



INSIGHTS

Matchday 7 Serie A 2022-23
16 - 18 September 2022



16/09/2022 20:45 - ARECHI



SALERNITANA

Vs

LECCE



This will be the first meeting in Serie A between Salernitana and Lecce: in total there are 16 previous games in Serie B between the two teams, with the Giallorossi leading by seven wins to four (D5).

Salernitana have always scored in eight previous home Serie B games against Lecce, achieving three wins, three draws and two defeats - however the Granata haven't won in the three matches against the Giallorossi played since 2010 (D1 L2).

Salernitana have lost only two of their last 14 Serie A matches (W5 D7) - indeed, during this period, since mid-April, only two teams have recorded fewer defeats in the Italian top-flight: AC Milan (zero) and Napoli (one).

Salernitana have already picked up seven points from their six league matches this season: last term, they needed 10 games to reach this tally- compared to the first six games of 2021/22, Nicola's team also scored more than double the number of goals (9 v 4) and have conceded less than half (6 v 15).

Lecce have gained only three points after the first six Serie A games of the season for the first time since 2003/04, when they were a newly promoted side, however they did manage to avoid relegation.

Each of Lecce's four goals in the current league season have been netted between minute 31 and 60: indeed, the Giallorossi are the only club that haven't scored in both the first or last 30 minutes of play in Serie A this season.

After scoring against Juventus in the last match, Antonio Candreva could score in two consecutive Serie A appearances for the first time since November 2021 - the Salernitana winger has already scored against Lecce in Serie A, with Inter on 26th August 2019.

Krzysztof Piatek's first goals for an Italian team arrived against Lecce, with four goals netted in the first 37 minutes of play in a Coppa Italia match played with Genoa in August 2018 - in total, he has scored five goals in two matches against the Giallorossi (the last with AC Milan in Serie A in October 2019).

Only Stanislav Lobotka (13) has started more open play sequences that have ended in a shot than Tonny Vilhena (9) in Serie A this season - however none of these nine sequences have ended with a Salernitana goal.

Federico Baschiroto is the player with the most clearances in Serie A this season (32); in addition, only Bryan Cristante (22) has made more tackles than Lecce's Morten Hjulmand (21).

17/09/2022 15:00 - RENATO DALL'ARA



BOLOGNA

Vs

EMPOLI



Empoli have lost only one of their last nine Serie A matches against Bologna (1-3 on 27th April 2019), achieving five wins in the period (D3).

Bologna have lost only one of eight home Serie A games against Empoli: 2-3 on 19th December 2015 under Roberto Donadoni (W4 D3).

After a 2-1 win against Fiorentina in the last match, Bologna could win two consecutive Serie A games for the first time since December 2021, in that case against Spezia and Roma.

For the first time since 2003/04 Empoli haven't won any of their first six matches in a Serie A season (they were relegated to Serie B); in that season, their first win arrived in the 10th game.

Empoli have won only one of their last 14 away Serie A matches (1-0 v Atalanta in May 2022) - seven draws and six defeats for the Tuscans in the period.

Bologna are the club with the fewest touches in the opposition box in Serie A this season (77); Empoli are 17th in this ranking with 97 touches, only Monza and Lecce have had fewer (both 88).

Paolo Zanetti's Venezia were the only side that Thiago Motta beat in both matches in the last Serie A campaign with Spezia.

Marko Arnautovic is the first player to score more than five goals in the first six games for Bologna in a single Serie A season since Giuseppe Savoldi in 1970/71 and the second foreign player to do so after Harald Nielsen in 1962/63.

Denso Kasius is the youngest player with at least two assists in the current Serie A campaign; he is also the youngest defender in the Big-5 European leagues to have provided at least two assists in 2022/23.

Among the players with at least 10 total shots in Serie A this season, Martín Satriano (born in 2001) is the youngest - however, only four of his 12 total shots have been on target.

17/09/2022 18:00 - ALBERTO PICCO



SPEZIA

Vs

SAMPDORIA



Spezia have won two of their four Serie A matches against Sampdoria (D1 L1), with both victories coming at Picco - the Blucerchiati could become the first opponent against which the Bianconeri could win three games in the top-flight.

