



INSIGHTS

Matchday 8 Serie A 2022-23
1 - 3 October 2022



01/10/2022 15:00 - DIEGO ARMANDO MARADONA



NAPOLI

Vs

TORINO



Napoli have drawn more Serie A games against Torino than they have vs any other side in the top-flight (55 – W49 L32).

Napoli have only lost one of their last 20 Serie A games against Torino (W14 D5): 0-1 thanks to Kamil Glik's goal in March 2015 - the Partenopei in fact are unbeaten in their last 14 matches against the Granata in the competition (W10 D4): only between 1963 and 1971 have they had a longer streak without losing against the Piemontesi in Serie A (15).

Napoli are unbeaten in their 10 Serie A home games against Torino (W6 D4); the last Granata's win against the Partenopei in the top-flight was back in May 2009: 2-1, under Giancarlo Camolese.

Napoli are unbeaten in their last 11 Serie A matches (W9 D2), the longest ongoing streak among the current Serie A teams. Under Luciano Spalletti, only between August and November 2021 have they had a longer unbeaten run in the competition (12 in that case).

Torino have lost their last two league matches 0-1 against Inter and Sassuolo; the last time they have suffered three Serie A defeats in a row was back in December 2020, while the last time they failed to find the net for three consecutive top-flight games was in November 2014.

Torino have only conceded one goal in the first half of games in Serie A this season, with only Atalanta shipping fewer (0). However, five of their seven goals conceded this term have come in or after the 80th minute, including the most recent three.

Only Hellas Verona (122) have conceded more fouls than Torino in Serie A this season (108), while only Sampdoria (107) have won more fouls than Napoli (99).

Napoli's Giovanni Simeone has scored six goals against Torino in Serie A: only against Lazio he has found the net more times (8) in the competition - he could score in two consecutive league matches for the first time in 2022.

Among players to contest at least 20 duels in Serie A this season, Napoli's Stanislav Lobotka has the highest success rate (77% - 44/57).

Nikola Vlasic has scored the most goals (three), had the most shots on target (seven), created the most chances (11) and started the most shot ending sequences (six) among Torino players in Serie A in 2022/23.

01/10/2022 18:00 - GIUSEPPE MEAZZA



INTER

Vs

ROMA



Inter have won more Serie A games (75) and scored more Serie A goals (290) against Roma than they have against any other opponent in their history.

Inter are unbeaten in their last 10 Serie A matches against Roma (W4 D6) – only between 1935 and 1941 have they had a longer streak against the Giallorossi (12 in that case). Roma's last win against the Nerazzurri in Serie A was back in February 2017 (3-1 at the Meazza stadium).

Both sides have won five games each (7 draws) over the last 17 Serie A meetings between Inter and Roma in Milan, with the Nerazzurri unbeaten in the last five (W2 D3).

Inter have lost at least three of the first seven matches in a single Serie A season for the 10th time in their history. However, only on one occasion have they registered four defeats in the first eight games played, doing so in 2011/12.

Inter have won their last home seven league games, keeping four clean sheets in the period - the Nerazzurri have never collected a streak of eight home wins in a row under Simone Inzaghi in Serie A.

Roma have lost two of their last three league games (W1), as many defeats as in the previous 21 matches in Serie A (W11 D8).

Inter (-9) and Roma (-8) are two of the three teams that have scored the fewest goals compared with the first seven games of the last Serie A season, along with Hellas Verona at -9. The Nerazzurri have netted 13 goals in 2022/23 compared to 22 in 2021/22 while the Giallorossi have eight this season compared to 16 in 2021/22.

Marcelo Brozovic will miss this match; since last season, the Nerazzurri have won 69% of Serie A matches with the Croatian midfielder on the pitch (29/42), averaging 2.2 points - in the three matches without him, the Nerazzurri have never won, registering 0.7 points on average (D2 L1).

Inter's Denzel Dumfries has netted a goal in both his two league matches against Roma, only Giacinto Facchetti (three) has scored more goals among Inter defenders against the Giallorossi in Serie A history.

