



# INSIGHTS

**Matchday 12 Serie A 2022-23**  
**29 - 31 October 2022**



29/10/2022 15:00 - DIEGO ARMANDO MARADONA



**NAPOLI**

**Vs**

**SASSUOLO**



Following a 6-1 win last April, Napoli could win two Serie A games in a row vs Sassuolo for a third time in their history, previously doing so in 2020 under Gattuso and in 2015 under Benitez.

Sassuolo have won only two of their 18 Serie A clashes vs Napoli, both in the first part of the season (2015/16 and 2020/21) - the Neroverdi have kept only one clean sheet in the top-flight vs Napoli (0-2 at Maradona stadium in November 2020).

Napoli are unbeaten in their last 15 Serie A matches (W13, D2), the longest ongoing such streak in the league: this run began with a 6-1 victory against Sassuolo back in April.

Napoli are two points down on this stage last season (29 vs 31) – With a win vs Sassuolo, the Azzurri could equal their best start after 12 matches in a top-flight season (32 points, the same collected in 2021/22).

Napoli remain the only unbeaten side in Serie A this season (W9, D2): Paris Saint-Germain and Real Madrid are the only two other team to avoid defeat across the big five European leagues this term.

Napoli (28) and Sassuolo (30) are two of the three Serie A teams to have faced the fewest shots on target so far this term (also AS Roma, 29) – the Azzurri have also landed the most attempts on target in the competition in 2022-23 (72).

Luciano Spalletti could equal his best winning streak in Serie A as Napoli manager should they win this game (8), having won his first eight league matches in charge of the club between August and October 2021.

Davide Frattesi (11 apps) has scored four goals so far this term, the same as he netted in the competition last season (36 apps) – the midfielder born in 1999, has a higher shot conversion rate in 2022-23 (15.4%) than he did in 2021-22 (6%).

Matteo Politano made his Serie A debut in a game between Napoli and Sassuolo, but for the Neroverdi in that case (23/08/2015) – 20 goals scored in 96 apps for Sassuolo in the top-flight. However, he has faced Sassuolo (8 times) more than any other side without ever scoring or assisting in the competition.

Giovanni Simeone has scored three goals vs Sassuolo in Serie A (one for Cagliari and two for Fiorentina) – the Napoli striker has failed to score in any of his last six home league games since netting in April for Hellas Verona.

29/10/2022 18:00 - VIA DEL MARE - E.GIARDINIERO



**LECCE**

**Vs**

**JUVENTUS**



Lecce have won four of their 32 Serie A matches against Juventus, the last one in February 2011 (2-0 thanks to Mesbah's and Bertolacci's goals): since then, two wins for Juventus and two draws in the top-flight.

Juventus won 4-0 in their last Serie A match against Lecce, on 26 June 2020 - the last time the Bianconeri have collected back-to-back wins against the Salentini in the top-flight was back in 2008, while the last time they kept a clean sheet in two games in a row was in 2002.

Following a 0-2 defeat to Bologna last time out, Lecce could fail to score in back-to-back Serie A games for the first time since January 2020 (Udinese and Parma in that case).

Lecce have drawn 1-1 in each of their last four league games at Via del Mare and could draw five home matches in a row for the first time in Serie A.

Juventus have won their last two Serie A games without conceding a goal and they could keep a clean sheet for three consecutive matches in the top-flight for the first time since last February, while the last time the Bianconeri won three league games in a row without conceding was back to February 2021.

Only Lazio have kept more clean sheets (7) than Juventus (6) in Serie A this season; on the other hand, Lecce are one of only two sides that are yet to keep a shutout in the competition this term.

Lecce have conceded nine goals from set pieces: a joint-high in Serie A this season (also 9 Cremonese), while only Napoli have scored more goals (9) from set pieces than Juventus (8) so far.

Federico Di Francesco has failed to find the net in each of his last 17 Serie A appearances and he only has once recorded a longer streak without scoring in the competition (26 between August 2017 and September 2018) – he has played four games against Juventus in Serie A, for four different teams (Bologna, Sassuolo, SPAL and Empoli) always losing against the Bianconeri.

Having scored against Empoli last time out, Moise Kean could score in successive Serie A appearances for just a second time: the first one was between March and April 2019 (4 in that case).

