



INSIGHTS

Matchday 9 Serie A 2022-23
8 - 10 October 2022



08/10/2022 15:00 - MAPEI STADIUM - CITTA' DEL TRICOLORE



SASSUOLO

Vs

INTER



Sassuolo have won eight of their 18 meetings against Inter in Serie A (D2 L8), against no other team have they have achieved more top-flight wins (level with Sampdoria and Genoa).

Sassuolo won their last league match against Inter (2-0 at the Meazza on 20th February), after gaining just two points in their previous six matches - the last time they had two wins in a row against the Nerazzurri in Serie A was between 2017 and 2018 (four).

There hasn't been a single draw in the nine previous meetings between Sassuolo and Inter at the MAPEI Stadium in Serie A: four Neroverdi wins and five for the Nerazzurri (including each of the last three).

Sassuolo have won their last two league games without conceding a goal, never in their history in Serie A have they recorded three wins in a row while keeping a clean sheet.

Only Barcelona (six) have recorded more clean sheets than Sassuolo (five) this season in the top five European leagues. The Neroverdi have so far conceded eight goals in eight matches - in their history they have always conceded at least 10 goals in the first nine matches of a Serie A season.

Inter have lost their last two league games against Udinese and Roma: the last time they lost at least three consecutive Serie A games was in May 2017 (four, the last of which was against Sassuolo).

No team has lost more points from leading positions than Inter in Serie A this season (nine, level with Bologna); in addition, the Nerazzurri have always lost in the four games in which they have gone down in the score.

Andrea Pinamonti made his Serie A debut with Inter (12/02/2017 v Empoli) and went on to make 11 league appearances (one goal scored). He also scored a goal against Inter in the tournament, in his most recent meeting (last May with Empoli).

Edin Dzeko has scored six goals against Sassuolo in Serie A, four of which have arrived at the MAPEI Stadium, only against Atalanta and Bologna (seven) has he scored more in the competition.

Sassuolo are Robin Gosens' favourite opponent in Serie A (four goals), including scoring his last goal in the competition against them (21st September 2021 with Atalanta) - the German winger misses the goal in 15 league appearances and in his career in the competition only once he recorded a longer drought: his first 16 games played, with Atalanta between August 2017 and April 2018.

08/10/2022 18:00 - GIUSEPPE MEAZZA



MILAN

Vs

JUVENTUS



AC Milan are the side against which Juventus have drawn (56) and won (51) the most Serie A matches: they have won 67 of their 174 meetings against the Rossoneri.

AC Milan and Juventus drew both of their Serie A matches last season, only twice in their history have they drawn at least three games in a row in the competition: between 1972 and 1973 (four) and between 1938 and 1939 (four).

AC Milan have gone unbeaten in four of their last five Serie A meetings against Juventus (W2 D2) after having lost 13 of the previous 14 (W1).

Juventus have won six of their last nine Serie A meetings against AC Milan at the Meazza Stadium (D1 L2), scoring twice the number of goals that they have conceded in the process (14 vs 7).

AC Milan (two) and Juventus (four) are two of the three sides to have lost the fewest Serie A matches in 2022, alongside Napoli (three), considering the teams to have played both seasons in the process.

After having won six successive Serie A home matches, AC Milan lost their last game at the San Siro Stadium; under Stefano Pioli, they have never lost two such games in a row (the last time was back in September 2019, under Marco Giampaolo).

Juventus have picked up two points in three Serie A away matches this season (D2 L1): in the previous 40 Serie A campaigns, only in 1993/94 have they failed to win each of their first four such games in a single season.

Since he joined AC Milan in 2019/20, Ante Rebic has scored four goals against Juventus in all competitions, no other player has scored more against them in the period (also four Giovanni Simeone and Ruslan Malinovskyi).

Rafael Leão has been involved in the most Serie A goals in 2022 (22: 11 goals + 11 assists) - since 2004/05, only two AC Milan players have had a hand in more league goals in a single calendar year: Kaká in 2008 (27: 15+12) and Zlatan Ibrahimovic in 2020 (26: 20+6).

This match will see two of the three players with the best mins/goals ratio in Serie A this season (min. 2 goals): Ante Rebic (one goal every 49 on average) and Arkadiusz Milik (one goal every 78) - the other one is Beto (one every 66 minutes).

