



INSIGHTS

Matchday 14 Serie A 2021-22
26 - 28 November 2021



26/11/2021 20:45 - UNIPOL DOMUS



CAGLIARI

Vs

SALERNITANA



Cagliari and Salernitana have met twice in Serie A: the Sardinians won 3-1 in both matches back in 1999, under Giampiero Ventura.

The last two league matches between Cagliari and Salernitana were in Serie B, back in the 2015/16 season: the Sardinians won both games (3-0 at home and 2-0 away).

Cagliari have gained just five points from their first seven home games of this campaign (W1, D2, L4): their worst tally at home at this stage of a season since 2014/15 (3 points in that case and relegated at the end of the season).

Only Spezia (31) have conceded more goals than Cagliari and Salernitana (28 each) in Serie A this season: only in 2016/17 the Sardinians have conceded more goals (30 goals) at this stage of a Serie A campaign; for the Granata, this is the most goals they've conceded 13 games into a top-flight season. (Previously 20 goals conceded in 1998/99).

Salernitana have lost five of their six away league games this season - five of the last eight teams to have lost five of their first six Serie A away games in a season have however avoided relegation.

Since Stefano Colantuono became the Salernitana manager (MD9), only Cagliari (one) have collected fewer points in Serie A than the Campania's team (three in five matches).

This will be Salernitana's first ever Serie A match on a Friday, while Cagliari have failed to win a league match on a Friday since September 2019 (one defeat and one draw on this day of the week since then, including a 1-1 draw with Venezia this season).

No sides have attempted fewer shots from high turnovers than Salernitana (seven) and Cagliari (eight) in Serie A this season - they are two of the five sides still yet to score a goal following a high turnover in the Italian top-flight this season.

After scoring in five of his six matches against newly promoted teams in the last league campaign, João Pedro has failed to score a goal against both Empoli and Venezia this term: the Cagliari captain has scored 66 goals in Serie A - only two Brazilian players have scored more goals than him in the Italian top-flight in the three points for a win era (Kaká and Adriano, 77 goals each).

Federico Bonazzoli has scored only one brace in Serie A: against Cagliari, in July 2020 for Sampdoria - the Salernitana striker (12 apps) has already scored the same number of league goals as he netted in the entirety of 2020/21 (22 appearances).

27/11/2021 15:00 - CARLO CASTELLANI



EMPOLI

Vs

FIorentINA



Empoli have won three of their last five Serie A matches against Fiorentina (L2), one more win than in their previous 17 games against them (W2 D7, L8).

Fiorentina have not drawn an away match vs Empoli since December 2005 in Serie A: since then, two Empoli wins and four Viola wins.

Fiorentina (21 points) have finished in the top five in every Serie A campaign in which they have collected more than 20 points from their first 13 league games in a season (28 points in 2015/16, 24 in 2013/14, 27 in 2012/13).

Empoli have gained only four points from their seven home games this season: their worst start to a Serie A campaign on home soil (previously five points in 2016/17).

Fiorentina have lost their last three Serie A games away from home (all 0-1 defeats): they last lost four consecutive away matches in a single Italian top-flight season back in February 2013.

No side has conceded fewer first half goals in Serie A this season than Fiorentina (only three, alongside Torino) - the Tuscan side have conceded 82% of their Serie A goals in the second half this season (the highest ratio in the division) including each of the last five.

No team (24 alongside Sampdoria) has faced more shots from high turnovers against than Empoli in this Serie A campaign, conceding in this manner against Verona.

Patrick Cutrone has scored two goals in his four Serie A matches against Fiorentina, against no team has he scored more in the competition; the Empoli striker played 30 league games for the Viola between 2019 and 2021 (four goals scored in total).

Dusan Vlahovic has scored 27 goals in 37 games in 2021 in Serie A, at least six more than any other player in the period: in the Big-5 European leagues only Robert Lewandowski (38 goals) has done better this calendar year.

Riccardo Saponara has played 68 Serie A matches for Empoli (more than for any other team), scoring 14 goals (more than for any other team) - in his two matches against his former team he provided only one assist, in December 2018 for Sampdoria.

27/11/2021 15:00 - LUIGI FERRARIS



SAMPDORIA

Vs

HELLAS VERONA



Sampdoria have won eight of their last 11 games against Verona in Serie A (D2, L1), as many wins as in their previous 30 league matches against them (D13, L9), winning the last three in a row.

Verona's last away victory against Sampdoria in Serie A came back in 1972, since then 13 wins and six draws for the Blucerchiati - Sampdoria have gained 17 points from 21 available at home against Gialloblù in the three points for a win era (2.4 points per game on average), their best average against a Serie A team they have faced atleast seven times during this period.

