



INSIGHTS

Matchday 10 Serie A 2022-23
15 - 17 October 2022



15/10/2022 15:00 - CARLO CASTELLANI



EMPOLI

Vs

MONZA



Empoli and Monza met in Serie B in 2020/21, drawing both league matches; Monza's last win against the Tuscans was back on 19th September 1999, 1-0 in Serie B.

Empoli have won only one of their last 11 Serie A matches against Lombard teams, registering nine defeats in the period; their only win came against Atalanta on 21st May 2022.

Empoli have lost only one of their last eight Serie A matches against newly promoted sides: 1-2 v Venezia in September 2021 (W2 D5) - however their last clean sheet against such opposition was back in December 2016 (2-0 v Cagliari).

In four home games played in the current league season Empoli have picked up only two points, their worst return after four Serie A home games since 2003/04, a season that ended with relegation to Serie B.

Monza have won their last three league matches without conceding a goal; the last newly promoted team to keep four clean sheets in a row in Serie A was Bologna in 2016, while the last newly promoted club with four consecutive wins was Juventus in 2008.

Empoli have scored 50% of their league goals this season from outside the box (4/8), the largest share of any side in Europe's big five leagues.

Raffaele Palladino has won his first three Serie A matches as a manager and could become the first coach to win his first four games in the competition since Rudi Garcia, in 2013 with Roma.

Last time out against Torino, Empoli's Mattia Destro ended a run of 16 Serie A matches without a goal, netting for the first time since February 2022 against Salernitana for Genoa. He last scored in consecutive league matches in October 2021 (four in a row).

Gianluca Caprari has scored three goals in six Serie A matches against Empoli (including a brace in December 2018 at Castellani); three of his last four league goals have come away from home, including his only goal in 2022/23, against Sampdoria.

Stefano Sensi is the only Monza player to have scored more than one goal in the current league season (eight different scorers for the Lombard's nine goals) - however the midfielder has played five top-flight games against Empoli without ever scoring or assisting.

15/10/2022 18:00 - OLIMPICO GRANDE TORINO



TORINO

Vs

JUVENTUS



Juventus have lost only one of their last 32 Serie A matches against Torino (W23 D8), on 26th April 2015; Matteo Darmian and Fabio Quagliarella scored for the Granata after Andrea Pirlo's goal for the visitors.

Torino's last clean sheet against Juventus in Serie A was back on February 26th 2008, when Walter Novellino drew 0-0 against Claudio Ranieri - since then the Bianconeri have scored 40 goals in 22 games in this fixture.

After the 1-1 draw in the last Derby, Torino could remain unbeaten in consecutive Serie A matches against Juventus for the first time since 2001/02 (two draws under Giancarlo Camolese).

Torino have picked up just two wins in their last 12 home games in Serie A (D5 L5); the Granata have failed to score in five of their last eight home matches (they could score in two home matches in a row for the first time since March 2022).

13 points in the first nine Serie A matches is Juventus's worst return since 2015/16 (12 points), a trend that changed in that season against Torino (on MD11, the first of a streak of 15 consecutive wins).

Juventus haven't won any of their last six away Serie A games (D2 L4); they last went on a longer such run in August 2010 (seven) - in addition, their last streak of three consecutive away defeats in Serie A was back in April 2010 (four).

Juventus have scored 25% of their league goals this season in the first 15 minutes of matches, the highest percentage of any Serie A side. Meanwhile, Torino's earliest goal this season was scored in the 17th minute against Cremonese.

On 3rd April 2021, Antonio Sanabria became the first Torino player to score a brace against Juventus in Serie A since Marco Ferrante in March 2000. The Paraguayan, however, hasn't scored at Olimpico Grande Torino in Serie A since January 23rd, against Sassuolo.

Dusan Vlahovic has played more matches against Torino than against any other side in Serie A (eight) - however the Serbian has scored only one goal against the Granata (with Fiorentina in August 2021), a negative record for him among sides he has faced in at least seven games in the competition.

Juan Cuadrado has been involved in 11 goals against Torino in Serie A (three goals and eight assists), a record for him in the competition. Since Serie A returned to 20 teams (from 2004/05), only two players provided more assists against a single opponent in the top-flight (11 Antonio Candreva v Fiorentina, 9 Antonio Cassano v Udinese).

