



INSIGHTS

Matchday 38 Serie A 2023-24
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23/05/2024 20:45 - UNIPOL DOMUS



CAGLIARI

Vs

FIorentina



Fiorentina are unbeaten in their last six matches against Cagliari in Serie A (W3 D3), conceding just once in this period (João Pedro's goal in the 1-1 draw in January 2022) - the last time they recorded a longer such run against the Sardinians was from April 2009 - November 2012 (run of eight - W5 D3).

After winning the reverse fixture (3-0 last October), Fiorentina could complete the double against Cagliari in Serie A for the first time since 2016-17 under Paulo Sousa (5-3 away and 1-0 at home in that case).

Cagliari have drawn 17 of their 41 home matches against Fiorentina in Serie A (W18 D6), including each of the last two: they have only drawn more games in the competition against Inter (18).

This is the fourth time that Cagliari have managed to remain in Serie A as a newly promoted side in the three points for a win era, following 1998-99, 2004-05 and 2016-17. With a win against Fiorentina, Cagliari would end this Serie A season with 39 points, at least two more than in their previous two seasons in the top-flight (30 in 2021-22 and 37 in 2020-21).

Cagliari are unbeaten in their last six home matches in Serie A (W2 D4); they have not recorded a longer such run at Unipol Domus in the top-flight since between May - December 2018 (eight in that case).

In 2024, Fiorentina have earned only five points in eight Serie A away matches (W1 D2 L5), only Sassuolo (one) and Salernitana (three) have won fewer this calendar year. Moreover, no side has scored fewer goals than Viola in Serie A away games this year: six, alongside Salernitana and Sassuolo.

Fiorentina have scored more headed goals than any other side in Serie A this season (17). Across the last 20 seasons of the competition, they have scored more headers across a single season in only 2005-06 (21)

Only AC Milan (16) scored more goals than Cagliari (14) via substitutes in Serie A this term. Meanwhile, 11 of these goals have been scored at home, at least three more than any other side in the competition.

No side has had more goalscorers born after 2002 than Cagliari (four) in Serie A this season - Gaetano Oristanio, Zito Luvumbo, Ibrahim Sulemana and Matteo Prati (Frosinone and Monza, also four goalscorers).

Andrea Belotti has scored eight goals against Cagliari in Serie A and has netted more against only Sassuolo and Sampdoria in the competition (nine). However, he has scored just once in his last 20 Serie A appearances, against Frosinone last February.

24/05/2024 20:45 - LUIGI FERRARIS



GENOA

Vs

BOLOGNA



Genoa have avoided defeat in eight of their last nine matches against Bologna in Serie A (W4 D4), after having won just one of their previous nine games against them (D3 L5).

Following the 1-1 draw in the reverse fixture in January, Genoa and Bologna could draw both seasonal encounters in a single Serie A season for the first time since 1957-58.

Genoa have won their last two league matches at the Ferraris (v Cagliari and Sassuolo), the last time they achieved a longer such run in Serie A came between January - February 2021 (3, the first of which was against Bologna).

Genoa have won 46 points in Serie A this term (W11 D13 L13), only in 2014-15 did they obtain more points across their previous 11 seasons in Serie A (59 and 6th place in the standings in that case).

Bologna have won 68 points this season - they have only earned more points in three seasons in their Serie A history (counting three points for a win): 69 in 1930-31, 71 in 1931-32 and 76 in 1963-64 (in all these three cases the championship had 18 sides).

Bologna have recorded 17 clean sheets in Serie A this season, only once in their history have they kept more clean sheets in a Serie A season: 19 in 1963-64.

Bologna are unbeaten in their last eight league away games (W5 D3), the last time they recorded a longer such run in Serie A came between February - November 1970 (10 under Edmondo Fabbri). Furthermore, Bologna could keep a clean sheet in three consecutive away games in Serie A for the first time since January 2016.