Roma's Andrea Belotti has scored four goals against Inter in Serie A, all at the Meazza stadium - since 2016, he has netted the most away goals against the Nerazzurri in the top-flight.

01/10/2022 20:45 - CARLO CASTELLANI



EMPOLI

Vs

MILAN



AC Milan have lost just one of their last 11 Serie A matches against Empoli (W6 D4), going down 2-1 at home in April 2017.

AC Milan have won their last three Serie A games against Empoli: only between December 2003 and March 2006 have they had a longer streak of consecutive wins against the Tuscans in the top-flight (four).

Among the 23 teams they have faced more than three times in home games in Serie A, AC Milan are the only one against which Empoli have never won (14 games – D7 L7).

After their 1-0 win against Bologna, Empoli could win two consecutive league matches for the first time since December 2021, while the last time they made two consecutive clean sheets in Serie A was in January 2017 (three in that case).

AC Milan have drawn three of the four away games this season between Serie A and Champions League (W1), as many as in their previous 20 matches on the road in all competitions (W14 D3 L3).

Only Napoli and Fiorentina (both 62) have recorded more high turnovers than Empoli (60) in Serie A this season, on the other side AC Milan have scored the most goals following high turnovers (four).

Since 2019, Empoli's Mattia Destro has scored the joint-most goals against AC Milan in Serie A: four goals (in four matches), alongside Romelu Lukaku and Ciro Immobile – in general in his career, the Italian striker has netted five goals in the top-flight against the Rossoneri.

Empoli's Fabiano Parisi has completed the most dribbles in Serie A this season (14); among defenders in the big five European leagues in 2022/23, only Jeremie Frimpong (18) and Nuno Tavares (17) have completed more.

Milan's Olivier Giroud has netted in his last three Serie A matches, and could score in four consecutive league games for the first time since January 2017 for Arsenal. In addition, the French striker has scored four goals in his first seven league games in 2022/23 – only in 2014/15 (five with Arsenal) has he netted more in his first eight matches in a single season between Serie A, Premier League and Ligue 1.

Only Lautaro Martínez (28) has attempted more total shots than Milan pair Rafael Leão and Olivier Giroud (both 25, level with Osimhen) in Serie A this season – among these four players, the two Rossoneri have the highest shot conversion rate: 16% Giroud, 12% Leão.

02/10/2022 12:30 - OLIMPICO



LAZIO

Vs

SPEZIA



Spezia have lost all four of their Serie A games against Lazio, though they've scored in each match. Only Juventus (5) have they faced more with a 100% loss record in the top-flight.

The only Serie A match in which Spezia have conceded six goals was against Lazio in August 2021 at the Olimpico stadium (final score 6-1).

Lazio have won their last two league games without conceding a goal: the last time they achieved three wins in a row without conceding goals in Serie A was back in March 2015 (four in that case under Stefano Pioli).

Spezia won their last league match against Sampdoria, and could recorded consecutive Serie A wins for the first time since January (three in that case).

Lazio have conceded only five goals in seven matches in Serie A this season: in the three points for a win era only in 2001/02 (five) have they conceded only five goals after their first eight Serie A games of the season.

Spezia (-8) and Lazio (-7) are two of the three teams that have conceded the fewest goals compared to the first seven games of last season. The Ligurians conceded 11 goals this season compared to 19 in 2021/22, while the Biancocelesti have conceded five in 2022/23, compared to 12 last term.

Spezia are one of only two teams, with Elche, that haven't scored a single goal in away matches in the big five European leagues this season (three defeats in three matches on the road and six goals conceded for the Ligurians).

No player has scored more Serie A goals against Spezia than Lazio's **Ciro Immobile** (5), including his last hat-trick at the Olimpico stadium in the competition (on 28th August 2021).

In the last three seasons (from 2020/21), **Sergej Milinkovic-Savic** is one of only two midfielders, alongside **Kevin De Bruyne**, with at least 20 goals and 20 assists in the big five European leagues - 20 goals and 25 assists for the Serbian. The Lazio midfielder could also provide assists in three consecutive Serie A matches for the second time in his career, after May 2017.