Under Roberto D'Aversa, Sampdoria (win in the last match in Salerno) have not yet won two league games in a row: however, Sampdoria have collected six points from the last five games (W2, L3), as many as they won in their first eight Serie A matches this term (W1, D3, L4).

Sampdoria have lost their last two Serie A home games: they last lost three consecutive home league matches in a single top-flight campaign back in September 2013, under Delio Rossi.

Since Igor Tudor became the new Hellas manager, Verona have gained 19 points from 10 games (they would be sixth in the Serie A table during this period), losing only one match (no side has lost fewer) and scoring 24 goals (the joint most in the competition during this period alongside Atalanta).

Verona have not won an away Serie A game since last April (2-0 vs Cagliari), picking up just five points from their last 10 away league games - however, under Igor Tudor, the Gialloblù have only lost one of their five away matches (2-3 against Milan in October).

Sampdoria have had the fewest goals scored by their strikers in this Serie A campaign (only four so far), while Verona's forwards have netted 15 goals this term (only Inter Milan's strikers have scored more, 17).

Sampdoria average 1.3 points per game and a 33% win rate in their six matches with both Fabio Quagliarella and Francesco Caputo in their Serie A starting line-up this season, figures that drop to 0.6 and 14% without at least one of the two starting (seven games).

Fabio Quagliarella (three goals in his last three Serie A games played against Verona) is the oldest player to have provided at least three assists across the Big five European leagues in 2021/22: the last time he provided at least 4 assists in a single Italian top-flight season was back in 2018/19 (eight in that case).

Gianluca Caprari played 73 Serie A matches for Sampdoria between 2017 and 2020 (the team he collected the most appearances for in Serie A), scoring 14 goals; the Verona player has also scored two goals against Sampdoria in the top flight, including his first in the competition, back in September 2012 for Pescara.

27/11/2021 18:00 - ALLIANZ STADIUM



JUVENTUS

Vs

ATALANTA



Juventus have only won two of their last nine games against Atalanta in Serie A (D6 L1), this after winning 13 league games in a row against the Bergamaschi beforehand (Juventus' longest ever streak against a single opponent in the top flight).

Juventus are unbeaten in their last 24 home games against Atalanta in Serie A (W18 D6); the Bianconeri are only currently on a longer streak without such a defeat against Bari and Verona (both 30).

Over their last nine Serie A matches, Juventus have gained 19 points (W6 D1 L2), one more than Atalanta (18) and only fewer than AC Milan (22 points) and Napoli (20 points) in this period.

Juventus have lost two of their first six home games of a Serie A campaign for the first time since 1980/81. Should they lose here, three defeats would equal their worst such total after seven home top flight games, having only ever done so in 1956/57 and 1948/49.

Atalanta have gained 16 points out of the 18 available away from home in Serie A this season, a record for the Bergamaschi from their first six Serie A away games to a season.

Atalanta (24) have scored twice the number of goals from open play that Juventus (12) have managed in Serie A this season, with Atalanta's total a league-high in 2021/22. Indeed, Juventus rank joint-10th in the division this season for open play goals, level with Empoli and Spezia.

Among the current top eight sides in the Serie A table, Juventus (134) and Atalanta (131) have had the fewest sequences of ten or more passes in this season's competition, but are also two of the four teams that have had the most direct attacks in the division (Atalanta top with 28, Juve fourth with 23).

Federico Chiesa has scored a goal in three of his four Serie A home games against Atalanta; all three such goals against the Bergamo side were scored in the first half, from outside the box and with his right foot.

Atalanta's Mario Pasalic has been directly involved in more goals in Serie A this season than any other midfielder (nine – four goals and five assists), the exact same as Juventus midfielders Locatelli (four), McKennie (two), Bentancur (two) and Rabiot (one) combined.

Luis Muriel has played more games (15), more minutes (696) and attempted more shots (21) against Juventus than any side has is yet to score against in Serie A; the Atalanta striker has scored against every other team he has faced at least five times in the division.

27/11/2021 20:45 - PIER LUIGI PENZO



VENEZIA

Vs

INTER



Venezia have won two of their six Serie A games against Inter in the three points for a win era (D1 L3); only against Cagliari (three) and Fiorentina (four) have they won more in this period.

Venezia have won five of their 12 home games against Inter in Serie A (D4 L3): only against Fiorentina (eight) and Lazio (six) have the lagunari picked up more such home wins in the top-flight.