Bologna have scored the most injury-time goals in Serie A this season (7), while no side have conceded more goals than Genoa in injury time (7, level with Salernitana, Sassuolo and Udinese). Grifone are also the only side yet to have scored a single such goal in Serie A this term.

Albert Gudmundsson has scored 14 Serie A goals this season (including Genoa's only goal from a direct free-kick in Serie A this term, in the reverse fixture against Bologna). The last Genoa player to score more in a single season of Serie A was his current coach Alberto Gilardino in 2013-14 (15 goals).

Riccardo Calafiori has been directly involved in seven goals in Serie A this season (2 goals and 5 assists), all in 2024 - a record among defenders in Serie A this calendar year. Furthermore, since Serie A returned to 20 teams (since 2004-05), only one Bologna defender has been involved in more goals in a single season in the competition: Stefan Posch in 2022-23 (8, 6G + 2A).

25/05/2024 18:00 - ALLIANZ STADIUM

**JUVENTUS****Vs****MONZA**

After losing their first two Serie A matches against Monza, Juventus won the most recent meeting between the two sides (2-1 in the reverse fixture last December).

Monza have a perfectly balanced record in their three away games played in Serie A against opponents from Piemonte, with one win, one draw and one defeat. However, after winning the first one (against Juventus), they have obtained just one point in the most recent two (D1 L1 vs Torino).

Juventus lost their only previous home match against Monza in Serie A: the last opponent against which the Bianconeri failed to win both of their first two home matches in the competition were Cagliari, between 1964 and 1965 (two nil-nil draws).

Juventus have gained just 22 points in their 18 matches played in the second half of the season, an average of 1.22 per match and ahead of only 2009-10 (1.16).

Monza, alongside Salernitana, are one of two sides winless in their last eight Serie A matches - three draws and five defeats for the Brianza team in this period.

Juventus have drawn their last six league matches, and in their Serie A history have only once recorded a run of seven consecutive draws, between March and April 1971, with Cestmir Vycpalek on the bench.

Monza have made the fewest high turnovers in Serie A this season, just 152. Meanwhile, Juventus have made 219, more than only Roma (201) among sides currently in the top half of the table.

Federico Chiesa has scored eight goals in Serie A this season; he has never scored more across a single season in the competition with Juventus (eight also in 2020-21). The last Italian to score more goals with the Bianconeri in a Serie A season was Fabio Quagliarella in 2012-13 (nine).

Federico Gatti has scored four league goals this season, including one in the reverse fixture against Monza. The only Juventus defender to score more goals (excluding penalties) in a Serie A season in the three points for a win era was Igor Tudor, who netted six in 2000-01.

Milan Djuric has scored four goals this season for Monza, after also scoring five in the first half of the season with Hellas Verona. Only six players in the entire history of Serie A have managed to score at least five goals with two different teams during a single season: Adriano in 2003-04 (Parma and Inter), Giampaolo Pazzini in 2010-11 (Sampdoria and Inter), Alessandro Matri in 2010-11 (Cagliari and Juventus), Manolo Gabbiadini in 2014-15 (Sampdoria and Napoli), Krzysztof Piatek in 2018-19 (Genoa and Milan) and Dusan Vlahovic in 2021-22 (Fiorentina and Juventus).

25/05/2024 20:45 - GIUSEPPE MEAZZA



MILAN

Vs

SALERNITANA



Milan are unbeaten in eight (W5 D3) of their nine Serie A games against Salernitana, although they have drawn three of their four (W1) most recent league matches against this opponent.

Salernitana are winless in each of their four Serie A away games (D1 L3) against AC Milan and in general San Siro is the Stadium in which the Campani have played the most meetings in the competition without ever winning (9: D1 L8).

Among the teams against which AC Milan have always scored in Serie A, only against Pescara (14), Pro Vercelli (12) and Messina (10) have the Rossoneri played more games than against Salernitana (9).

AC Milan have only won one of their last six league games (D3 L2), after winning each of their previous five; furthermore, following their defeat against Torino, the Rossoneri could lose back-to-back Serie A games for the first time since February 2023 (three in that case).