Federico Chiesa could play a Serie A match 293 days after his last (against Roma last January): the Juventus forward found the net and provided an assist in his only previous league game against Lecce back in July 2020 for Fiorentina.

29/10/2022 20:45 - GIUSEPPE MEAZZA



**INTER**

**Vs**

**SAMPDORIA**



Inter have gone unbeaten in nine of their last 10 Serie A meetings against Sampdoria (W8 D1), with their only defeat during this period coming in January 2021, under Antonio Conte.

Inter have won each of their last five Serie A meetings against Sampdoria at the Meazza: only between 1984 and 1990 have they had a longer such run against the Blucerchiati at home (six back then).

Sampdoria have won only one of their last 20 Serie A away meetings against Inter (2-1 on 3rd April 2017, thanks to Schick and Quagliarella's goals) – 14 wins for Inter and five draws in the process.

Inter are drawless in their last 20 Serie A games, their longest such run since the 1940s (23 back then) – the last side to go 21+ games without a top-flight draw was Lazio, back in 2021 (also under Simone Inzaghi).

After a 1-0 win against Cremonese, Sampdoria could win two Serie A matches in a row for the first time since November 2021 (v Salernitana and Hellas Verona under D'Aversa).

Inter have scored the most goals in the opening 15 minutes of play in Serie A this season (six) – on the other hand, no side have conceded more than Sampdoria (five) during this period.

Sampdoria have scored the fewest Serie A goals this season (six): this is their lowest tally after 11 top-flight games since 1975/76 – the last sides to have scored at most six goals at this stage of the competition were Benevento (four) and Sassuolo (six) in the 2017/18 campaign.

Edin Dzeko has scored six Serie A goals against Sampdoria, but he is goalless in his last seven home league matches: this is his second longest run without a goal on home soil in the competition, after a 12-game streak for AS Roma between May 2018 and April 2019.

Lautaro Martínez has attempted the most shots (43) and shots on target (15) in Serie A this season – the Argentinian has been involved in four goals in his last two league appearances, having failed to score or assist in any of his previous five.

Manolo Gabbiadini has scored only one goal in 10 Serie A meetings against Inter, though that goal did come in his last game against them in the competition, in February 2019 at the Meazza – the Sampdoria striker is goalless away from home since 22nd December 2021, at the Olimpico against AS Roma (seven away games without scoring since then).

30/10/2022 12:30 - CARLO CASTELLANI



**EMPOLI**

**Vs**

**ATALANTA**



After the 1-0 win last May, Empoli could win consecutive Serie A meetings with Atalanta for the first time in the competition – they could also keep a clean sheet in successive games against them for the first time since April 2007 (run of three).

Empoli have failed to find the net in 60% of their Serie A home meetings against Atalanta – they have won only one of their last six (D1 L4), 3-2 in November 2018.

After the 0-4 defeat against Juventus, Empoli could lose successive Serie A matches without finding the net for the first time since December 2018 (vs Torino and Inter).

In their last game, a 0-2 defeat to Lazio, Atalanta both lost and failed to score for the first time this season – before that defeat, they were unbeaten since May, when they lost two games in a row without finding the net, one of which was against Empoli.

After their draw at the Dacia Arena against Udinese, Atalanta could draw two Serie A away matches in a row for the first time since May 2021 (1-1 against Roma and Sassuolo).

Atalanta (five) and Empoli (six) are two of the three teams to have recorded the fewest build-up attacks in Serie A this season – only Hellas Verona have had fewer than them so far (two).

Atalanta and Empoli have scored the most goals from outside the box in Serie A this season (four each) – Empoli scored six such goals in the whole of 2021-22.

Mattia Destro has scored three Serie A goals against Atalanta, though his last one dates back to April 2017 for Bologna – this could also be his 100th Serie A win.

Sam Lammers played his first 17 Serie A games for Atalanta between 2020 and 2021 – among the strikers to have scored at most one league goal this season, he has attempted the most shots so far (23).

Duván Zapata has scored four Serie A goals against Empoli, the last two at the Castellani (February 2016 and October 2021), should he score in this match, he would become the second foreign player to have found the net in each of the last five Serie A campaigns (since 2013-14), after Matías Vecino.

