



INSIGHTS

Matchday 5 Serie A 2022-23
3 - 5 September 2022



03/09/2022 15:00 - ARTEMIO FRANCHI

 **FIorentINA**

Vs

JUVENTUS 

Fiorentina have lost 79 games and conceded 268 goals against Juventus in Serie A, more than they have against any other opponents in the top-flight.

Fiorentina are looking to win consecutive games against Juventus in Serie A for the first time since 1998 (they won 2-0 at home against Bianconeri last May) - both of those two victories arrived at Stadio Artemio Franchi.

Juventus are looking to win against Fiorentina on the road for the first time since December 1st 2018 (3-0, courtesy of Bentancur, Chiellini and Cristiano Ronaldo goals); Fiorentina have won one game and drawn twice at home against Bianconeri since then, last remaining unbeaten for four consecutive home matches against this opponent back in 1999 (W2 D2).

Fiorentina have failed to score in their last three Serie A matches and they could go goalless in four in a row in the competition for the first time since November 2020.

After their goalless draw at home against Napoli last time out, Fiorentina could go consecutive home games without scoring in Serie A for the first time since May 2019 (5).

Considering their previous 15 Serie A campaigns, only twice have Juventus kept a clean sheet at least three times in their first four seasonal league games (four in 2014/15 and three in 2009/10).

Juventus have failed to score in each of their last two league games on the road, last going three or more consecutive away matches without scoring in Serie A back in December 1998 (3) under Marcello Lippi (the last of those three games was at Fiorentina).

Vincenzo Italiano won his last managerial game against Juventus in Serie A, having lost each of his previous three such matches; Italiano could become the first Fiorentina coach to win consecutive games against Bianconeri in the top-flight since Luigi Radice in 1992.

Dusan Vlahovic has scored 11 goals in his first 19 league games for Juventus: in the three points for a win era, only Cristiano Ronaldo (14), Gonzalo Higuain (14) and Paulo Dybala (12) have had more in their first 20 Serie A appearances for the Bianconeri.

Since the last Serie A campaign, no player has scored more direct free-kick goals than Juventus' Dusan Vlahovic (three, level with Cristiano Biraghi and Lorenzo Pellegrini). The Serbian could find the net in three successive Serie A appearances for the first time since he joined the Bianconeri.

03/09/2022 18:00 - GIUSEPPE MEAZZA



MILAN

Vs

INTER



Following their 2-1 victory after trailing against Inter last February, courtesy of an Olivier Giroud brace (2-1), AC Milan are looking to win consecutive games against Inter for the first time since 2011 (their first two league Derbies played under Massimiliano Allegri).

AC Milan have failed to score in each of their last two games against Inter in all competitions, in the Coppa Italia semi-final ties in March-April 2022, and could go three consecutive Derbies without scoring for the first time since 1980, when the Rossoneri lost three matches in a row against their rivals between Serie A and Coppa Italia under Massimo Giacomini.

AC Milan last won, as the designated hosting side, against Inter in Serie A back in January 2016, under Sinisa Mihajlovic (3-0, courtesy of Alex, Bacca and Niang goals); Inter have won three games and drawn three more against Rossoneri since then.

AC Milan have won five consecutive home games in Serie A and could win six such matches in a row for the first time since August 2014, under Clarence Seedorf and Filippo Inzaghi.

Inter are the only team (excluding relegated and newly promoted sides) not to draw a Serie A match since last April: they have 11 wins (at least three more than any other side) and two losses in the period.

AC Milan have kept a clean sheet in their last two Serie A matches, and could do so in three of their first five top-flight seasonal games in three campaigns in a row for the third time in their history (after 1952/53, 1953/54, 1954/55 and 1978/79, 1979/80 and 1981/82).

Simone Inzaghi has only won one point in his first two Derbies in Serie A since joining the Nerazzurri; the last Inter coach to not win any of his first three matches against Milan in the top-flight was Osvaldo Bagnoli, in 1993 (D2 L1).