M'Bala Nzola has already scored more goals (three) in seven Serie A appearances in 2022/23 than in 21 matches last season (two) - the Spezia striker has scored one goal against Lazio in the competition, on 5th December 2020.

02/10/2022 15:00 - VIA DEL MARE - E.GIARDINIERO



LECCE

Vs

CREMONESE



After losing their first match against Lecce in Serie A in November 1989, Cremonese remained unbeaten in the next three games against them in the top-flight: a draw in 1990 was followed by two wins in 1993/94.

Three of the four games played in 2022 between newly promoted teams in Serie A ended in a draw, as many draws as in the previous 18 between 2019 and 2021 between these teams in the tournament (10 home and five away wins).

After their win against Salernitana, Lecce could achieve two consecutive Serie A wins for the first time since February 2020 (three with Fabio Liverani as manager).

Cremonese have gained two points in Serie A this season: in their previous seven Serie A appearances, only in 1995/96 have they collected so few points after their first seven games.

Lecce have conceded eight league goals this season, and have never shipped fewer after their first seven Serie A seasonal games - in the previous season played in the topflight (2019/20), they had conceded 15 goals at this stage in the tournament.

83% of Lecce's Serie A goals this season have come between the 31st and 60th minute (5/6), the highest share in the division. Meanwhile, Cremonese are the only team yet to score in this period.

Lecce (39%) and Cremonese (44%) are the two teams with the lowest average possession rate in Serie A this season.

Only Fabiano Parisi (14) has more successful dribbles than Lameck Banda (13) in Serie A this season. The Zambian is also the Lecce player who has had the most shots (12) and won the most fouls (15) in the current championship.

No current Lecce or Cremonese player has scored against the other in Serie A.

Only Bochum's Manuel Riemann (44) has made more saves than Cremonese goalkeeper Ionut Radu (40) in the big five European leagues this season.

02/10/2022 15:00 - LUIGI FERRARIS



SAMPDORIA

Vs

MONZA



Sampdoria will be the first opponent from Liguria in Monza's Serie A history; the Blucerchiati are unbeaten in 13 of their 15 matches against the Brianzoli across Serie B and the Italian Cup (W6 D7), winning each of their last four - including the most recent match, in August 2001 in the Italian Cup (2-1 for the Liguri away from home).

Sampdoria are unbeaten in their seven previous home games against Monza across Serie B and the Italian Cup (W4 D3), scoring 13 goals and conceding just six.

Monza could win their first away match against a side from Liguria between Serie A and B: the Biancorossi have collected eight draws and 19 defeats on the road against such opposition, each of those in Serie B.

Sampdoria have only picked up two points in the league this season; in their top-flight history the Blucerchiati have always won at least four points after their first eight Serie A matches in a season.

Sampdoria are winless in their last eight league games (D2 L6); the last time they went on a longer such streak in Serie A was back to March/May 2013 (10 in that case, under Delio Rossi).

Prior to Raffaele Palladino, the last two managers to win their first ever Serie A match with a newly promoted team were Stefano Colantuono and Pasquale Marino, both on 10 September 2006 respectively managing Atalanta and Catania; the last manager to win his first two games in the competition with a side coming from Serie B was Roberto Donadoni, with Livorno in 2005.

Sampdoria have recorded the most shot ending high turnovers in Serie A this season: 14, on average one shot every 3.6 high turnovers (also a record in the competition).

Sampdoria midfielder Abdelhamid Sabiri has made the most passes ending in final third in Serie A this season: 122, however none of those have resulted in an assist.

Gianluca Caprari has scored three goals against Sampdoria in Serie A, only against Fiorentina (5) and Roma (4) has he found the net on more occasions. Sampdoria are the team with which he has both collected the most appearances in the top-flight (73) and scored the most goals (14).

Stefano Sensi played 11 matches, scoring one goal, between February and April 2022 for Sampdoria in Serie A - only once has he both scored and provided assist in a single match in the top-flight with that coming against Sampdoria for Inter in September 2019.