30/10/2022 15:00 - GIOVANNI ZINI



**CREMONESE**

**Vs**

**UDINESE**



Cremonese and Udinese will face one another in Serie A for the first time since 4th February 1996, 9765 days ago, a 2-2 in that case.

Udinese have lost only one of their eight Serie A games played vs Cremonese (0-2 in May 1985), with two draws and five wins.

Cremonese are unbeaten in their four Serie A home games against Udinese (W1 D3) – Udinese are the team Cremonese have faced most often at home in the top-flight without losing.

Cremonese are one of the only two teams without a win in the big five European Leagues 2022-23 (also Elche) – each of the last three Serie A teams with no win after the first 11 league games played have been relegated at the end of the season (Verona 2015-16, Benevento 2017-18 and Chievo 2018-19).

Udinese lost their last Serie A game against Torino, the last time the Bianconeri recorded successive league defeats in back in January (vs Atalanta and Juventus).

Having kept a clean sheet in their last away game in Serie A – 0-0 against Lazio – Udinese could do so in consecutive such fixtures for the first time since August 2020.

No team have scored more headed goals than Udinese in the Serie A this season (seven – level with Napoli), no team have conceded more headed goals than Cremonese so far (four).

David Okereke made his Serie A debut against Udinese (August 2021, for Venezia) – the Nigerian striker has scored both his two league goals this season in matches played away from home, his last home goal was in January vs Empoli.

Gerard Deulofeu has the most chances created after a carry in the Serie A this campaign (13) – no player made provided more assists after a carry than Roberto Pereyra in the league (three – level with Milinkovic-Savic).

Gerard Deulofeu has been directly involved in six goals in his last seven Serie A games against newly promoted sides (five goals, one assist), the Spanish player has been directly involved in 74 shots so far in the current campaign, more than any other player.

**30/10/2022 15:00 - ALBERTO PICCO**



**SPEZIA**

**Vs**

**FIorentINA**



Fiorentina have won three of their four Serie A meetings against Spezia: with the other ending in a 2-2 draw in their very first clash on 18th October 2020.

Fiorentina have scored exactly two goals in both of their Serie A away matches against Spezia: 2-2 at the Manuzzi and 2-1 at the Picco (with Piatek, Agudelo and Amrabat's goals).

Spezia are, alongside Bochum, one of the two teams in the Big-5 European Leagues in 2022/23 to have gained their points only at home: they are also one of the three Serie A sides still unbeaten in home matches (W2 D3), alongside Juventus and Napoli.

Fiorentina have won at most two of their first 11 Serie A matches for the ninth time in their history, the most recent occasions was back in 2020/21, when they collected nine points at this stage of the competition and ended the season in 13th.

Only Verona (zero) have gained fewer Serie A points than Spezia and Fiorentina (one each) in October 2022.

Spezia (five, level with Sampdoria) and Fiorentina (four, like Udinese) are two of the four teams to have conceded the most Serie A goals in the opening 15 minutes of play this season.

Vincenzo Italiano has averaged the highest points per game ratio amongst Spezia managers in Serie A (1.03).

Among the strikers in the Big-5 European Leagues yet to score or assist a single goal in 2022/23, Emmanuel Gyasi has played the most minutes so far (900).

Sofyan Amrabat has scored the last of his two Serie A goals at the Picco against Spezia on 14th February 2022: the Fiorentina midfielder has received the most yellow cards so far (six).

Luka Jovic found the net in his last Serie A game, against Inter – he last scored in two successive league matches in the 2018/19 Bundesliga (between March and April against Schalke and Stuttgart for Eintracht).

30/10/2022 18:00 - OLIMPICO



LAZIO

Vs

SALERNITANA



There hasn't been a single draw in the previous six Serie A matches between Lazio and Salernitana, with the Biancocelesti picking up four wins and Granata registering two.

Lazio have won their three home games against Salernitana in Serie A, always scoring at least three goals; the last meeting between these two teams at the Olimpico Stadium last season ended 3-0 (Immobile, Pedro and Luis Alberto).

Lazio have kept a clean sheet in each of their last six Serie A games, the best open streak in the Big-5 European teams: Sarri's team is only one game away from equalling the Biancocelesti's historic record streak of seven in a row, collected between February and March 1998 under Sven-Göran Eriksson.