Salernitana are the fourth non-newly promoted team in Serie A history to lose at least 25 matches in a single top-flight season (W2 D10 L25 in Serie A in 2023/24), after Triestina in 1946/47 (25), SPAL in 2019/20 (28) and Sampdoria in 2022/23 (25).

AC Milan have won their final game of a Serie A season in each of the last six campaigns (also always ahead at half-time): already their longest such streak in the competition.

Stefano Pioli is the manager with the fourth-most wins as AC Milan coach in Serie A: 108, behind Carlo Ancelotti (163), Nereo Rocco (120) and Fabio Capello (110); furthermore, he is the second AC Milan manager overall in terms of win percentage in the competition: 59%, only behind Lajos Czeizler (64%).

Over the last five Serie A seasons (since 2019/20), Théo Hernández is the defender who has been directly involved in the most goals (48), who has completed the most dribbles (232) and who has made the most total carries (2571). Furthermore, he has won 99 games in the top-flight (level with Giovanni Di Lorenzo): in the period, only less than Alessandro Bastoni among defenders (100).

Olivier Giroud has scored the most goals in Serie A for AC Milan after turning 34: 38 (ahead of Zlatan Ibrahimovic's 34); considering all foreign players in top-flight history, only Cristiano Ronaldo (64) and Miroslav Klose (42) have netted more.

Giulio Maggiore is one of the three Italian players who have been directly involved in at least five goals in Serie A from the start of March onwards, alongside with Gianluca Scamacca (eight) and Riccardo Calafiori (five): three goals and two assists in the period for the Salernitana midfielder.

26/05/2024 18:00 - GEWISS STADIUM

**ATALANTA****Vs****TORINO**

Atalanta are unbeaten in seven of their last eight matches against Torino in Serie A (W5 D2), losing the most recent one on 4 December (0-3).

After their 3-0 victory in the reverse fixture, Torino could win both matches against Atalanta in a single Serie A season for the first time since 2015/16, with Giampiero Ventura as coach.

Torino have won only one of their last seven away games against Atalanta in Serie A (D3 L3): 3-2 on 1 September 2019; 29 goals were scored between the two teams in the period (4.1 on average per match).

Atalanta have won their last five league matches, the last time they achieved more wins in a row in Serie A dates to the period between November and December 2021 (six).

Atalanta have gained 38 points in matches at the Gewiss Stadium in this championship and if they were successful against Torino they would rise to 41 – in this case, only in 1947/48 (48) would they have done better in home matches in a Serie A season, always considering three points for a win.

Torino have kept 18 clean sheets in this league season, only in 1976/77 (19 with Luigi Radice as manager) have they recorded more clean sheets in a single season in their Serie A history.

Torino have won their last two league matches (against Hellas Verona and Milan), the last time they recorded three successes in a row in Serie A dates to the period between May and September 2019, with Walter Mazzarri at the helm.

Since the beginning of February 2024, only Victor Osimhen (eight) has scored more goals in Serie A than Charles De Ketelaere, Teun Koopmeiners and Duván Zapata (all on seven, together with Paulo Dybala).

Gianluca Scamacca has been involved in 17 goals this season (11 goals and six assists); no Italian has done better in a Serie A season with Atalanta over the last 20 years (since 2004/05): 17 also for Cristiano Doni in 2007/08 and Sergio Floccari in 2008/09.

Duván Zapata has scored seven goals in 10 matches against Atalanta in Serie A, only against Sassuolo (10, but in 18 matches) has he scored more. The Colombian scored 69 goals for Atalanta in Serie A (in 153 appearances), ranking in joint-1st place, along with Cristiano Doni (69), for the Dea's best scorers in the topflight.

26/05/2024 18:00 - DIEGO ARMANDO MARADONA



NAPOLI

Vs

LECCE



Napoli have won five of their last seven league games against Lecce (1D, 1L), scoring 19 goals in those matches (average of 2.7 per game).