The next will be Rafael Leão's 100th match in Serie A – among players born since 1999, Leão has provided the most assists (16) in the competition, and he is third considering only goals: 24, behind only Vlahovic (55) and Pinamonti (25).

AC Milan are Joaquín Correa's favourite target in Serie A (four goals); the Inter striker has scored four goals in his last five appearances in the competition, after having gone goalless in each of the previous 18.

Lautaro Martínez has been involved in a goal in each of his first four league appearances so far (three goals, one assist); only Zlatan Ibrahimovic (2007/08) and Nicolò Barella (2021/22) have had a hand in a goal in their first five Serie A seasonal appearances for Inter since 2004/05 (since Opta started collecting assists).

03/09/2022 20:45 - OLIMPICO



LAZIO

Vs

NAPOLI



The last draw between Lazio and Napoli in Serie A dates back to November 2016 (1-1, Marek Hamsik and Keita Baldé); since then, the two sides have met each other 11 times in the top-flight, with Napoli winning nine games in the process (L2).

Lazio and Napoli have met four times in September in Serie A, with Napoli winning each of those matches while scoring 3+ goals on each occasion - the overall score of these four matches is 15-2 to the Partenopei.

Since 2013-14, Napoli are the side to have won the most away games at the Olimpico in Serie A against Roma or Lazio: 11, including seven against Lazio, with two defeats away against Biancocelesti in the process.

Lazio have drawn four of their last six Serie A meetings (W2), as many draws as they had in the previous 21 games in the competition (W12 L5).

Napoli failed to score in their last away match against Fiorentina, last going consecutive games on the road without scoring in Serie A back in December 2020, with the second of those matches played at the Olimpico against Lazio.

Napoli have drawn their last two Serie A games and could draw three in a row in the competition for the first time since December 2014, under Rafael Benítez.

Maurizio Sarri coached Napoli for 114 matches in Serie A, recording the highest average points-per-game for a coach in the history of the club in the competition (2.3, 3-points-per-win era) - the Lazio coach has lost each of his last three league matches against his former team.

Lazio's **Ciro Immobile** has been involved in nine goals in his last 10 Serie A meetings against Napoli (six goals and three assists); however, Napoli are the side against which he has lost the most top-flight matches (13 out of 16).

Among the sides he has faced more than six times in the Serie A, Napoli are the one against which **Sergej Milinkovic-Savic** has been involved in the fewest goals: the Serbian has scored one goal and delivered no assists in 13 league meetings against the Partenopei.

Lazio are **Giovanni Simeone's** favourite target in Serie A: he has scored eight goals in 12 league matches against them, including his only poker in the competition (October 24, 2021 for Verona).

04/09/2022 12:30 - GIOVANNI ZINI



CREMONESE

Vs

SASSUOLO



Cremonese and Sassuolo will meet for the first time among Serie A, Serie B and Coppa Italia; excluding the awarded game against Pescara (0-3) in 2016 (2-1 for the Neroverdi on the pitch), Sassuolo are unbeaten in each of their last 11 league games (W8 D3) against a team they had never faced before.

Sassuolo have won their last two away games in Serie A played in Lombardia (v AC Milan and Inter), as many such victories as they recorded in their previous 11 matches.

Sassuolo have won 11 of their last 14 matches in Serie A against promoted sides, including a 1-0 win against Lecce on MD2 this season (D1 L2).

Cremonese have lost each of their first four Serie A seasonal matches for the first time in the competition and they could become (alongside Monza) the second side from Lombardia to lose each of their first five, after Legnano in 1951/52.

Cremonese have lost their first home league game of this season (1-2 v Torino); in their previous seven seasons in the competition, they have only lost both of their first two home league matches in 1989-90, under Tarcisio Burgnich.

Sassuolo have drawn each of their last two Serie A games; they last drew three league matches in a row in December 2019 against Juventus, Cagliari and Milan.

Sassuolo have won only one of their last seven Serie A away matches (D2 L4): 3-1 against Bologna, last May.