02/10/2022 15:00 - MAPEI STADIUM - CITTA' DEL TRICOLORE



SASSUOLO

Vs

SALERNITANA



Salernitana could win against Sassuolo for the first time since August 2008 in Serie B: since then they have collected four defeats and a draw against the Neroverdi between Serie A and Serie B.

Sassuolo have won each of their three previous home games against Salernitana between Serie A and Serie B, keeping a clean sheet twice in the period.

Salernitana are winless in their eight Serie A away matches against sides from Emilia-Romagna (D3 L5): only against opponents from Lombardia have the Granata played more games on the road in the competition (9) without winning.

Sassuolo have lost three of their last six league home games (W1 D2): as many defeats as in their previous 12 Serie A home matches (W5 D4).

Salernitana have drawn their last five Serie A away games: only two sides have gone on a longer such streak in the three points for a win era (since 1994/95); Inter in 2004 and Lazio in 2016 (both six).

No side has kept more clean sheets than Sassuolo in the current Serie A campaign (four in seven games, level with Atalanta); in the whole of last season the Neroverdi kept just three shutouts in 38 matches.

Salernitana have attempted the most shots from outside the box in Serie A this season (40) among the sides to have failed to score from distance.

Boulaye Dia could become the first player in Salernitana's history to score more than three goals in the Campani's first 10 games in a single Serie A season (currently he is level with Vincenzo Margiotta, Elio Onorato, Secondo Rossi and Sebastiano Vaschetto, each of them with 3 goals in 1947/48).

Andrea Pinamonti scored 2+ goals for the first time in Serie A against Salernitana at Arechi in October 2021 (a brace for Empoli); only against Roma (3) and Udinese (3) has he found the net more times in the top-flight.

Antonio Candreva has been directly involved in 10 goals (4 goals, six assists) in Serie A against Sassuolo: only against Fiorentina does he have more goal involvements (13); the last time he faced them in the competition (6 February 2022), the Salernitana midfielder both scored and provided two assists.

02/10/2022 18:00 - GEWISS STADIUM



ATALANTA

Vs

FIORENTINA



Fiorentina have won their last two Serie A games against Atalanta, having lost each of their previous three; the last time the Viola won more games consecutively against the Nerazzurri was back in February 2016 (eight).

Atalanta have won four of their last seven Serie A games against Fiorentina (D1 L2): as many as they did in their previous 29 matches against them (D11 L14).

Fiorentina are unbeaten in eight of their last 10 Serie A away games against Atalanta, winning five of those (D3); against no other opponent have they had as much success on the road during this period (since 2012/13) - five wins also against Hellas Verona.

Atalanta have only won one of their last nine Serie A home games (3-1 against Torino on 1 September), drawing five times in the period (L3).

Fiorentina have lost five of their last six Serie A away games (D1), only scoring three goals during this period; their last league win on the road came back in April (3-2 against Napoli).

Atalanta have picked up 17 points from their first seven Serie A games this season: in their history, they have never gained 20 points before their ninth match in a single top-flight season.

Only Lyon (141) have attempted more open play crosses than Fiorentina (138) in the big five European leagues in 2022/23 – however they have not scored following a cross from open play yet this term.

Atalanta have conceded the fewest goals in the current Serie A season (3); however, considering their Expected Goals Against tally, they should have conceded 4.4 more than their current total (7.4 xG conceded): only Juventus (4.6) have a higher difference between xG against and goals conceded.

Atalanta midfielder Ruslan Malinovskyi has been directly involved in four goals in his last five Serie A appearances against Fiorentina (2 goals, 2 assists): only against Udinese (5) he has had a hand in more goals in the competition.

Fiorentina striker Luka Jovic has had just 130 touches in Serie A this season (16 in the opposition box), fewer than any other outfield player with at least 440 minutes played.