Lazio recorded their joint-second best start after 11 games in Serie A in the three points for a win era (also 24 points in 2002/03 and only fewer than the 28 collected in the first 11 games of 2017/18); moreover, they've conceded only five goals so far, the best return in the first 11 top-flight matches since 1973/74 (the season in which they won their first Scudetto).

Since May, only Napoli (zero) have lost fewer games than Lazio (their only defeat was against Napoli) in Serie A: the Biancocelesti have collected nine wins, five draws and one defeat in the last 15 league games played.

Only three of Salernitana's 13 points this season have been picked up away from home – while they've lost their last two on the road without scoring. They last registered three defeats in a row without scoring away from home in the top-flight in November 1998 (four in that case).

In the streak of six consecutive clean sheets, Lazio have faced just 12 shots on target (two on average per match): during this period, they have faced the fewest shots on target in the Big-five European Leagues.

Salernitana have conceded three goals from set pieces so far this season, while in the first 11 MDs of the last campaign the Campanians had conceded four goals from set pieces (of which, however, only one came from a penalty spot).

Among the players who have been directly involved in at least four goals in this league campaign, only Ante Rebic (278 minutes) has played fewer minutes than Pedro (two goals and two assists in 352 minutes): the Spanish player scored one goal in the last home match against Salernitana, but in 2022 he never scored in a Serie A match as a starter (four goals as a substitute).

Pasquale Mazzocchi – the defender with the joint-most dribbles completed (17 like Parisi) and the defender with the second most chances created from open play (15, fewer only than Di Lorenzo) - has already scored two goals in the current campaign and could become the first Salernitana defender to score at least three goals in the same Serie A season since Salvatore Fresi, who scored three goals in 1998/99.

## 30/10/2022 20:45 - OLIMPICO GRANDE TORINO



**TORINO**

**Vs**

**MILAN**



Torino drew 0-0 in their last Serie A encounter with AC Milan, having lost their previous four against them in the competition (all without scoring).

Torino have failed to score a Serie A goal against AC Milan in their last 464 minutes (excl. injury time): they last scored against Milan in a 2-1 victory back in September 2019, thanks to a Belotti strike (in their last league victory against the Rossoneri).

Torino and AC Milan have drawn seven of their last 11 Serie A meetings in Turin (two wins each), including the most recent one last April: since 2006/07, AC Milan are the side against which the Granata have drawn the most top-flight home matches (seven).

Following their win against Udinese last time out, Torino could win two successive Serie A matches for the first time since last January (v Fiorentina and Sampdoria).

AC Milan are unbeaten in their last 17 Serie A away matches (W12 D5), the longest open run in the big-5 European leagues: they last had a longer such run between September 1991 and October 1993 (38 under Fabio Capello).

AC Milan have scored the most goals from open play in Serie A this season (21); on the other hand, only Torino (zero) have scored fewer set-piece goals (excl. penalties) so far than AC Milan (one).



No side has attempted more shots from outside the box than AC Milan in Serie A this season (67), whilst Torino have had 48: however, the Granata are the only side yet to score a goal from outside the box so far.

No current Torino player has scored a Serie A goal against AC Milan; considering all competitions, their only player to have netted against them is Antonio Sanabria, for Real Betis in October 2018, in the UEFA Europa League.

Torino are Ante Rebić's favourite opponent across the big-5 European leagues; he has scored five goals in five appearances against them (one for Fiorentina), including his only brace (on 12th May 2021, in a 7-0 win for AC Milan at the Olimpico Grande Torino).

Rafael Leão is the Portuguese player to have had a hand in the most goals in the big-5 European leagues in 2022/23 (nine: five goals + four assists) – furthermore, he is one of the five players born since 1999 to have been involved in 9+ goals so far this term in the big-5 European leagues, alongside Musiala, Haaland, David and Foden.

## 31/10/2022 18:30 - MARCANTONIO BENTEGODI



### HELLAS VERONA

Vs

### ROMA



Hellas Verona have won two (one awarded match) of their last four matches against AS Roma in Serie A (D1 L1), after the Giallorossi were unbeaten in their previous 17 games in the top-flight against Hellas (W12 D5).