15/10/2022 20:45 - GEWISS STADIUM



ATALANTA

Vs

SASSUOLO



Sassuolo won their last Serie A meeting with Atalanta (2-1 last April), after a 15-game streak without a single victory against them (D5 L10).

After keeping a clean sheet in each of their first three Serie A meetings with Atalanta, Sassuolo have conceded in each of their last 15 such games, shipping 2.7 goals per game on average – only against Juventus (47) have they conceded more goals in the Italian top-flight than against Atalanta (40).

Atalanta have won each of their last five Serie A home matches against Sassuolo, always scoring at least 2 goals in the process (16 total goals) – they last failed to beat them at home on April 8th, 2017 (1-1).

Despite drawing last time out against Udinese, Atalanta have recorded their best start in Serie A after nine games (21 points). This is the first time they have remained unbeaten after nine matches.

Sassuolo have kept a clean sheet in their last two Serie A away matches: they last went three games in a row without conceding away from home in December 2020, under Roberto De Zerbi.

Atalanta are the only side yet to trail in a game in Serie A this season – on the other hand, Sassuolo have only gained one point in this situation this season, in the draw against Spezia last August. Opponents Sassuolo have gained only one point from a losing position this season, in a draw against Spezia.

Despite being the side to have faced the fewest shots on target in Serie A this season (21, 10 fewer than Atalanta), Sassuolo have conceded 10 goals.

Luis Muriel (99) could become the 24th different foreign player to reach 100 Serie A goals, and the second Colombian after his teammate Duván Zapata (106). Having scored against Udinese last time out, he could find the net in successive Serie A appearances for the first time since April.

Andrea Pinamonti has played 365 minutes in Serie A against Atalanta without scoring a single goal; only against Torino (468) has the Sassuolo striker played more without scoring a single goal in the competition.

Thanks to the goal against Inter, Davide Frattesi has now scored three goals in nine Serie A appearances this season, only one fewer than he had in 36 games played last term; this could be his 50th game for Sassuolo in all competitions.

16/10/2022 12:30 - GIUSEPPE MEAZZA



INTER

Vs

SALERNITANA



Inter and Salernitana have never drawn in their previous six Serie A encounters; four wins for the Nerazzurri (including the only two played in the 21st century) and two successes for the Campani.

Last season, Inter won both matches against Salernitana by a 5-0 scoreline, becoming the first team to win against a single opponent by a 4+ goal margin in two consecutive matches since Inter in 1999 against Lecce - never has a team collected three wins in a row with a 5+ goal margin against a single opponent in top-flight history.

Inter have gone without a draw in Serie A for the most games among sides in the league this season - the Nerazzurri have not played out a draw in their last 18 games: their longest such streak since the beginning of the 1950s (19).

Following the win against Hellas Verona last time out, Salernitana could win two Serie A games in a row for the first time since last April (three); however, they are winless in their last six away matches in the competition; five draws and a defeat against Sassuolo in their most recent game on the road in October.

No team has conceded more goals than Inter in the second-half of games in the league this season: 10 (level with Bologna and Hellas Verona): this is as many as the Nerazzurri shipped in the second- half of games in their first 31 matches last season.

Salernitana have scored the most goals in Serie A in 2022/23 without netting any from outside the box (12, each of those inside the box) - in the big five European Leagues, only Barcelona (20) and Hoffenheim (14) can better this.

Following the defeat against Roma on October 1st, Simone Inzaghi could become the first manager to lose two league home games in a row twice in Serie A (his first time was back in February) with Inter, since Andrea Stramaccioni, between 2012 and 2013.

Lautaro Martínez has scored four goals in two Serie A games against Salernitana, including one of his two hat-tricks in the competition, netted at San Siro last March; he has failed to find the net in his last five league matches, starting each of those games, and only once in the top-flight has he started six games in a row without scoring (December 2021/February 2022).

Edin Dzeko has been directly involved in four goals (2 goals, 2 assists) in two Serie A matches against Salernitana; at Meazza last March, the Bosnian scored a brace and provided an assist.

Antonio Candreva has scored 12 goals and provided 25 assists in 124 Serie A appearances for Inter; the Nerazzurri are his favorite opponent in the top-flight, scoring six goals with Lazio and Sampdoria – he (currently 442 games) could equal Giampiero Boniperti (443) in 39th place for all-time Serie A appearances.

