 - ARECHI



# SALERNITANA

# Vs

# HELLAS VERONA



Salernitana have lost just one of their last five Serie A games against Hellas Verona (W3 D1). Furthermore, after the win in the reverse fixture back in December against the Scaligeri, the Campania team could record a double over a single opponent for only the second time in Serie A, after doing so against Venezia in 2021-22.

Salernitana are unbeaten in their two home matches against Hellas Verona in Serie A and both teams have scored in each of those games: 2-2 on 22 September 2021 and 2-1 on 9 October 2022.

Salernitana's last victory in Serie A dates back to the reverse fixture against Hellas Verona on December 30th 2023 (1-0 with a goal by Loum Tchaoua); in 2024 the Campania team are the only team yet to win a game in Serie A, winning just four points in 18 matches, at least nine fewer than any other side.

After the 1-1 draw against Juventus last time out, Salernitana could draw two games in a row in Serie A for the first time since August 2023 (v Roma and Udinese).

Hellas Verona haven't repeated the same result in back-to-back matches across their last nine league games (W3 D2 L4); in fact, after the defeat suffered last time out against Torino, the Scaligeri could lose two games in a row in Serie A for the first time since doing so between December 2023 and January 2024 (v Salernitana and Inter).

After winning their first away match of the season in August (1-0 v Empoli), Hellas Verona have since won just one of their 17 away games in Serie A (D5 L11): 1-0 against Lecce on 10 March.

Considering only the second half of the Serie A season, Hellas Verona have gained 20 points in 17 matches (1.2 points on average) and would occupy 13th place in the standings, while they had finished the first part of the season with 14 points from 19 matches (0.7 points average) and sat in 18th place in the standings.

Salernitana are the team that have conceded the most goals in Serie A this season (76); their worst record of goals conceded in a full single Serie A season is 78, set in 2021-22.

In 2024 Loum Tchaoua is the Salernitana player who has recorded the most shots (34), shots on target (12), touches in the opposition box (51) and has the joint-most goals + assists combined in Serie A (five: three goals and two assists – level with Giulio Maggiore).

Tijjani Noslin has scored four goals in Serie A, with each of those coming against teams currently in the top eight of the table: against Juventus, Milan, Atalanta and Fiorentina.

## 20/05/2024 20:45 - RENATO DALL'ARA



### BOLOGNA

Vs

### JUVENTUS



After the 1-1 draw in the reverse fixture in August, Bologna and Juventus could draw both matches in a Serie A season for the first time since 2011-12 (two 1-1s in that case).

Juventus are unbeaten in 41 of their last 42 matches against Bologna in Serie A (W29 D12), with the last win by the Rossoblù against the Bianconeri in the top-flight dating back to February 2011, thanks to Marco Di Vaio's brace at the Olimpico Grande Torino under Alberto Malesani.

Bologna's last win at the Dall'Ara against Juventus in Serie A dates back to November 29th, 1998, under Carlo Mazzone (3-0, goals from Paramatti, Signori and Fontolan). Since then, there has been six draws and 14 Juventus wins at Bologna's home stadium.

Bologna have won 67 points in Serie A this season after 36 games, and in their history they have only won more across an entire season on three occasions (counting three points per win): 69 in 1930-31, 71 in 1931-32 and 76 in 1963-64 (in all these three cases the league had 18 teams).

Bologna will play in the UEFA Champions League for the first time in their history next season; including the European Cup, the Rossoblù will play in the competition for only the second time, after 1964-65 under Fulvio Bernardini when they were eliminated in the first round against Anderlecht.

Bologna and Juventus (67 points each) will compete in a Serie A match whilst having the same points tally in the standings (excluding Matchday 1) for the first time since Matchday 4 of the 1980-81 season (four points each); when considering only the second half of the season, this is only the second time they have done so after Matchday 20 of the 1935-36 campaign (26 points each).

Juventus have recorded five draws in a row in the league for the first time since May 2009; in their Serie A history, only once have the Bianconeri drawn more consecutive matches: seven between March and April 1971.

Bologna have scored more goals in stoppage time than any other team in Serie A this season (7) whilst Juventus sit fourth in this ranking with five such goals - between them are Atalanta and Roma (both six).

Riccardo Calafiori has provided five assists in 2024 in Serie A, the joint-most in this period in the league along with Nadir Zortea. Since assist data has been available in the competition (since 2004-05), Calafiori is the first Bologna defender to have recorded five assists in a single top-flight campaign.

Bologna are the team against which both Federico Chiesa (six goals in 10 matches) and Arkadiusz Milik (six goals in seven matches) have scored the most goals in their careers in Serie A. Dusan Vlahovic has also scored six goals against the Rossoblù in the top-flight, the joint-most for him alongside Cagliari, Lazio, Salernitana and Sassuolo.