The home team are unbeaten in eight of their last 10 Ligurian Serie A derbies (W5 D3) - the last two of those ended with a win for the home side without conceding (1-0 for Spezia against Sampdoria on 23/01/2022 and 1-0 for Sampdoria against Genoa on last 30 April).

Spezia are unbeaten in their last seven Serie A games in which they faced a team with fewer points in the table at the start of the matchday (W4 D3) - however their last such defeat came against Sampdoria (1-2 on 22 October 2021).

Following their victory against Empoli on the first matchday, Spezia have failed to win each of their last five league games (D2 L3): the last time the Bianconeri went on a longer such streak in the competition came between November/December 2021 (six in a row).

Sampdoria have picked up just two points in the league this season, equaling their worst start to a Serie A season after six matches (also 2 in 2013/14) - on that occasion the Blucerchiati picked up one point on MD7, drawing (2-2) against Torino.

On the one hand, no team has hit the woodwork on more occasions than Sampdoria in Serie A this season: six, level with Roma (including two last time out against AC Milan) - on the other hand, Spezia are one of the four teams yet to hit the woodwork this term.

Spezia (10) and Sampdoria (18) are two of the three teams to have had the fewest shots on target in the current Serie A season (Monza, 15) - however the Aquilotti have scored 50% of their shots on target (5/10), while the Blucerchiati have converted just 17% of theirs (3/18).

Spezia have scored each of their five goals in Serie A this season in home games and, excluding own goals, Simone Bastoni has been involved in three of the four Liguri goals (two goals and one assist) in the competition.

The last time Fabio Quagliarella found the back of the net in a Serie A away match was back to 16 May 2021, against Udinese - since then, the Sampdoria striker has played 18 league games on the road without scoring (already a negative record for him away from home in the competition).

Having been involved in three goals in two Serie A matches against Spezia (two goals and one assist) for Sassuolo, Francesco Caputo has neither scored nor assisted in his two league games for Sampdoria against the Bianconeri.

17/09/2022 20:45 - OLIMPICO GRANDE TORINO



TORINO

Vs

SASSUOLO



Torino have lost only three of their 18 Serie A matches against Sassuolo, the last one in January 2020 - the Granata have collected seven draws and eight wins in this period; Torino have scored in each of their last 11 games vs the Neroverdi.

Torino and Sassuolo drew their last encounter at the Olimpico Grande Torino in Serie A, after not drawing any of the previous eight games at Granata's home (six Torino wins and two Sassuolo wins).

After losing 0-1 vs Inter last time out, Torino could fail to score in successive Serie A matches for the first time since October 2021 (two - 0-1 losses, against Juventus and Napoli).

Sassuolo have failed to win their last four league games (D3, L1) and have not recorded a longer winless run in the competition since February 2021, under Roberto De Zerbi.

Torino have not conceded a goal in their last two home league games; in Serie A, the last time the Granata kept more successive shut outs at the Olimpico Grande Torino was back to March 2019 (five clean sheets in a row at home under Walter Mazzarri).

Following a goalless draw against Cremonese at the Giovanni Zini stadium on MD5, Sassuolo could fail to score in successive Serie A away games for the first time since January 2020.

Sassuolo have conceded the highest percentage of their shots on target faced in Serie A (62%) so far this season; the Neroverdi have conceded eight goals facing only 13 shots on target (fewer than any other team in the league).

Antonio Sanabria made his Serie A debut for Sassuolo in 2013/14, playing two games for the Neroverdi in the competition - against the Emilians, he has scored two goals and provided one assist in five top-flight appearances, including a goal in the last meeting (January 2022).

Karol Linetty has scored two goals and provided one assist against Sassuolo in Serie A, but all the three goals he has been involved in came at Mapei Stadium; the Torino midfielders last goal in the top-flight came on 23rd October 2020, against the Neroverdi (his only goal scored for the Granata).

Davide Frattesi has scored half of Sassuolo's goals in the current Serie A season (two out of four); the midfielder born in 1999 is the Neroverdi player who has registered the most shots on target this term (five).