Lecce avoided defeat in four of their last seven Serie A away matches against Napoli (2W, 2D), including in the two most recent, they have never avoided defeat in three away matches in a row against them in the top flight.

Napoli have found the net in each of their 12 home matches played against Lecce in Serie A: among the opponents against whom they have always scored at least one goal at Stadio Maradona, they've played more home matches in the competition only against Bari (24) and Padova (13).

Napoli are the only team that haven't recorded a single clean sheet in Serie A since February: conceding 23 goals in the 16 matches played in the topflight in the period; the only previous time they conceded at least one goal in the competition in 17 consecutive matches was between August 1997 and January 1998.

Lecce have never kept a clean sheet in their final match in a Serie A season, conceding in total 42 goals in 17 games (an average of 2.5 per match), in which they had four wins, one draw and 12 defeats (including all of the last five such fixtures).

Napoli collected in total 52 points in this league: before 2023/24, the two worst seasonal returns for a team that started the tournament as Italian Serie A reigning champions in the three-point-per-win era are AC Milan 1996/97 (43 points) and Juventus 1998/99 (54).

Lecce have won two of their four Serie A away matches with Luca Gotti on the bench (1D, 1L), as many games won as in the previous 22 away matches played in the competition (7D, 13L) with both Marco Baroni and Roberto D'Aversa on the bench.

No team have scored fewer goals during the first 15 minutes of games in this Serie A than Napoli (just two, like Cagliari and Udinese); on the other hand, no team have scored less goals during first halves of the current tournament than Lecce (10, like Empoli).

Victor Osimhen is the player who has scored the most goals since February in Serie A, thanks to eight goals scored in 11 appearances, exactly twice as many as he scored in the previous 11 games played in the competition (four); the Napoli forward also found the net in the reverse fixture against Lecce, scoring from the bench last Sept. 30.

Nikola Krstovic, who has been involved in three goals in his last five Serie A appearances (two goals and one assist), has scored a total of seven goals in the current league; only four players in Lecce's history had more in their debut season in the competition: Cristiano Lucarelli (15 in 1999/2000), Davor Vugrinec (11 in 2000/01), Javier Chevantón (11 in 2001/02) and Gianluca Lapadula (11 in 2019/20).

26/05/2024 20:45 - CARLO CASTELLANI COMPUTER GROSS ARENA



EMPOLI

Vs

ROMA



Among teams faced at least 15 times in Serie A, Empoli is the one against which Roma register the highest percentage of games won: 74% (23/31); five draws and three wins of the Tuscan club.

Roma won their last eight matches against Empoli in Serie A, only once have the Giallorossi won more games in a row against a single opponent in the topflight: 10 straight wins against Udinese between October 2013 and February 2018.

Empoli's last home win against Roma in Serie A dates to Feb. 17, 2007: 1-0, thanks to Nicola Pozzi's goal, with Luigi Cagni as coach; since then, there have been five Giallorossi wins and two draws in seven matches at the Castellani between the two sides in the top league.

Empoli could be relegated to Serie B for the first time since 2018/19; on the other hand, they could remain in the top flight for three seasons in a row for the first time in their Serie A history.

Empoli earned seven points in their last three home Serie A matches, keeping a clean sheet in the two most recent ones - the last time they recorded three clean sheets in a row at home in Serie A was between November 2022 and January 2023.

Roma will finish in 6th place in the final standings in three seasons in a row for the first time in their history in Serie A - they ended the two previous championships both with 63 points (63 points also in 2023/24 but with one match still to be played).

Only Cadiz (25) and Clermont (26) have scored fewer goals than Empoli (27) in the top 10 European leagues this season - the last time they ended a season in the topflight with 27 or fewer goals scored was in 2003/04 (26).

M'Baye Niang, who has scored five goals in this championship, equaled his own scoring record in a single Serie A season: five goals with both Genoa in 2014/15 and AC Milan in 2015/16.