02/10/2022 20:45 - ALLIANZ STADIUM



JUVENTUS

Vs

BOLOGNA



Juventus have lost just one (W28 D10) of their last 39 league games against Bologna (the only defeat during this period was a 0-2 loss in February 2011), drawing the most recent one; the last time the Bianconeri drew two games in a row against the Rossoblù in the competition was in March 2012.

Bologna could win a match against Juventus in the first half of a Serie A season for the first time since 29 November 1998 (3-0 with goals from Paramatti, Signori and Fontolan, all in the first 30 minutes); the Rossoblù have lost their last nine games against Juventus in the first half of a season, always conceding at least two goals.

Juventus are the team against which Bologna have drawn (49) and lost the most matches in their Serie A history (78, 16 in the 18 most recent matches).

Should they fail to win this game, Juventus would establish their second worst start after eight Serie A games in the era of three points for a win (after 2015/16): they currently have 10 points on the board (W2 D4 L1) with their last victory coming back in August, against Spezia.

Bologna have only won one of their 13 away games played in Serie A in 2022 (D5 L7): 1-0 against Genoa on 21 May.

Juventus have landed just 25 shots on target in Serie A so far this term, an average of 3.6 per match – their lowest tally after seven games in a Serie A season since 2004/05.

Bologna have made the most recoveries in their own defensive third (205) in Serie A this season, however only Empoli's opponents (240) have made more penalty box entries than Bologna's (239).

Juventus coach Massimiliano Allegri has won 15 Serie A matches against Bologna: no coach has recorded more wins against the Rossoblù in the era of three points for a win (since 1994/95) and in general only one has beaten a single opponent on more occasions; Allegri himself against Chievo (16).

Marko Arnautovic, who has scored six of Bologna's seven goals in this league campaign, may become the second player in the last 50 years to score at least seven goals in the Rossoblù's first eight games in a Serie A season after Roberto Baggio in 1997/98.

Juventus forward Arkadiusz Milik has scored twice in each of his two Serie A home games against Bologna: in September 2016 (as a substitute) and December 2018, both with Napoli.

03/10/2022 20:45 - MARCANTONIO BENTEGODI



HELLAS VERONA

Vs

UDINESE



Hellas Verona have remained unbeaten in five of their last six Serie A matches against Udinese (W2 D3), having been defeated in four of the previous five (D1).

Udinese have won their last three league games against Hellas Verona when starting a matchday with more points than them; most recently in May 2018, 1-0 with a goal from Antonín Barák.

Hellas Verona have kept clean sheets in each of their last three Serie A home games against Udinese: the last time they recorded more consecutive home shutouts against a single opponent in the competition was between 1983 and 1989 against Pisa (four).

After one defeat and one draw, Udinese have won all each of their last five league games: they can reach six wins in their first eight games in a Serie A season for the first time in their history.

Hellas Verona have only won one of their last 10 league games (D3 L6) and have lost their last two without scoring; the last time the Gialloblù failed to score in three consecutive Serie A games was in April 2018 (three).

No team has scored more than Udinese in Serie A this season (15 goals, alongside Napoli), on the other hand only Cremonese and Monza (both 14) have conceded more goals than Hellas Verona (13).

Udinese are the side that have rescued the most points from losing positions across the big five European leagues in 2022/23 (nine), the Bianconeri have won three of their four matches in which they have trailed so far this term.

Hellas Verona midfielder Ivan Ilic is the player who has recovered the most possessions in the first seven games in Serie A this season: 57, 33 of which have come in the middle third, another competition high this term - second in this ranking is Udinese's Wallace, with 31.

Among players with at least 150 minutes played in Serie A this season, Beto is the one with the best minutes per goal rate: in fact, the Udinese striker has scored four goals in 297 minutes (an average of one goal every 74). The last player to score at least five goals from the Bianconeri's first eight games in a Serie A season was Antonio Di Natale in 2014/15.

Hellas Verona are the team against which Roberto Pereyra has scored the most goals in Serie A (three in seven previous matches), while he is one of just three players to have provided 4+ assists in the competition this term, alongside Sergej Milinkovic-Savic (five) and teammate Gerard Deulofeu (five).