Including the awarded match in September 2020, Hellas Verona have won their last two games at Bentegodi against AS Roma in Serie A. The last time that Hellas won three home top-flight games vs the Giallorossi was between 1984 – 1986.

Roma have collected five wins and two draws in their last seven Serie A matches against teams starting the day in the bottom three positions of the table: Their last defeat in a such game, came against Hellas Verona in September 2021 at Bentegodi.

Hellas Verona have lost six games in a row for the third time in their history in Serie A - in the other two times in which it has happened - 2018 and 1979 - they have also lost the seventh game.

AS Roma have won their last three away games in Serie A, although they have not won four successive away games in the top-flight since 2019/20.

Hellas Verona have gained 10 points fewer this season (5) than they did in the first 11 matches of last season (15). This is the largest points difference at this point of the campaign between teams present in both Serie A 2021/2022 and Serie A 2022/2023.

AS Roma have made the fewest high turnovers (56) and the fewest pressed sequences (108) so far in Serie A this season.

AS Roma are one of the three teams that Marco Davide Faraoni has scored at least two goals against in Serie A (the others are Milan and Napoli). The Hellas Verona winger has not scored a goal in the league since May (against Milan) and scored all four of his goals in Serie A last season at home (including the one at Bentegodi vs Roma in September 2021).

In their last match against Hellas Verona (February 19, 2022) both AS Roma players Edoardo Bove and Cristian Volpato scored their first and only Serie A goals. Since then, Bove has made only eight appearances in the top-flight. While Volpato has made just one appearance (in May 2022), playing seven minutes.

Tammy Abraham has scored two goals in Serie A this season – matching his tally at this stage from last season (although last season, he had hit the woodwork three times at this stage in the competition). He failed to score in four appearances in October this season, while he failed to score in five Serie A appearances in October last term.

**31/10/2022 20:45 - U-POWER STADIUM**



**MONZA**

**Vs**

**BOLOGNA**



This is the first meeting between Monza and Bologna in Serie A. However, the two sides faced each other eight times in Serie B (three Bologna wins, four draws and one win for Monza) and three times in the Coppa Italia (two wins for the Biancorossi and one for the Rossoblú).

The last two meetings between Monza and Bologna were back in Serie C1 (Group A) in 1994/95 (0-1 in Brianza in the first match, 1-1 in Emilia in the second game). Although if we only consider Serie B, their last meeting was on 13th June 1993, which Bologna won 2-1.

Among Serie B, Serie C and the Coppa Italia, Monza's last home win against Bologna was in August 1992 in the Coppa Italia: 1-0 after extra time.

Bologna are winless in their last three away matches against newly promoted teams in Serie A (D1 L2): their last win was back against Crotona on 20th March 2021 (3-2), while their last win on the road against a newly promoted side in the first half of the season was in December 2019 against Lecce (3-2).

Monza have won their last two games at the U-Power Stadium (against Juventus and Spezia): the last debutant team in Serie A to win three home matches in a row was Frosinone in October 2015.

Monza and Bologna are two of the four teams - alongside Atalanta and Roma - that have not conceded a penalty in the current campaign. However, Monza are the only side among those that are yet to take a single penalty (Bologna have received three, the joint-highest).

Thiago Motta and Raffaele Palladino were teammates at Genoa in 2008/09 under Gian Piero Gasperini: in that Serie A season Palladino provided an assist for a goal scored by Thiago Motta - in a 1-0 win over Reggina on 5th April 2009.

After Filippo Ranocchia's goal last time out, Monza have had five Italian scorers this season - more than any other team in Serie A (Bologna are the only side with zero). The Biancorossi are one of three teams - alongside Empoli and Sassuolo - with two or more Italian scorers born after 1999 (Colpani and Ranocchia).

Both Gianluca Caprari (on 21 January 2022 with Hellas Verona) and Andrea Petagna (on 25 January 2020 with SPAL) scored in their last home matches against Bologna in Serie A.

Marko Arnautovic has scored in five of his seven Serie A matches against newly promoted sides, including in each of his three away matches. The Austrian forward (currently 21 goals) is close to equalling Roberto Baggio (22) as the 30th highest scorer in Bologna's Serie A history.