Since his arrival to Roma, Empoli is the team against which Paulo Dybala has been involved in more goals in Serie A: six in three games (three goals and three assists). Overall, only Lautaro Martínez (27 - 24 goals and three assists) has been involved in more goals than Dybala (22 - 13 goalscoring and nine assists) in the 2023/24 championship (Olivier Giroud, 14G + 8A, is also on 22).

Empoli is the opponent against whom Tammy Abraham has scored his most goals in Serie A: four in four games, including a brace at Carlo Castellani Stadium on Jan. 23, 2022. The English player has scored two of his last three goals a substitute in Serie A, after scoring "from the bench" in only one of his previous 23 goals in the competition.

26/05/2024 20:45 - BENITO STIRPE

**FROSINONE****Vs****UDINESE**

Udinese are unbeaten in four of the five matches against Frosinone in Serie A (W2 D2), the Gialloblù's only win was in March 2016: 2-0 at Matusa. Furthermore, in the five matches between Frosinone and Udinese in Serie A the same result has never been repeated in successive games: a draw in the reverse fixture (0-0).

Both Frosinone and Udinese have won one game each at the home of the Gialloblù in Serie A; a win for the Gialloblù in March 2016 (2-0) and a win for the Bianconeri in May 2019 (3-1).

Frosinone could avoid relegation for the first time in their Serie A history; in their two previous top-flight campaigns they finished 19th in the table in both 2015-16 and 2018-19.

Frosinone are unbeaten in seven of their last eight league matches (W2 D5), winning the most recent one against Monza; they could record successive wins in Serie A for only the second time in their history, after April 2019 (against Parma and Fiorentina in that case).

Frosinone have recorded five clean sheets in their last eight league matches; in this period (from the 30th matchday), no team have kept more clean sheets in Serie A (5, level with Bologna).

Udinese have drawn the most matches this season in the big five European leagues (19); furthermore, only twice in the history of Serie A has a team finished the season with more draws: Udinese in 1982-83 (20) and Mantova in 1966-67 (22).

Udinese won their last away league game against Lecce, they could record successive wins away from home in Serie A for the first time since between August and October 2022 (run of three).

Frosinone are the team that have the lowest average age among players used, including substitutes, in Serie A in 2023-24 (24 years and 247 days) while Udinese have the fourth-lowest (26 years and 28 days), with Lecce second (25 years and 74 days) and Bologna third (25 years and 115 days).

With a goal in his last match against Monza, Walid Cheddira equalled the record of most goals by a Moroccan player in a single Serie A season (7, level with Achraf Hakimi in 2020-21). Furthermore, since the beginning of March 2024, no player has scored more goals than Cheddira in Serie A (5, level with Scamacca, Pulisic and Gudmundsson).

Lazar Samardzic has scored in his last two league matches and has never found the net in three games in a row in Serie A; the last Udinese midfielder who scored in three consecutive league appearances was Rodrigo De Paul between December 2019 and January 2020.

26/05/2024 20:45 - MARCANTONIO BENTEGODI



HELLAS VERONA

Vs

INTER



Inter have won each of their last seven Serie A matches against Hellas Verona; the Nerazzurri have managed to achieve more consecutive wins against a single opponent in the league over the last 55 seasons only against Catania (8 between 1984 and 2009), Empoli (9 between 2015 and 2022) and Pescara (8 between 1988 and 2017).

Hellas Verona have conceded goals in each of their last 25 league matches against Inter. Indeed, the Gialloblù's last clean sheet against the Nerazzurri in Serie A was in February 1992, a 1-0 home win with Eugenio Fascetti in charge.

Among the opponents against whom Inter are unbeaten in Serie A against away from home in the three points for a win era (since 1994-95), Hellas Verona are the one they have faced most often in this period (12 games - W9 D3), in which they've also scored an average of 2.6 goals per match.

Inter in 2023-24 currently have the fifth-best goal difference in a Serie A season (+67), with only Torino in 1947-48 (+92), Milan in 1949-50 (+73), Torino in 1946-47 (+69) and Milan in 1950-51 (+68) boasting a better such difference.