16/10/2022 15:00 - OLIMPICO



LAZIO

Vs

UDINESE



Lazio have lost only one of the last 15 Serie A meetings with Udinese (1-3 on November 29th, 2020) – winning 10 games and drawing four.

After winning five successive Serie A home meetings, keeping a clean sheet in each of those games against Udinese, Lazio have conceded seven goals and earned only one point in their last two such matches – they last failed to win three home league games in a row against the Bianconeri in 2006 (D2 L1).

Lazio have won their last four Serie A matches with an aggregate score of 14-0: they last kept a clean sheet in five successive top-flight matches in February 2007 (under Delio Rossi) and they could win five league games without conceding a single goal for the first time in their history.

Lazio have kept a clean sheet in their last two Serie A home matches and they could make it three in a row for the first time since October 2015 (four under Stefano Pioli).

Udinese have picked up 20 points in their first nine Serie A games of the season for the second time in their history, after the 2008/09 campaign, when they drew the 10th game, before losing the following five in a row.

Lazio (21%) and Udinese (15%) are the two sides with the highest shot conversion rate in Serie A this season – Lazio have also the highest shooting accuracy so far (59%).

Lazio have been leading in the most Serie A home games so far this season (five, winning four of them) – on the other hand, Udinese have gained the most points from trailing situations (13).

Since September 2022, Sergej Milinkovic-Savic has been involved in seven Serie A goals, thanks to three goals and four assists: in the period, in the big five European Leagues, only Manchester City's Erling Haaland (eight) has more goal involvements.

Four of the six players to have been involved in the most open play sequences ending with a goal in Serie A this season play for Lazio or Udinese: Sergej Milinkovic-Savic (13), Ciro Immobile (10), Gerard Deulofeu (eight) and Destiny Udogie (eight).

Gerard Deulofeu has been involved in a goal in each of his last three Serie A games played and has never enjoyed a longer run in the competition – the Spaniard has already registered six assists this season and only in the 2015/16 campaign (eight in 26 appearances for Everton) has he ever managed more in the big five European Leagues.

16/10/2022 15:00 - ALBERTO PICCO



SPEZIA

Vs

CREMONESE



Spezia and Cremonese have never met before in Serie A, but in Serie B they met 24 times; 11 Spezia wins, eight for Cremonese and only five draws, including one in the last meeting (0-0, 24 July 2020 in Cremona).

Spezia have won their last six Serie B home games against Cremonese, scoring a total of 12 goals and conceding only four (the last victory was a 3-2 win on February 11th 2020, in which scored Maggiore, Di Gaudio and Nzola scored for the hosts, while Claiton and Parisians netted for the visitors).

Spezia have lost without scoring in their last two league games and have never collected three defeats in a row without finding the back of the net in Serie A.

Cremonese come into this game after two consecutive away draws against Atalanta and Lecce (both 1-1): the Grigiorossi have never registered three draws in a row away from home in Serie A.

In the era of three points for a win, Cremonese are the 11th newly-promoted team not to win any of their first nine games of the season in the top-flight: only one of the previous 10 dodged relegation at the end of the season (Crotone 2016/17, who started with a draw and eight defeats).

Spezia have accrued eight points so far (one more than the seven gained in the first nine games last season): with a win they would reach 11 points and improve their best points haul in the first 10 Serie A games of the season (10 points in 2020/21).

Cremonese are both the team who have conceded the most goals (nine) in the last half hour of play this season in Serie A and the side that has conceded the most (six) in the last 15 minutes; Spezia, from 61 minutes onwards, have conceded seven, fewer only than the Grigiorossi and Hellas Verona (eight).

This is a meeting between two of the three teams that have scored the fewest goals from open play so far in Serie A: five for both Cremonese and Spezia, the same as Sampdoria; only Sampdoria (five total goals) have scored fewer than these two teams (seven goals each).

Salvador Ferrer and M'Bala Nzola are the only two players remaining at Spezia who played in the 3-2 at the Picco against Cremonese on 11 February 2020 in Serie B: the Angolan scored the winner in the 84th minute.

The last three times Cyriel Dessers has failed to score in the league, he has followed that by scoring in two in a row – his first goal in Serie A came in the last match against Napoli: this has happened with Feyenoord in May, March and November 2021.

