



INSIGHTS

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26/10/2021 18:30 - ALBERTO PICCO



SPEZIA

Vs

GENOA



Genoa have lost only one of their nine meetings against Spezia across Serie A, Serie B and Coppa Italia (W6 D2): a 1-2 defeat in Serie B in November 2006.

At home, Spezia have played four games against Genoa across Serie A, Serie B and the Coppa Italia: with three wins for the Grifoni and a 2-2 draw in the Coppa Italia in August 2013.

Spezia lost both Serie A matches against Genoa last season; with Lazio and Juventus the other two teams against which Spezia haven't picked up any points in the top-flight, with this just their second season in the competition.

Thiago Motta's Spezia have lost twice as many games (six) as they did in their first nine matches last season in Serie A (three), under Vincenzo Italiano.

After their win against Salernitana in MD8, Spezia could win consecutive home games in Serie A for just the second time in the competition (after victories against Cagliari and Crotone in March and April 2021).

Genoa are winless in six Serie A games Genoa (D3 L3): under Ballardini, they last registered seven in a row back in April 2013 (eight).

Thiago Motta made his Serie A debut with Genoa both as a player (October 2008) and as a coach (October 2019) – this is his 10th match with Spezia, overtaking the number of matches as Genoa manager in the competition (nine).

Genoa have scored the fewest goals (only one) in the first half of games in Serie A this season, while only Sampdoria, Cagliari and Spezia (10 each) have conceded more goals in the same period as the Grifone (nine).

Mattia Destro has scored in each of his last four Serie A appearances (five goals in total): he has never scored in five games in a row in his career in the top flight.

Daniele Verde is the only Spezia player to have been involved in at least 10 goals (eight goals and two assists) in 2021 in Serie A: the Italian striker is also the Spezia's top scorer in the top-flight this calendar year.

26/10/2021 18:30 - PIER LUIGI PENZO



VENEZIA

Vs

SALERNITANA



Venezia and Salernitana have met twice in Serie A, in the 1998/99 season: a 1-0 Granata win at Arechi stadium and a goalless draw at Penzo stadium.

Salernitana have won each of their last three league matches against Venezia, each in Serie B - across the top two Italian divisions, Salernitana have never won four games in a row against Venezia.

In the last 16 matches between newly promoted teams in Serie A, the home team has won 10 games (D2 L4) - however in the two so far this season the away team has won (2-1 victory for Venezia at Empoli and a 4-2 win for Empoli at Salernitana).

Four of the last nine teams that have picked up four or fewer points in their first nine seasonal Serie A matches (Salernitana on four), have not been relegated at the end of the season: Sampdoria 19/20, Crotone 16/17, Chievo 14/15 and Chievo 13/14.

In their history, Venezia have played only one match on a Tuesday in Serie A: a 0-1 defeat against Bari on 12 November 1946.

Salernitana are the only team that hasn't scored in the first 30 minutes of play in Serie A this season; the Campanians have conceded five goals in the same period, three of these in the last match against Empoli.

Salernitana have won only 2.4% (1/41) of their away matches in Serie A (3-2 v Empoli in February 1999): it's the second-lowest percentage in Serie A history among teams with at least 35 games played on the road (better only than Lecco - 2%).

Pietro Ceccaroni is the only Venezia player to play each all 810 minutes in the current Serie A campaign - also in the last Serie B season, he played more minutes than any other Venezia's player (3810 including playoffs).

Simy's last four Serie A goals have been netted in away games: the Nigerian scored a brace against Venezia in Serie B in three games.

Franck Ribery is one of the five players, along with Raul Garcia, Fabio Quagliarella, Cristiano Ronaldo, Karim Benzema, to have been involved in at least one goal in each of the last 17 seasons in the big five European leagues.

26/10/2021 20:45 - GIUSEPPE MEAZZA



MILAN

Vs

TORINO



AC Milan have won each of their last three Serie A matches against Torino by an aggregate score of 10-0: only once have the Rossoneri won more games in a row against the Granata in the competition (five in the early 1950s).

Torino have only won three of their last 48 Serie A matches against AC Milan (D24 L21), however two of these came in 2019 (2-0 in April and 2-1 in September).

AC Milan have kept a clean sheet in 52% of their Serie A home games against Torino (39/75), including each of the last four: the last Granata league goal on the road against the Rossoneri was back in August 2016, from Daniele Baselli.

AC Milan have won their last five league games: only once under Stefano Pioli have the Rossoneri registered six consecutive Serie A wins, between July and October 2020.

AC Milan have won each of their last four home games in Serie A: Stefano Pioli could become the first Rossoneri manager to win five consecutive home games in the competition since Clarence Seedorf in 2014.

Torino netted three goals in their last match against Genoa, the last time they scored 2+ goals in consecutive league games was back in November 2020.