18/09/2022 12:30 - DACIA ARENA - STADIO FRIULI



UDINESE

Vs

INTER



Udinese haven't won a Serie A game against Inter since 16th of December 2017 (3-1 at Meazza); since then, the Nerazzurri have gone nine games unbeaten (W7, D2), keeping a clean sheet seven times in this period.

Udinese will face Inter starting the matchday above them in the table for the first time since December 2014 – the last two times in which this is happened in the Italian top-flight, the Friulians have won the match (2-1 on December 7, 2014 and 5-2 on May 19, 2013).

Inter have lost only two of their last 19 Serie A away games against Udinese, the last in January 2013 (3-0 with a brace from Antonio Di Natale and a goal by Luis Muriel) - 11 wins for the Nerazzurri and six draws in this period.

Udinese have collected 13 points from their first six league games this season, equaling their best start in a Serie A campaign (also recorded in 2000/01, 2008/09 and 2014/15) - only in one of these previous seasons, however, have the Friulians won on MD7, reaching 16 points (in 2000/01).

Udinese have won each of their last four Serie A games: they could reach five consecutive wins in the top-flight for the first time since December 2017, under Massimo Oddo.

Among current Serie A sides, Inter are on the longest run without a draw in the competition (15) - the Nerazzurri have won 12 games in this period (more than any other team from April onwards), losing three times.

Inter and Udinese are the two Serie A 22/23 teams to have scored the most goals in the final 15 minutes of play so far (four) - both teams won their last league game scoring in this period (Brozovic vs Torino and Samardžic and Beto vs Sassuolo).

No player has created more chances following a ball carry than Gerard Deulofeu (six, as Politano) in the current Serie A campaign - in addition, no player has provided more assists after a carry than the Spaniard (two) and his teammate Roberto Pereyra (three).

Beto is the second foreign player to score at least four goals in Udinese's first six Serie A games played in a season (considering the last 20 campaigns), after Rodrigo de Paul in 2018/19.

Lautaro Martínez has been directly involved in three goals (two goals, one assist) in his last three Serie A games played against Udinese, having failed to be involved in a single goal in his first four league matches vs the Friulans.

18/09/2022 15:00 - GIOVANNI ZINI



CREMONESE

Vs

LAZIO



Cremonese and Lazio will face each other for the first time since March 24, 1996, when in Cremona, won by the home side: 2-1 with a Tentoni brace and a Negro goal.

Cremonese have won four Serie A matches against Lazio (D3 L7), against no opponent have they claimed more victories in the competition (also four against Ascoli and Padova) – Lazio are also the side against which Cremonese have scored the most goals in the competition (16).

Having lost their first Serie A home match against Lazio in 1930, Cremonese have gone unbeaten in their following six, thanks to four wins and two draws; Lazio are the side against which they have won the most home top-flight games.

After four defeats in a row, Cremonese have drawn their last two Serie A games; in six of their seven previous top-flight season, the Grigiorossi have earned at least three points after seven matches played, picking up only two in their most recent one (1995/96).

Lazio have not repeated the same result in successive games this season (W3 D2 L1), with a win in the most recent one, against Verona; they last won two such matches in a row in May, against Spezia and Sampdoria.

Lazio have drawn their last three Serie A away matches and they could go for four in a row in the competition for the first time since March 2016 (six back then).

Lazio have conceded the most goals from set-piece situations in Serie A this season: four of their five goals conceded have come in this manner, as many as in their previous 15.

Cremonese have scored four of their five Serie A goals this season in the second half of games (the last three in the last 15 minutes of play): 80% of the total, the highest percentage in the competition so far this term.

Cyriel Dessers has attempted 18 shots in Serie A this season with only Gerard Deulofeu (19) attempting more without finding the back of the net; before joining Cremonese, the striker scored three goals from 13 shots for Genk in the Belgian top-flight 2022/23.

56% of Sergej Milinkovic-Savic's Serie A assists have been for Ciro Immobile (23/41); among players with more than 10 assists since 2004/05, only Nicolas Frey for Sergio Pellissier (64%) and Silvan Widmer for Cyril Théréau (58%) have had a higher ratio – the Lazio midfielder however is the player with the most assists for a single teammate during this period (23).