16/10/2022 18:00 - DIEGO ARMANDO MARADONA



NAPOLI

Vs

BOLOGNA



Napoli have won each of their last four Serie A matches against Bologna (keeping three clean sheets), after the Emilians had registered two wins and a draw in the previous three.

In Napoli's last nine matches at home against Bologna in Serie A, there have been seven wins for the Azzurri and only two for the Rossoblu – there hasn't been a draw since a 1-1 on January 16th 2012 (Acquafresca and Cavani).

Only Milan (64) have gained more points than Napoli (63) since the beginning of 2022 in Serie A: the Azzurri have the best attack in the calendar year with 61 goals scored (average of 2.18 per match).

In their last 13 Serie A matches, Napoli have collected 11 wins and two draws, scoring 35 goals: in this period, the Azzurri are the best team in the league both for points won (35 out of 39) and goals scored.

2015/16 (six points) is the last time that Bologna have picked up fewer points (seven currently) in the first nine games of a Serie A championship and the last time they won one of the first nine game came in 2013/14.

Thiago Motta remains unbeaten in both games as a manager at Napoli in Serie A: a 0-0 draw with Genoa in November 2019 and a 1-0 win with Spezia in December 2021 - two of his four cleans sheets on the road in charge of top-flight teams have come against the Azzurri.

Against Cremonese, Napoli scored from a cross (twice): in this metric, the Partenopei are top in the current Serie A season (seven goals), despite ranking 13th for the number of crosses (including corners) attempted (144).

Against Sampdoria, Bologna lost points from a leading situation: the Rossoblu have lost 11 points (the most in Serie A this season) after going ahead - the Rossoblú team have also conceded the joint-most goals in the second-half (10), along with Inter and Hellas Verona.

Napoli boast both the defender who has created the most open play chances (Giovanni Di Lorenzo, 14), and the second ranked defender for chances created in general (Mario Rui, 20, behind only Cristiano Biraghi, 30) in Serie A this season.

Andrea Cambiaso is the only Bologna defender to have made nine appearances in the league this season: his only Serie A goal came against Napoli, in the 2-1 defeat with Genoa on August 29th 2021.

16/10/2022 20:45 - MARCANTONIO BENTEGODI



HELLAS VERONA

Vs

MILAN



AC Milan have won five of their last seven Serie A matches against Hellas Verona (D2) including each of their last three; the last time they won four matches in a row against the Gialloblù in the Italian top-flight was between 1978-1983.

The last Serie A draw between Hellas Verona and AC Milan at Bentegodi was in December 2000 (a 1-1 draw with goals from Emiliano Bonazzoli and Massimo Ambrosini); in the last eight such meetings at Veneti's home, Hellas Verona have won three and lost five, including each of the last three.

Hellas Verona have lost each of their last four league games; the last time the Veneti lost five consecutive games in Serie A was in May 2018 (seven, when they relegated under Pecchia at the end of that campaign).

AC Milan are the only unbeaten team away from home in Serie A in 2022 (P13 W9 D4), and one of just three ever-present sides in both the 2021/22 and 2022/23 campaigns to still be unbeaten on the road in the big-five European leagues during this calendar year (along with Barcelona and Manchester City).

A win against Verona would mean AC Milan have won at least seven of their opening 10 games of a Serie A season in three consecutive campaigns for a first time ever (8 in 2020/21 and 9 in 2021/22).

AC Milan have fired in the most shots from high turnovers (20), scored the most goals from high turnovers (four) and have had the most direct attacks (28) of any side in Serie A this season.

Hellas Verona are one of only three teams – along with Cremonese and Spezia – yet to have scored a single goal by a midfielder in Serie A this season; in the 2021/22 campaign, the Veneti scored 21 goals via midfielders, the fifth-most across last term.

Milan Djuric – who is yet to score in Serie A this season – found the net in his only home game against the Rossoneri in the Italian top-flight, at Arechi for Salernitana vs AC Milan in February 2022 (a 2-2 draw). The Bosnian forward has not started a single match for Hellas Verona in the current Serie A campaign.

AC Milan's Junior Messias has been directly involved in at least one goal in each of his three Serie A appearances against Hellas Verona, scoring a goal with Crotone in both such meetings in the 2020/21 campaign and assisting at Bentegodi last May.