Hellas Verona have avoid relegation for a fifth consecutive Serie A season, with the Gialloblù gaining 19 points after the winter transfer window closed on 1st February, more than any other team in this period that will finish in the lower half of the Serie A table.

Inter have won 93 points in Serie A this season, only four times has a team earned more points in a single Serie A season considering three points for a win: Torino in 1947-48 (94), Inter in 2006-07 (97), Juventus in 2013-14 (102) and Juventus in 2017-18 (95).

Inter are the team that have recorded the most open play sequences with at least 10 passes in this Serie A season (623), while Hellas Verona are the team that has recorded the fewest (108).

Simone Inzaghi is close to earning 250 points as a coach in Serie A with Inter, an achievement that only Roberto Mancini has reached so far with the Nerazzurri in the three-points-for-a-win era (436): he currently has 249, thanks to 77 wins and 18 draws (18 losses also).

Darko Lazovic is the only midfielder who has both scored at least two goals and provided at least two assists in Serie A from April onwards; however, among teams he has faced on at least 14 occasions in the Italian top-flight, only against Udinese (0) has he been involved in fewer goals than against Inter (1).

Lautaro Martínez has scored six goals in Serie A against Hellas Verona, also scoring in each of the last four matches against the Gialloblù in the league. Indeed, the Inter striker has scored a total of 15 away goals in the current season, while in the history of the Nerazzurri no player has scored more away from home in a single season (also 15 for Stefano Nyers in 1949-50 and Romelu Lukaku in 2019-20).

26/05/2024 20:45 - OLIMPICO

**LAZIO****Vs****SASSUOLO**

Lazio have won each of their last four Serie A games against Sassuolo, including each of the last three without conceding; they have never recorded five wins in a row against the Neroverdi in the competition (run of four also between October 2016 and February 2018 under Simone Inzaghi).

Sassuolo have won just one of their last seven away games against Lazio in the top-flight (D1 L5): 2-1 in July 2020, with goals from Giacomo Raspadori and Francesco Caputo.

Lazio have scored exactly two goals in each of their last four Serie A games against Sassuolo, while they've done so in each of their last three games on home soil against them.

Sassuolo have earned 15 of their 29 points in this Serie A campaign against opponents currently in the top half of the table, 52% of the total, the highest percentage in the current season.

Lazio have lost their last Serie A game of the season in six of their last eight campaigns, although they have remained unbeaten in the two most recent (draw against Hellas Verona in 2021-22 and win against Empoli in 2022-23).

Sassuolo have never drawn their last game in a Serie A season, with three wins and seven defeats in their previous 10.

Sassuolo have conceded 23 goals from set-piece situations in Serie A this season, more than any other team, with seven of them since April; the Neroverdi have only recorded more in a Serie A season in 2019-20 (24) and 2021-22 (25); on the other hand, Lazio have scored just 12 goals from these situations in the current campaign, fewer than any other team currently in the top eight positions in the table.

Daichi Kamada (49 - 22 goals and 27 assists) is close to being directly involved in 50 goals in the big five European leagues. Indeed, since Igor Tudor's first game in charge on 30th March, the Lazio midfielder is one of two players, along with Remo Freuler, who has recorded at least 400 forward passes and made at least 20 tackles in Serie A (400 and 20 for Kamada, 469 and 23 for Freuler).

Felipe Anderson has been directly involved in nine goals against Sassuolo in Serie A (5 goals, 4 assists), against no other opponent does he have more in the big five European leagues (9 also against Torino). In addition, the Lazio winger has scored in each of his last three matches against the Neroverdi in the competition.

Among players currently in the competition, no player has scored more goals on the final day of a Serie A season than Grégoire Defrel (4, level with Matías Vecino, Zapata, Berardi, Politano, De Silvestri and Dybala). The Sassuolo striker scored a hat-trick in 2017 against Torino and a goal in 2019 against Juventus, while the Lazio midfielder scored three goals against his current team in 2016 (2) and 2018 (1) and against Pescara in 2017.