18/09/2022 15:00 - ARTEMIO FRANCHI



FIorentINA

Vs

HELLAS VERONA



Hellas Verona have won 14 Serie A games against Fiorentina (D20 L28), a joint-record for them in the competition – in addition, the Gialloblù have scored more goals against the Viola than against any other side in the competition (68).

Fiorentina are unbeaten in their last five Serie A games against Hellas Verona (W1 D4), the last time the Viola recorded a longer streak without defeat against them was back in the first 18 matches between these two sides (1957-1977).

Fiorentina's last win at Franchi stadium in Serie A against Hellas Verona was back on 2nd December 2013, four draws and two defeats since then; among the opponents they have faced more than twice at home since 2014, the Gialloblu are the one against which the Viola have picked up the fewest points (four).

Fiorentina haven't won in their last five Serie A matches (D3 L2), the last time they registered a longer streak without a win was back in December 2020, the last match in that case of eight was against Hellas Verona (1-1 draw with Dusan Vlahovic and Miguel Veloso goals).

Fiorentina are unbeaten in home matches in Serie A this season (W1 D2); the Viola could remain unbeaten in the first four home league games in a single season for the first time since 2018/19 (four wins in that case).

Hellas Verona have lost three of their first six league games this season (W1 D2); in four of the last five campaigns in which the Gialloblù have lost at least four of their first seven Serie A matches they have been relegated, the only exception was in 1999/00.

Hellas Verona have picked up two points from three away matches in Serie A this season and in three of their previous five campaigns in the top flight they stopped with as many points after four away games.

Hellas Verona are the only team that haven't had any open play sequence with at least 10 passes that ended with a shot or a touch in the opposition box in Serie A this season.

Antonín Barak has scored three goals in three Serie A matches against Hellas Verona, only against Sassuolo has he netted more (four); the current Fiorentina midfielder scored 18 goals in 64 Serie A matches with Hellas Verona.

Josh Doig (born in May 2002) is the youngest player in Serie A this season to have scored a goal and provided an assist, while in the Big-5 European leagues in 2022/23 he is third among defenders, behind only PSG's Nuno Mendes and E Montpellier's Enzo Tchato Mbiayi.

18/09/2022 15:00 - U-POWER STADIUM



MONZA

Vs

JUVENTUS



Juventus and Monza have met four times before, with all those matches coming in the Coppa Italia. The Bianconeri have scored in all four of those matches (W2, D2).

Monza earned their first Serie A point of the season in their last league game against Lecce. Of the last four top-flight teams to pick up just one or fewer points after their first six games played, only Salernitana avoided relegation in 2021/22 (Benevento 2017/18, Frosinone 2018/19 and Crotone 2020/21 all went down).

Monza have lost their first three Serie A home games. Only two teams have lost their first four home games in the competition; Benevento in 2017/18 and Treviso in 2005/06.

Juventus are unbeaten in their first six league games of the current campaign but they have drawn four matches. The Bianconeri have never had five draws in their first seven Serie A games played in the three points for a win era (the last time they managed this was in 1972/73).

Juventus' last win in a Serie A away match was in April 2022 (on the date of their game against Monza this will be 146 days ago). The Bianconeri haven't waited so long between two Serie A away wins since 19th of September 2010, when they won against Udinese 197 days after a 2-1 win against Fiorentina on 6th of March 2010.

No team have scored fewer goals than Monza in Serie A this season (3, alongside Sampdoria). Only Spezia (52) have had less shots than the Brianzoli (54) so far and only Spezia (10) have had fewer shots on target than Monza (15).

Juventus had eight shots on target in their last league match vs Salernitana. That's one more than in their previous three games vs Fiorentina, Spezia and Roma combined (7 in total).

Gianluca Caprari has scored twice against Juventus in Serie A, but he's not managed any in his last three games played against the Bianconeri. The Monza striker has gone nine appearances without scoring in the top-flight: the last time he had a worse run was back in September 2021, when he went 13 games without scoring.

Filip Kostic has provided an assist in his last two league games. The last Juventus player to do so in three Serie A games in a row was Juan Cuadrado in July 2020.

Dusan Vlahovic has scored all four of his Serie A goals this season at home. The last time he found the net in a league away match was on April 9th against Cagliari. The Juventus forward has failed to score in four away Serie A apps in a row and the last time he did worst was a run of 10 such goalless appearances (that ended in December 2020).