Cremonese striker David Okereke could become the first sixth Nigerian player to score 10 Serie A goals, after Simy, Martins, Osimhen, Makinwa and Obinna (he has scored nine goals in the Italian top-flight to date).

With Domenico Berardi on the field, Sassuolo have won 36% of their Serie A matches, collecting on average 1.4 points-per-game – without him, their winning percentage drops to 23% and their points/game ratio to 0.9.

Sassuolo striker Andrea Pinamonti has been involved in only two goals in his last eight Serie A appearances against promoted sides (a brace against Salernitana at the Arechi in October 2021), after having had a hand in four goals (two goals, two assists) in his previous four such matches.

04/09/2022 15:00 - ALBERTO PICCO



SPEZIA

Vs

BOLOGNA



Bologna are unbeaten in each of their four games against Spezia in Serie A (W3 D1); indeed, across the 2020-21 and 2021-22 seasons, Spezia are one of just three teams Bologna have played four league games against without losing (alongside Udinese and Sampdoria).

Bologna have won each of their last three matches against Spezia in Serie A; amongst sides currently in the division, only against Sampdoria (7) do Bologna have a longer such ongoing winning run.

Spezia have only won one of their 11 matches in Serie A against opponents from Emilia, a 2-1 victory against Sassuolo in February 2021 (D5 L5).

Spezia had never remained unbeaten in their first two Serie A home matches in a season (W1 D1). Furthermore, they could avoid defeat in three home league matches in a row for the first time since November 2021.

Bologna have picked up just two points in the league this season in four matches; the last time they didn't win any of their first five Serie A games of a campaign was back in 2013-14 (they were relegated at the end of that season).

Bologna have only won one of their last 12 away games in Serie A (1-0 v Genoa last May), playing out four draws and seven defeats in the process.

Spezia have received only four yellow cards in Serie A this season, with only Inter picking up fewer (three). They have received a yellow card every 12.3 fouls conceded on average; only Inter have a 'better' ratio in Serie A this season.

Jakub Kiwior has the most clearances (22), headed clearances (8) and completed passes (206) of any Spezia player in Serie A this season.

Bologna's Marko Arnautovic has scored three goals in two league appearances against Spezia (a joint-high for him in Serie A, alongside Sampdoria and Salernitana). The Austrian striker has netted seven of his 17 goals in Serie A against Ligurian sides.

Bologna's Marko Arnautovic has scored three goals in four league matches this season; in the previous Serie A campaign, he had netted just one goal after his first four matches.

04/09/2022 18:00 - MARCANTONIO BENTEGODI



HELLAS VERONA

Vs

SAMPDORIA



Sampdoria have only lost one of their last 13 Serie A matches against Hellas Verona, going down 0-2 in October 2019; since then, there have been four wins for Blucerchiati and one draw.

Hellas Verona and Sampdoria will face for the fifth time in Serie A in the month of September; so far, the Gialloblù have never won such a meeting (D2 L2), drawing 0-0 in the only one of such games played at Bentegodi, in 2017.

Sampdoria have won three of their last six Serie A away games at Bentegodi against Hellas Verona (D2 L1), this after having only won once in their previous 20 matches on the road against the Veneti in the competition beforehand.

In each of the last six Serie A campaigns in which they have failed to win each of their opening four matches, Hellas Verona have been relegated at the end of the season (2017/18 most recently).

Sampdoria have gained two points from four games so far; in 22 of their 23 Serie A campaigns in the three points for a win era, they have picked up at least three points after their fifth match (only in 2013/14 have they had fewer: two).

Hellas Verona have lost each of their last four Serie A home games; in their Italian top-flight history, the Gialloblù have never suffered five defeats in a row at home.

Sampdoria have lost the most Serie A away games in 2022, losing nine of 11 matches on the road in this period. In eight of those outings, the Blucerchiati also failed to score.

Hellas Verona are the only side in Serie A this season to have two players born from 2003 onwards make at least three appearances (Diego Coppola and Filippo Terracciano).

Verona's Ivan Ilic (born 2001) is the youngest player to have played each of the available 360 minutes in Serie A this season so far.