Only at the Mapei Stadium (four) has Dusan Vlahovic played more Serie A matches without finding the net than at the Meazza (three matches).

08/10/2022 20:45 - RENATO DALL'ARA



BOLOGNA

Vs

SAMPDORIA



Bologna have won each of their last seven meetings against Sampdoria in the league, always scoring at least two goals: in their Serie A history only against Casale (between 1931 and 1934) have they achieved eight wins in a row against a single opponent.

Bologna are unbeaten in 13 home games against Sampdoria in Serie A (W8 D5), while Sampdoria's last win at the Dall'Ara in the league was back on November 2nd 2003 (0-1 thanks to a goal by Cristiano Doni) with Walter Novellino on the bench.

Bologna have lost their last two league games without scoring a goal: the last time they recorded three straight defeats without a goal in Serie A was in the period between May and September 2011.

Thiago Motta has lost both of his first two games at the helm of Bologna in the league: the only coach to have lost each of his first three games with the Rossoblù in Serie A (in the 3pts/win era) was Delio Rossi between August and September 2015.

Sampdoria have gained only two points in Serie A this season: it is the worst start ever for them in a Serie A season after the first eight games played. Sampdoria have lost the most games in 2022 in the Big-5 European Leagues (19 defeats out of 27 matches).

Sampdoria have lost their last four league games: the last time they recorded at least five consecutive defeats in Serie A was in the period between September and November 2012 (seven, with Ciro Ferrara on the bench).

No team has conceded more first half goals than Sampdoria in Serie A this season (nine, as Cremonese), on the other hand, Bologna have conceded nine goals in the second half, a joint-negative record with Inter and Hellas Verona.

In 2022, only Ciro Immobile (eight) has scored the first goal of the match more times than Marko Arnautovic (seven) in Serie A. The Austrian has scored in his two league games against Sampdoria, at Ferraris on 7th November 2021 and a brace at Dall'Ara on 11th April.

Bologna are one of Manolo Gabbiadini's two favourite opponents in Serie A (six goals, same as vs Cagliari), including his first goal (with Atalanta on 25th March 2012) and his only brace in the competition (19th April 2016 with Napoli). He made 30 appearances with Bologna in the 2012/13 Serie A campaign, scoring six goals in the process.

Francesco Caputo has scored five goals against Bologna in Serie A, against no other team he has scored more in the top-flight (five also against SPAL). Five of his last six goals in the league have been away from home.

09/10/2022 12:30 - OLIMPICO GRANDE TORINO



TORINO

Vs

EMPOLI



Torino are the team against which Empoli have remained unbeaten in the most Serie A matches: 16 out of 20, thanks to seven wins and nine draws.

Torino have won two of their last four games against Empoli in Serie A (D1 L1), as many as in the previous 16. After their 3-1 win at Castellani last May, the Granata could win two games in a row against the Azzurri for the first time in the top-flight.

Torino have remained unbeaten in their last three home matches against Empoli in Serie A (W1 D2), after a streak of three home defeats in a row.

Torino have lost their last three league matches: the last time they recorded at least four consecutive defeats in Serie A dates to the period between January and February 2020 (six, with Mazzarri and Longo) - the last coach who lost four straight games with the Granata was Walter Mazzarri in March 2018.

Torino have scored only seven goals in this league campaign: in the previous 10 seasons, since their return to Serie A, only in 2014/15 have they scored fewer goals after the first eight games played (six).

Empoli are unbeaten in three away league games (W1 D2) and after the win against Bologna away from home, the Tuscans could record two straight away wins in Serie A for the first time since October 2021.

Torino are the only team in Serie A this season that have neither gained points from a trailing situation nor lost points when leading.

No team has conceded more goals than Torino in the last 15 minutes of play in Serie A in 2022/23 (five, level with Salernitana). On the other hand, three of the last four goals scored by Empoli have come from minute 75 onwards.

The first of Antonio Sanabria's 22 Serie A goals was scored against Empoli, with Genoa on January 28th 2019. His last three goals in the league have all been away from home, with his last at home in the top-flight arriving back on January 23rd against Sassuolo.