18/09/2022 18:00 - OLIMPICO



ROMA

Vs

ATALANTA



Roma have won their last two Serie A meetings with Atalanta, under José Mourinho. They could go for three in a row for the first time since 2011 (under Claudio Ranieri and Luis Enrique).

Having alternated between a draw and a defeat in their previous seven Serie A home meetings against Atalanta (D4 L3), Roma have won their last one. Since 2015, only against Napoli have they lost more home league matches (4).

Roma have picked up one point more this season than they managed in their first six Serie A games last term (13 vs 12) but they have scored (8 this season vs 14 last season) and conceded (6 in 2022/23 v 8 in 2021/22) fewer goals.

Roma have won their last two league games without conceding. They could win three such matches in a row without conceding a single goal for the first time since May 2019.

Atalanta have picked up 14 points and conceded three goals so far in Serie A after six matches; something that they have never bettered at this stage of the season. After seven matches, their record number of points is 16 (in 2018/19) and their fewest goals conceded is five (back in 1964/65).

Atalanta have won their last three Serie A away games without conceding. They last won four such games in a row in December 2021 (run of 6) and only twice before have they kept a clean sheet in four league away matches in a row (in 1997 and in 2016).

Atalanta (19, level with Milan) and Roma (14) are two of the three sides with the most direct attacks in Serie A this season. Both have already found the back of the net following such play (Roma against Monza and Atalanta against Sampdoria).

Roma striker Tammy Abraham has scored twice in his first six Serie A games this season – the same number he managed in the first six such matches of last season. Indeed, only 21% of his goals in the competition have been scored before November (4/19).

Paulo Dybala has been involved in five of Roma's eight Serie A goals scored this season (three goals and two assists). Only Bologna's Marko Arnautovic (6/7, 86%) and Sampdoria's Tomas Rincón (2/3, 67%) have a higher goal involvement rate in the competition so far than the Argentinian (63%).

Luis Muriel has scored seven Serie A goals against Roma; only against Torino (8) and Udinese (11) has he managed more. The Atalanta striker is yet to score in four league games this season; only in 2014/15 for Udinese has he failed to find the net in each of his first five appearances.

18/09/2022 20:45 - GIUSEPPE MEAZZA



MILAN

Vs

NAPOLI



AC Milan won their last league match against Napoli after a run of two consecutive defeats; the Rossoneri could win two Serie A games in a row against Napoli for the first time since 2010/11, under Massimiliano Allegri.

AC Milan have lost their last two home league games against Napoli, both with a score of 0-1. Only in 1979 did the Rossoneri suffer three home consecutive defeats against Napoli in Serie A and they've never gone three games against them in a row without scoring.

AC Milan are unbeaten in their last 22 Serie A games (W15 D7). This is their longest unbeaten streak since a run of 27 games without defeat in January 2021.

AC Milan have won their last six Serie A games at home, keeping four clean sheets. The last time they had a longer winning run at home was back in 2013 (8). That run, however, was ended by a draw against Napoli.

Napoli have kept six clean sheets in their last nine Serie A games (0.4 goals conceded per game); that's as many clean sheets as in their previous 25 matches (average of 1.1 goals conceded).

Napoli have picked up seven points in their first three away Serie A matches this season. They could remain unbeaten in the first four away games in a Serie A campaign for the third season in a row, a result never achieved before.

Napoli have the most high turnovers in Serie A this season (60), they are also the club with the most shots following high turnovers (13).

Only AC Milan (7) have gained more points than Napoli from losing positions (6) in Serie A this season.

Since the start of last season, Rafael Leão has missed just four Serie A games; only Saelemaekers and Tonalì (41) have played more matches for the Rossoneri in the period (40 for the Portuguese). Without Leão, AC Milan have a win rate of 50% and average 1.8 points but those figures rise to 70% and 2.3 points with him on the pitch.



AC Milan are Piotr Zielinski's favorite opponent in Serie A. He scored four times in his first 10 matches against them but he hasn't found the net in the following seven. Against the Rossoneri he also scored his first brace in the competition in August 2018.