Torino lost 0-1 in their last league match on the road, against Napoli: the Granata could remain goalless in two consecutive Serie A away matches for the first time since February 2020, where they failed to score against Lecce and AC Milan.

Should he score, Olivier Giroud would become only the second player to score in each his first three Serie A home appearances for AC Milan in the three points for a win era, after Mario Balotelli in 2013.

Should he score in this match, Zlatan Ibrahimovic will reach two milestones: 150 goals in Serie A and 400 goals in domestic leagues in his career – after scoring in his first three league matches against Torino, the Swedish striker hasn't found the net in his last three matches against the Granata.

Andrea Belotti has scored five goals at the San Siro stadium in Serie A, although four of these have been against Inter - the Torino forward has scored only one league goal in seven away games played against the Rossoneri: in August 2016, when he also missed a 96th minute penalty in a 3-3 draw.

27/10/2021 18:30 - ALLIANZ STADIUM



JUVENTUS

Vs

SASSUOLO



Juventus have lost only one of their 16 Serie A matches against Sassuolo (W12 D3): a 0-1 defeat in October 2015 via a Nicola Sansone goal.

Juventus have scored at least two goals in each of their last 10 league games against Sassuolo: only against Pro Patria between 1949 and 1956 have the Bianconeri enjoyed a longer streak of consecutive games with more than one goal against a single opponent in the competition (13).

Juventus have won seven of their eight Serie A games against Sassuolo at the Allianz Stadium (with the only exception a 2-2 draw under Maurizio Sarri) – the Bianconeri have scored 23 goals in such games, 2.9 on average per match.

Only AC Milan (15) have gained more points than Juventus in Serie A (13) across the last 5 Italian top-flight league match-days (since the first Serie A midweek round in 2021-22).

Under Massimiliano Allegri, Juventus have won 13 of their 18 Serie A games played on a Wednesday – with only two defeats (D3), the last of which arrived against Sassuolo in October 2015.

Their victory against Venezia in their last match was Sassuolo's third win in Serie A this season (D2 L4): the Neroverdi could win consecutive league matches for the first time in 2021-22.

Massimiliano Allegri will become the third coach to reach 200 Serie A matches with Juventus, after Giovanni Trapattoni (402) and Marcello Lippi (258).

Manuel Locatelli has played more games (96) and scored more goals (6) in Serie A with Sassuolo than for any other team – while the current Juventus midfielder scored his first ever goal in the competition against the Neroverdi, in October 2016 for AC Milan.

Among the 25 sides he has faced in his Serie A career, Sassuolo (four games) are one of the three opponents against whom Juventus striker Álvaro Morata has failed to score or deliver an assist in the Italian top-flight (alongside Udinese and Carpi).

Sassuolo's Domenico Berardi has scored four goals in his last five league games - against Juventus he has scored just one goal and provided one assist in nine Serie A matches, while both arrived in the same match (3-3 in July 2020).

27/10/2021 18:30 - LUIGI FERRARIS



SAMPDORIA

Vs

ATALANTA



Sampdoria have only won one of their last five Serie A matches against Atalanta (D1 L3) having won four of their previous five meetings against them in the competition (L1).

Atalanta are unbeaten in the last three away games against Sampdoria in Serie A (W2 D1) and have not conceded in the two most recent games- they could earn three clean sheets in a row away from home against Sampdoria for the first time in the competition.

Sampdoria could win consecutive Serie A matches for the first time this season: the Ligurian side have also conceded 14 goals in their last five games, more than any other team in this period in the top-flight.

Despite having won only one of their last four league games (D2 L1), Atalanta have picked up one point more than in their first nine games last season (15 v 14) - the Dea have conceded 11 goals so far, their fewest at this stage of the season in Serie A since 2015/16 (10).

Atalanta have only lost three Serie A away games since the 2019/20 season (out of 42 games played on the road), fewer than any other side that has appeared in at least two of the last three campaigns.

In this match Gian Piero Gasperini (199 games as Atalanta coach) will become the first coach (in the three points for a win era) to reach 200 matches in Serie A with two different clubs (232 with Genoa).

Fabio Quagliarella has won more Serie A games against Atalanta (16) than against any other opponent - in addition, the Sampdoria striker has scored 12 goals against the Bergamaschi in the competition, only against Fiorentina (13) has he scored more.

Sampdoria's Antonio Candreva has netted at least four goals in his team's first nine games of a Serie A season for the first time since 2013/14: he scored 12 goals in that season, his record in a single season in the competition.

Duván Zapata played 31 Serie A games for Sampdoria in the 2017/18 campaign, scoring his fastest goal in an Italian top-flight match (after 17 seconds against Torino in September 2017) – the Atalanta striker has scored four league goals against the Blucerchiati, with three of these at Ferraris stadium.