Sampdoria's Manolo Gabbiadini has scored nine of his last 18 Serie A goals in the final 20 minutes of games (including one against Hellas Verona in April 2021), while he has scored three of his last six from the 80th minute onwards.

04/09/2022 20:45 - DACIA ARENA - STADIO FRIULI



UDINESE

Vs

ROMA



Roma are unbeaten in 17 of their last 19 Serie A games against Udinese (W15 D2), keeping 10 clean sheets over this period.

Udinese and Roma drew their last league contest (1-1 at Dacia Arena on 13 March); the last time they played out consecutive draws in Serie A was back in 2002.

Roma have won 21 of their 48 away games (D12 L15) against Udinese in Serie A; only against Lazio (25) have they won more often on the road in the competition.

Udinese have picked up the same number of points as they had last season after their first four Serie A games (seven, with an identical goal difference of zero too).

AS Roma have picked up 10 points so far, with three wins and one draw; they could win at least four of their first five matches in two successive campaigns in Serie A for the third time in their history, after 1982-83/1983-84 and in 2013-14/2014-15.

In each of the last four seasons in which Roma earned 10+ points in their first four Serie A matches, they ended the campaign in second: 2003/04, 2007/08, 2013/14 and 2014/15.

Roma have conceded just one goal so far in Serie A; they have never conceded fewer after their first four games played in the competition (also one in 1962/63, 1980/81, 1991/92, 2013/14 and 2014/15).

Udinese's Beto has scored in each of his last two Serie A games, against Monza and Fiorentina; he could find the net in three such matches in a row only for the second time, after doing so in October 2021.

Roma's Paulo Dybala has scored more Serie A goals against Udinese than any other opponent (10); the Friulani are also the side against which he has provided the most assists (7) in the top-flight.

Roma's Andrea Belotti has scored seven goals against Udinese in Serie A; only against Sassuolo and Sampdoria (both nine) has he found the net more times in the top-flight. Indeed, the Italian forward has been directly involved in five goals (three goals and two assist) in his last four league matches against the Friuliani.

05/09/2022 18:30 - U-POWER STADIUM



MONZA

Vs

ATALANTA



Atalanta have won four of their last five league meetings against Monza, with each of those in the Serie B; the only Monza win was back in October 1999 (1-0), their most recent one at home.

Atalanta have only lost one of their last 21 matches (W16 D4) against newly promoted teams in Serie A, however this defeat came in their latest match (0-1, against Empoli, last May) - the last time the Dea lost two games in a row against such opposition was back in April 2014.

Atalanta are winless in each of their last seven league games against sides from Lombardia (D3 L4 - against AC Milan and Inter); in general, the Dea have faced 10 teams from this region in Serie A so far and against seven of those they have been unbeaten in their first top-flight meeting (W3 D4), only losing against AC Milan, Como and Mantova.

Following the wins to nil against Sampdoria and against Hellas Verona, Atalanta could keep a clean sheet in each of their first three away games of a Serie A season for the first time in their history.

Monza have lost their last four Serie A matches; in the history of the competition, only two sides have lost each of their first five games: Treviso in 2005 and Benevento in 2017.

Monza have conceded the most goals in Serie A this season (11); in the previous Serie B campaign they conceded only two goals in their first four matches (two clean sheets).

Atalanta are top of the table after four matches played in Serie A for the first time since 2011/12 (not counting a penalty of six points); including the penalization in 2011/12, they are first in the ranking for the first time since the 2000/01 season (10 points, alongside Udinese).

Atalanta are Monza striker Andrea Petagna's favorite opponent in Serie A, scoring five goals against them; he netted his first nine goals in the top-flight for Dea in 63 appearances between 2016 and 2018.

Nicoló Rovella (December 2001) is the youngest Italian player to have collected more than 45 appearances in the Serie A (46); indeed, only the former Bologna player Aaron Hickey (2002) reached this tally at a younger age than Rovella.