AC Milan's Sandro Tonali scored his only Serie A brace against Hellas Verona at Bentegodi in May 2022; those strikes are also his last two goals in the competition (six goals in total).

17/10/2022 18:30 - LUIGI FERRARIS



SAMPDORIA

Vs

ROMA



Sampdoria are winless in six Serie A meetings with Roma (D3 L3) since a 2-1 victory in September 2015 under Walter Zenga.

Roma have won five of their last eight Serie A matches against Sampdoria (D2 L1), and in 50% of these games they have not conceded a goal (4/8); in the previous eight such games against the Giallorossi beforehand, they had won only twice (D2 L4).

Roma won their last league trip to Sampdoria (0-1 in April with a goal from Mkhitarian); the Giallorossi have not earned two wins in a row in away matches against Sampdoria in the league since 2008 (2-4 in 2006/07 and 0-3 in 2007/08).

Sampdoria drew their last Serie A match in Bologna; not since April (against Hellas Verona and Genoa) have they gone two consecutive Serie A games without losing. Sampdoria have not won in Serie A since May (against Fiorentina), enduring their longest winless streak in the competition (10 matches) since between February and September 2006 (17 games under Walter Novellino).

This is the eighth time that Roma have won at least six of their first nine matches in the three-points-per-win era in a Serie A season; in each of the previous seven such seasons, they finished the tournament in the top three in the table (last time in 2017/18).

Roma have the with the largest difference (6.92) between Expected Goals (18.92) and goals scored (12) in Europe's big-five leagues this season.

No side has taken the lead in more Serie A matches this season without dropping a point from a winning position than Roma (six, level with Milan).

Sampdoria have only kept a first-half clean sheet once in Serie A this season (in August against Juventus); no team has done worse in this regard (Lecce also only one first-half clean sheet). Furthermore, no side has shipped more first-half goals in the competition this term than Sampdoria (10).

Sampdoria's Filip Djuricic has been directly involved in four goals (two goals, two assists) in his last four Serie A matches against Roma; the Serbian - who scored against Bologna last time out - has not found the net in two consecutive appearances in the competition since October 2020.

Roma's Andrea Belotti has scored nine Serie A goals against Sampdoria, his joint-most against an opponent (also nine v Sassuolo), although hasn't scored against them away from home in the division since November 2018.

17/10/2022 20:45 - VIA DEL MARE - E.GIARDINIERO



LECCE

Vs

FIorentINA



Lecce have won nine of their 28 games (D9 L10) against Fiorentina in Serie A; only against Udinese have the Giallorossi earned more wins (10) in the top-flight.

Fiorentina have won both of their last two away games against Lecce in Serie A, this after having obtained only one victory in the previous 12 such meetings beforehand (D6 L5) in the competition

Lecce have drawn their last three Serie A home matches (all 1-1), with those three draws the joint-most by any side at home in Serie A this term.

Fiorentina have already suffered four defeats in the league this season (all in their last six matches played - W1 D1). The Viola had also lost four times in their first nine rounds of last season in Serie A, but had 15 points at this stage, compared to just nine this term.

Fiorentina have scored just seven league goals so far this season; the Viola have only ever scored fewer in their first nine games of a Serie A season in 1986/87 (five goals).

Lecce's matches have seen fewer goals in the last 30 minutes of play than any other team's in Serie A this season (two - one for, one against).

Fiorentina have the highest average possession in Serie A this season (61%), while Lecce have the lowest (40%). Meanwhile, no side has attempted fewer shots than Lecce in the competition this term (82).

Gabriel Strefezza has already scored four goals in Serie A this season; since Serie A returned to 20 teams (2004/05), only three Lecce players have been able to score at least five goals in the first 10 rounds of a Serie A campaign: Marco Mancosu (five in 2019/20), Mirko Vucinic (five in 2004/05), and Valeri Bojinov (eight in 2004/05).

Fiorentina's Giacomo Bonaventura scored in his last Serie A away match played at Via del Mare against Lecce for Milan in the Rossoneri's 4-1 win in June 2020.

Of the 27 strikers to have played at least 500 minutes in Serie A this season, only Emmanuel Gyasi and Luca Zanimacchia (both none) have been directly involved in fewer goals than Fiorentina's Luka Jovic (one) so far this term.