Atalanta's Luis Muriel has been involved in five goals in five Serie A appearances against Sampdoria (four goals and one assist) – he netted 21 goals in 79 appearances for the Blucerchiati across three seasons, under four different managers.

27/10/2021 18:30 - DACIA ARENA - STADIO FRIULI



UDINESE

Vs

HELLAS VERONA



Udinese are unbeaten in eight of their last nine Serie A matches against Verona (W5 D3); the only Gialloblu win during this period came last season in the first half of the campaign, a 1-0 victory with Andrea Favilli scoring the winner.

In games played in the first half of the season, Udinese have won only one of their last six matches against Verona in Serie A (D2 L3), a 4-0 win in December 2017 – goals from Antonin Barak (brace), Silvan Widmer and Kevin Lasagna.

Udinese have not conceded a single goal in their last four home league games against Verona - only once in their history have they kept a clean sheet in more consecutive matches against a single opponent in Serie A: five against Piacenza, between 1996 and 1999.

Udinese are winless in Serie A matches played on a Wednesday since October 2017, drawing five and losing nine since then.

Verona have scored at least two goals in each of their last six league games: only once in their Serie A history have the Gialloblu scored more than one goal in seven consecutive matches (between September and November 2013).

Udinese have won only once in their last 11 Serie A home games (a 3-0 win against Venezia in August), drawing three and losing seven (without scoring in six of these) during this period.

Igor Tudor made his Serie A debut as a manager with Udinese (25 league matches with them in the competition) - Verona have scored in all six games under the Croatian coach – while in charge at Udinese however, he never saw the club score in six consecutive league matches.

Udinese midfielder Roberto Pereyra has scored three goals, from three attempts, in six league games against Verona – a joint-record for him against a single opponent in Serie A and the Premier League (three goals also v Chelsea).

Udinese goalkeeper Marco Silvestri has not saved any of the 17 penalties he has faced in Serie A. Since his Serie A debut in 2013/14, only Rubén Blanco (0 out of 21) and Roman Bürki (0 out of 22) have faced more penalties across the big five European leagues without saving one.

Verona's Giovanni Simeone has been involved in eight goals in his last six league games (six goals, two assists), the same number of goal involvements as he registered in his previous 36 appearances in the competition.

27/10/2021 20:45 - UNIPOL DOMUS



CAGLIARI

Vs

ROMA



Cagliari won their last Serie A meeting with Roma (a 3-2 win in April), ending a winless streak of 13 consecutive matches against them (D4 L9); they last won back-to-back matches against Roma in the competition in 2012.

In the last six Serie A matches between Cagliari and Roma, 4.3 goals have been scored on average, after an average of two per game in the previous six.

Cagliari have conceded in each of their last 14 Serie A home games against Roma, for the Rossoblù it is already the longest streak of consecutive home matches without clean sheets against a single opponent in the competition.

This is only the second time in Cagliari's last 15 Serie A campaigns, in which they have collected just six points after their first nine league games of a season - the other in 2017/18.

Roma have both scored and conceded at least one goal in each of their last nine league games played on a Wednesday (4.1 goals on average in these matches), winning eight and losing once.

Roma have lost 10 of their 16 Serie A away games in 2021 (W3, D3), no team have more away defeats in the competition during this period; the last calendar year in which the Giallorossi collected more defeats in matches played away from home in the competition was in 1961 (11).

Cagliari coach Walter Mazzarri has lost 52% of his Serie A matches against Roma (12/23), but he won in the most recent one (2-0 with Torino in January 2020).

João Pedro has scored six goals against Roma in Serie A, only against Sampdoria (seven) has he scored more in the competition; only Luigi Riva (nine) has scored more goals against the Giallorossi in Serie A for Cagliari.

Keita Baldé has scored three goals against Roma in Serie A, including one of his three braces in the competition (in April 2017) - only against Fiorentina and Empoli (four each) has he scored more goals in the top flight.

Roma's Tammy Abraham is one of five forwards to have played at least 700 minutes in Serie A this season: among them, he is the one with the worst mins/goal average, one every 387 minutes on the pitch.

27/10/2021 20:45 - CARLO CASTELLANI



EMPOLI

Vs

INTER



Empoli have lost each of their last seven Serie A meetings against Inter: only once in the competition, have they lost more matches in a row against a single opponent, eight against Juventus between 2014 and 2019.

Empoli have won only three of their 26 Serie A matches against Inter (the last one in April 2006, 1-0 under Luigi Cagni); against no other side (faced more than 10 times) have they collected fewer wins in the competition.