Teun Koopmeiners has scored in two consecutive Serie A matches: the Atalanta midfielder had already scored in two matches in a row in the competition, between November and December 2021 (against Venezia and Hellas Verona), but he will be looking to do so in three in succession for the first time.

05/09/2022 18:30 - ARECHI



SALERNITANA

Vs

EMPOLI



Salernitana and Empoli have both won one game in their four Serie A encounters (D2). The Campani were unbeaten in both the matches played in 1998/99, while the Toscani picked up four points in the two matches last season.

Empoli are unbeaten in their two Serie A away games against Salernitana: a draw (1-1) on 4 October 1998 and a win (4-2) on 23 October 2021.

Salernitana kept a clean sheet in their last league match at Arechi (4-0 v Sampdoria); they only collected one clean sheet in home games in the whole of the previous Serie A season (1-0 v Genoa, on 2 October 2021).

Empoli have drawn their last three Serie A matches and they could do so in four in a row for the first time since January 2015 (five in a row back then).

Empoli have lost only one league game so far, while this is the first time since 2006/07 that they've only had one or fewer defeats after four games of a Serie A campaign (zero defeats in the first four back then).

Since mid-April, Salernitana have lost only two of their 12 league matches (W5 D5) - only AC Milan (0), Napoli and Lazio (both 1) have registered fewer defeats in Serie A in this period.

Only Bologna (seven) have dropped more points from winning positions than Empoli (four) in Serie A this season.

Antonio Candreva has been directly involved in eight goals (four goals, four assists) in eight matches against Empoli in Serie A. Indeed, he has averaged a goal or assist every 88 minutes against the Toscani in the top-flight - against no other opponent does he have a better mins/goal involvement ratio.

Tommaso Baldanzi is, alongside Hellas Verona's Diego Coppola and Juventus' Fabio Miretti, one of the three players born since 2003 to have already played two games as a starter in Serie A this season. Thanks to his goal against Hellas Verona, he is also the youngest scorer in the competition this term.

Mattia Destro scored his last Serie A goals on February 13, 2022, against Salernitana - since then, he has played 14 league matches without scoring a single goal, and only once has he had a longer goalless run in the competition: 16 appearances in a row, between March 2018 and February 2019.

05/09/2022 20:45 - OLIMPICO GRANDE TORINO



TORINO

Vs

LECCE



Torino and Lecce have both won five games in their 16 previous Serie A encounters (D6). However, the Salentini are unbeaten in seven of their last eight games (W4 D3) against the Granata in the competition.

Lecce have won their last two Serie A matches against Torino (4-0 at Via del Mare, on 2 February 2020, and 2-1 at Olimpico Grande Torino, on 16 September 2019), and could win three games in a row against the Granata for the first time in the top-flight.

Torino have kept a clean sheet in four of their eight home games against Lecce in Serie A, with four of those ending in wins for the Granata (D2 L2).

Torino have only won one of their last nine home league games (D4 L4): 2-1 v Spezia, on 23 April. Moreover, the Granata have failed to score in each of their last three matches at Olimpico Grande Torino - only three times in their Serie A history have the Piemontesi not found the net in four home games in a row in the competition (April 2008, May 1979 and March 1941).

Torino have won their last four matches against newly promoted teams in Serie A; the last time the Granata went on a longer such streak against these opponents was back in April 1949/February 1950 (six in that case).

Lecce have conceded only five goals in Serie A this season - after four games of a campaign, only three times have they shipped fewer in the top-flight: three in 2001/02, four in 1990/91 and three in 1988/89.

Torino are the team with the most penalties faced in Serie A in 2022 (9), with eight goals conceded - a negative record in the Italian top-flight in this period.

Morten Hjulmand has won the most tackles in Serie A this season (11) – he is also the midfielder to have made the most recoveries in the competition so far (34).

Antonio Sanabria found the net in his only previous Serie A appearance against Lecce, for Genoa in a 2-1 win at the Ferraris on July 19, 2020.

Gabriel Strefezza scored the first of his two Serie A goals against Torino, for SPAL on December 21, 2019 (an away win against the Granata at the Olimpico Grande Torino).