Mattia Destro has scored two goals against Torino in Serie A, including one in his last away game against them (22/10/2021 with Genoa). He has not scored in the last 15 league matches, only once in his Serie A career has he had a streak of 16 games without a goal: between March 2018 and February 2019.

09/10/2022 15:00 - U-POWER STADIUM



MONZA

Vs

SPEZIA



This will be the first match between Monza and Spezia when considering competitions such as Serie A, Serie B and the Italian Cup.

Monza have won their last two Serie A matches without conceding a goal; the last newly promoted side that achieved three consecutive wins in the competition without conceding a goal was Palermo in December 2004.

Raffaele Palladino could become the first coach to win his first three Serie A games in charge of a newly promoted team in the three points per win era (since 1994/95).

In the two games played with Raffaele Palladino on the bench, Monza have faced the fewest shots in Serie A: only 13, at least five fewer than any other team.

Only Sampdoria (19) have lost more games than Spezia (15) in Serie A in 2022; in addition, only Salernitana (49) have conceded more goals than the "Aquilotti" (47) in this period in the competition.

Spezia have lost without scoring in all four away games played in this league campaign. In the previous 40 Serie A seasons, only SPAL in 2019/20 have recorded five defeats in their first five away games without scoring a single goal.

Spezia have conceded four goals in the first 15 minutes of play in this league season, no other team has shipped more (four goals for Sampdoria as well), on the other hand, Monza have not yet conceded in the same period of the match.

The last six official appearances of Raffaele Palladino as a footballer came while playing for Spezia, in Serie B between January and April 2018.

Gianluca Caprari has been involved in four goals in three Serie A games against Spezia (three goals and one assist), including his last brace in the league (6th January 2022 at "Picco" Stadium with Verona).

His next appearance will be Daniele Verde's 100th match in Serie A, 56 of these have so far arrived with Spezia. The player born in 1996 has been involved in the most goals for Spezia in Serie A: 21 (14 goals and seven assists).

09/10/2022 15:00 - ARECHI



SALERNITANA

Vs

HELLAS VERONA



Salernitana have scored four goals in two meetings against Verona in Serie A, an average of two per game: only against Pro Patria (2.5) and Lucchese (2.5) have they scored more goals on average.

Hellas Verona are one of only five teams against which Salernitana are unbeaten in Serie A - among them, only against Bari (four) and Venezia (four) have they played more games against in the competition than vs the Gialloblù (two, both in the last championship).

Hellas Verona have remained unbeaten in each of their last four Serie A away games against opponents from Campania (W1 D3), after a streak of 13 consecutive defeats in this region.

Salernitana have not won in five league games (D3 L2) and in the most recent four have always conceded at least two goals: never in their Serie A history have they conceded more than one goal in five consecutive games.

Hellas Verona have lost 2-0 each of their last two league away games; the last time they lost three consecutive away games, without scoring, in Serie A was in April 2018, with Fabio Pecchia on the bench.

Despite Hellas Verona being the team that have conceded the most shots during the first half of this Serie A season (76), they have conceded 60% of their goals during the second half (9/15) and seven in the last half hour of play, the most in this period.

Salernitana and Hellas Verona are two of the three teams that have not yet scored a goal from outside the box in Serie A this season (the other are Torino).

Boulaye Dia is the only Salernitana player in their debut Serie A season to have scored more than one goal (three) and registered more than one assist (two) in 2022/23.

Hellas Verona are one of the four teams against which Antonio Candreva has scored at least four goals and registered at least four assists in Serie A: against the Gialloblù he has so far been involved in a goal every 106 minutes played on average, only against Palermo and Empoli (99 minutes) does he have a better record.

Hellas Verona's defender Josh Doig is the youngest player to have been involved in three or more goals in Serie A this season (two goals and one assist for him).

09/10/2022 15:00 - DACIA ARENA - STADIO FRIULI



UDINESE

Vs

ATALANTA



Atalanta are unbeaten in their last nine Serie A meetings against Udinese (W7 D2), they have gone unbeaten in 10 successive matches only against four opponents in the competition: Triestina (1948), Lazio (1972 and 1992), Cesena (2015) and Sassuolo (2021).