Inter have kept a clean sheet in each of their last six Serie A away matches against Empoli, their longest such run against a single opponent in the competition – only Fiorentina against Catania in 2009, Juventus against Foggia in 1991, Napoli against Roma in 1980 and Torino against Verona in 1979 have had a longer such run (all seven).

Empoli have lost four of their five home league games this season (W1), conceding 2+ goals in each of these five matches: they have never lost five of their first six home Serie A matches in a season and they have never conceded 2+ goals in more successive such matches.

Inter have failed to keep a clean sheet in their first five Serie A away matches in a season for the first time since 2011/12, last failing to do so in their opening six away games in a campaign back in 1998/99.

Empoli have picked up 12 points so far: only in 2005/06 and 2002/03 (both 13) have they earned more at this stage of the competition.

Aurelio Andreazzoli has won each of his two Serie A matches in charge of Empoli on a Wednesday: 2-1 v Napoli in April 2019 and 2-0 v Cagliari last September.

In the last match against Salernitana, Empoli's Patrick Cutrone scored his first Serie A goal since July 2020 – Inter are the side against which he has played the most league games without scoring or assisting a single goal (six matches).

Andrea Pinamonti made his Serie A debut for Inter (February 2017 against Empoli): he is one of the two Italian players born since 1998 to have scored at least 14 Serie A goals.

Inter striker Edin Dzeko has scored three goals in his last two Serie A meetings against Empoli, having failed to find the net in his previous two matches against them.

27/10/2021 20:45 - OLIMPICO



Lazio have won five of their last seven Serie A meetings against Fiorentina, losing the most recent one: 2-0 last May courtesy of a Dusan Vlahovic brace.

Lazio have won their last three Serie A home matches against Fiorentina (as many as in the previous seven) – they last won more such games in a row between 1999 and 2001 (four).

Lazio have won each of their four Serie A meetings against Fiorentina played on a Wednesday, scoring 3.3 goals per game on average.

Lazio have both scored and conceded in each of their four Serie A home matches this season (5 goals per game on average); they could score 2+ goals in each of their first five Serie A seasonal home games for only the second time in the XXI century (also in 2015/16).

Lazio have failed to keep a single league clean sheet this season: only twice in their Serie A history have they played their opening 10 Serie A matches without a shut out (1948/49 and 1934/35).

Fiorentina have finished in the top five of the table on each of the last three occasions in which they have won at least 15 points after their first nine Serie A games in a season (2012/13, 2013/14 and 2015/16).

This will be Maurizio Sarri's 200th Serie A games as a manager: the Lazio coach has won 117 games in the top-flight, only fewer than Antonio Conte (136) after the same amount of matches in the three points for a win era.

Luis Alberto could make his 150th Serie A appearance: Lazio's Spaniard has had a hand in seven Serie A goals against Fiorentina (three goals, four assists), his joint-most in the league against an opponent (alongside Bologna).

Lazio striker Ciro Immobile has been involved in at least one goal in each of his last five Serie A appearances; his previous longest such run in a single top-flight campaign was back in December 2019 (nine in a row).

Fiorentina's José Callejón has scored six Serie A goals against Lazio, no other Spanish player has scored more against a single opponent in the history of the competition – also six goals for Iago Falque against Atalanta.

28/10/2021 20:45 - DIEGO ARMANDO MARADONA



NAPOLI

Vs

BOLOGNA



Napoli have won eight of their last 11 Serie A meetings against Bologna (D1 L2), but only two of these wins have been in the last five matches.

Napoli have scored in each of their last 16 Serie A matches against Bologna: only once have they had a longer such run against a single opponent (18 against Como between 1950 and 1987).

Napoli have won six of their last seven Serie A home meetings against Bologna: the only exception a 2-1 defeat in December 2019 thanks to Andreas Skov Olsen and Nicola Sansone goals.

Napoli have gone unbeaten in 15 Serie A home games for the first time since February 2019 (18 in a row back then): they have won 12 games in the process (more than in the whole 2020) and drawn three.

Bologna have drawn four of their last six Serie A away games (L2), as many as they had in the previous 20.

Bologna have lost their last two Serie A games played on a Thursday – their last such win dates back to April 2012 against Cagliari (1-0 thanks to an Alessandro Diamanti strike).

Bologna have scored the most goals from corners in Serie A this season (seven): they have already scored more such goals than they did last term (six).

Dries Mertens has scored 11 goals in 13 league games against Bologna – in the Serie A history, only Antonio Vojak has scored more goals against a single opponent in the competition for Napoli (13 v Triestina).

In this game against Napoli, Nicola Sansone could become the first Bologna player to find the net in each of the seven days of the week in the Serie A.

Roberto Soriano will be missing for this game: since he joined Bologna in January 2019, Bologna have won 35% of their Serie A games with him, compared to just 15% without him – also having a better points per game ratio with the midfielder on the field (1.3 v 0.8).