There have been 30 goals in the last six Serie A meetings between Udinese and Atalanta, 5 per game on average; among sides that have faced at least 50 times in the competition, Udinese are the one against which Atalanta have scored the most goals on average per match: 1.3 (100 goals in 76 matches).

Udinese have won each of their last six Serie A games and only once in their history have they won more such matches in a row: eight between April and May 2013, under Francesco Guidolin.

Atalanta have won their four Serie A away games this season with an aggregate score of 6-0: only one side in the history of the competition have won each of their first five away seasonal matches without conceding a single goal, Inter in the 1966/67 campaign.

With a victory, Atalanta would have 23 points, a tally they have never reached before their 13th seasonal match in their history. On the other hand, Udinese could reach 22 points with a win: they have never picked up so many points before the 11th match in a Serie A campaign.

Andrea Sottil has become the fourth manager in the three points for a win era to have won at least six of his first eight Serie A games in his debut season, after Luigi Delneri (2001/02 for Chievo), Vladimir Petkovic (2012/13 for Lazio) and Paulo Sousa (2015/16 for Fiorentina); none of them have won seven of their first nine.

This will be Gian Piero Gasperini's 300th game in charge of Atalanta in all competitions; since his debut with the Nerazzurri in 2016/17, only three coaches have collected more appearances with a single side in the Big-5 European League in this period, considering all competitions: Pep Guardiola with Man City (363), Jürgen Klopp with Liverpool (339) and Diego Simeone with Atletico Madrid (326).

Udinese have made one touch in the opposition box for every 21 total touches on average in Serie A this season, the best ratio in the competition so far.

Roberto Pereyra has scored in each of his last two Serie A meetings against Atalanta; the last Udinese player to have found the net in three consecutive appearances against a single opponent was Cyril Théreau, against Palermo between 2016 and 2017.

Atalanta striker Luis Muriel has scored 11 Serie A goals against Udinese; in the three points for a win era, only two non-Italian players have had more against a single opponent in the competition: Hernán Crespo, 14 against Udinese and Gonzalo Higuaín, 12 against Lazio.

09/10/2022 18:00 - GIOVANNI ZINI



CREMONESE

Vs

NAPOLI



Napoli have gone unbeaten in their last seven meetings against Cremonese in all competitions (W4 D3) – their last defeat was back in September 1994, 0-2 away from home in Serie A.

Cremonese are unbeaten in their last two Serie A meetings against Napoli (two draws under Luigi Simoni) and they have never gone three in a row against them in the competition without a single defeat.

Napoli have failed to win three of their last six Serie A meetings against promoted sides (draw v Lecce in August and two defeats against Empoli last term), as many as in their previous 31 such matches.

After four defeats in a row, Cremonese have drawn three of their last four Serie A games (L1); however, this is only the second time they have failed to win each of their first eight seasonal Serie A matches (the previous one in 1995/96, when they also lost their ninth game).

Napoli are unbeaten in their last 12 Serie A games (W10 D2), they last had a longer such run under a single coach in November 2017 (26 under Maurizio Sarri); furthermore, they could win at least seven of their first nine seasonal Serie A games for the third campaign in a row.

Napoli (3498 so far) could become the seventh team to reach 3500 Serie A goals (incl. awarded wins), after Juventus (5259), Inter (5160), Milan (4898), Roma (4436), Fiorentina (3948) and Lazio (3802).

Napoli have had the most 10+ pass sequences in Serie A this season (112), whilst Cremonese are the side to have made the most interceptions so far in the competition (99).

Napoli have attempted the most shots in Serie A this season (150), on the other hand no side have faced more shots than Cremonese so far (138, level with Spezia).

In the last game, Daniel Ciofani (37 years and 63 days) became the oldest Cremonese scorer in Serie A; only once in his Italian top-flight career has he found the net in two appearances in a row, in April 2019 against Parma and Fiorentina.

Khvicha Kvaratskhelia has scored five league goals so far: the only player to have had more in his debut Serie A season for Napoli in the first 10 match-days in the three points for a win era was Edinson Cavani, back in the 2010/11 campaign (eight).

09/10/2022 20:45 - OLIMPICO



ROMA

Vs

LECCE



Roma have won eight of their last nine Serie A meetings against Lecce (scoring 2.4 goals per match on average) – they lost the remaining one 4-2 on April 7th, 2012.

After having won their very first Serie A away meeting against Roma (3-2 on April 20th, 1986), Lecce have failed to win each of the following 15 such matches against the Giallorossi (D2 L13).

Roma could win three Serie A matches against promoted sides within the first 10 match-days in a season for the third time in their history, after 1997/98 and 2004/05 (in five meetings).

Roma have lost only one of their last 11 Serie A home games (W6 D4), the last one, against Atalanta – they last lost two successive home top-flight matches in January 2020.

Lecce have drawn four of their first eight Serie A seasonal games for the first time in their history; they have drawn four of their last six league games (W1 L1), as many as in their previous 29 matches in the competition (including their previous appearance).

Roma have failed to keep a clean sheet in each of their last four Serie A games, after not conceding in four of their previous five – they last conceded in five matches in a row in the competition in February 2021.

Lecce are the only side yet to score in the opening 30 minutes of play in Serie A this season – however, they have scored four goals in the 15 minutes before half-time, fewer only than Napoli (six).

Roma has scored the highest percentage of goals via headers in Serie A this season (40% - 4/10) – in the Big-5 European Leagues, only Mallorca (67%) and Monaco (41%) have a higher percentage than the Giallorossi, who are level with Ajaccio (also 40%).

Lecce are the only side which Paulo Dybala has faced more than once and scored in every game in Serie A (two goals in two meetings); the Roma striker has found the net in his last two league matches and he could do it in three in a row in the competition for the first time since July 2020, when he scored in five in a row (the third one against Lecce).

Gabriel Strefezza has scored in his last two league games: the last Lecce player to find the net in at least three Serie A appearances in a row before turning 26 was Luis Muriel, back in 2012.

10/10/2022 20:45 - ARTEMIO FRANCHI



FIorentINA

Vs

LAZIO



Fiorentina have only won one of their last 10 Serie A games against Lazio (D2 L7), 2-0 on 8 May 2021, thanks to a Dusan Vlahovic brace.

Lazio have kept a clean sheet in each of their last two league games against Fiorentina; the last time they went on a longer such streak against the Viola was between 2013 and 2015 (four in a row in that case).

Fiorentina and Lazio have not repeated the same result twice in a row in their last seven Serie A meetings: two wins for the Viola, one draw and four successes for the Biancocelesti, including 3-0 in the most recent match, on 5 February 2022.

Lazio have won three Serie A games in a row for the first time under Maurizio Sarri; the last time the Biancocelesti collected three consecutive league wins without conceding was back in March 2015 (four in that case under Stefano Pioli).

Fiorentina have only won one of their last seven Serie A games (D3 L3): 2-0 against Hellas Verona on 18 September; in particular, the Viola have failed to score in four of those matches: in Serie A this season no other team have failed to score in more matches.

Lazio have only conceded five goals in Serie A this season: in the era of three points for a win (since 1994/95), only in 2001/02 (5) have the Biancocelesti as few goals after eight league matches to a campaign- in that case they didn't conceded in their 9th game.

Fiorentina have kept a clean sheet in nine Serie A home games in 2022: more than any other team in the Big-5 European Leagues.

Cristiano Biraghi (149 appearances in Serie A for Fiorentina) is the defender with the most chances created (25) in the Big-5 European Leagues in 2022/23 and considering only chances created from set pieces he is first in this ranking (15, ahead of Lorenzo Pellegrini and Branco van den Boomen with 14) - however he has not provided an assist in Serie A this season.

Ciro Immobile is close to 300 games in Serie A (currently 299), scoring 187 goals so far in the competition: at least 32 more than any other player in their first 300 Serie A games in the era of three points for a win (since 1994/95) - behind him Zlatan Ibrahimovic (155 goals, but in 279 games) and Hernán Crespo (143 goals at his 300th game in the competition).

Only Kevin De Bruyne (9: 1 goal, 8 assists) has been involved in more goals than Sergej Milinkovic-Savic (8: 3 goals, 5 assists) among midfielders in the Big-5 European Leagues in 2022/23; while in Serie A this season the Serbian has been involved in more open play sequences ending in a goal than any other player.