Inter have not lost a Serie A game played immediately following a European match since March 2020 against Juventus. This season, they have picked up two wins and two draws in their four matches played so far after midweek Champions League fixtures.

Venezia are looking to win three consecutive Serie A matches for the first time since March 1962.

Only Bayern Munich (41 in 12 games) and Liverpool (35 in 12) have scored more goals than Inter (32) in the big-five European leagues in 2021/22. Inter's highest goal tally from their first 14 matches of a Serie A campaign in the three points for a win era was 34 in 2020/21.

Inter have scored in each of their last 16 away league games (30 goals), while the Nerazzurri have scored in more away games in a row only twice previously in Serie A (17 in 2002 and 18 in 1951).

Inter have scored the most headed goals in the big-five European leagues in 2021/22 (nine), although Venezia have conceded only one such goal, doing so in October against Cagliari (no team has conceded fewer in Serie A this season).

Before David Okereke, the last non-Italian Venezia player to score at least four goals in his first 12 Serie A appearances for the club was Alvaro Recoba in 1999 (six goals for the Uruguayan in his first 12 games).

Venezia's Francesco Forte is one of only six players in the era of three points for a win make at least one Serie A appearance for both Venezia and Inter (also Di Napoli, Ganz, Orlandini, Pistone and Recoba).

Edin Dzeko hasn't scored in his last four Serie A games against newly promoted sides; he had scored 21 goals in his previous 21 such appearances.

28/11/2021 12:30 - DACIA ARENA - STADIO FRIULI



UDINESE

Vs

GENOA



Udinese haven't lost to Genoa in Serie A since February 2016; since then, the Bianconeri have won six times and drawn four such meetings.

Udinese have kept a clean sheet in four of their last five Serie A home games against Genoa, as many as in their previous 10 Serie A home meetings against Rossoblù before this.

Udinese have won only one of their last 10 league games, with only Genoa (zero) winning fewer across the last 10 Serie A matchdays. In addition, only Salernitana (eight goals) have scored fewer goals than Udinese (10) in this time.

Udinese have won only two of their last 13 Serie A home games (D4 L7), this after winning each of their previous three beforehand between February and March.

Genoa are on the longest ongoing winless league run of all sides in Serie A this season (10 – D6 L4).

Genoa have drawn their last two Serie A away games; they haven't played out three draws in a row away from home in the league since December 2019 under Thiago Motta.

Genoa have scored seven headed goals in Serie A this season; only Inter (nine) have scored more. However, Genoa have also conceded more headed goals than any other side in the competition this term (eight).

Genoa's new coach Andriy Shevchenko won nine Serie A games as a player against Udinese (D1 L3); against no other side did he win more. Indeed, Shevchenko scored nine times against the Bianconeri in Serie A (including his last brace in the competition in March 2006), only scoring more against Lecce (10).

Only **Ciro Immobile** (10) has made more carries ending in a shot than Udinese's **Beto** (nine) among strikers in Serie A this season.

Genoa's **Nicolò Rovella** (born in 2001) is the youngest player to create at least 10 chances from set plays in the big-five European leagues in 2021/22 (14).

28/11/2021 15:00 - GIUSEPPE MEAZZA



MILAN

Vs

SASSUOLO



After going unbeaten for nine straight league games against Sassuolo (W7 D2), Milan lost their most recent game against the Neroverdi. The last time they suffered two consecutive defeats in this fixture was in 2015, with **Filippo Inzaghi** on the bench.

Milan have won four home games against Sassuolo in Serie A (P8 D2 L2). Sassuolo won 2-1 when the sides last met at Milan in April.

After their 3-4 defeat against Fiorentina, Milan could lose two consecutive Serie A games for the first time since last April. On that occasion the defeat at home came against Sassuolo, 1-2 with **Giacomo Raspadori's** brace overturning the initial **Calhanoglu's** goal.

Since the beginning of May, Milan have won six of their eight Serie A home games (D2) and have kept five clean sheets. No team has kept more home clean sheets in this period.

After 13 games in Serie A this season, Sassuolo have 15 points; that's eight points less than they had at the same stage last season (23). Of all the teams present in both Serie A campaigns, this is the biggest such gap in points. The Neroverdi have also scored four goals less (19 in 2021/22 v 23 in 2020/21) and conceded five more (20 v 15).

Sassuolo have lost three of their last five away league games (W1 D1), after a run of five consecutive away wins. In fact, the Neroverdi have suffered as many defeats in the last five as they have in the previous 10 Serie A away games (W6 D1).

This fixture sees the only team that hasn't lost any points from winning positions (Milan) come up against the one that has lost the most in the same situation (13 for Sassuolo, equal with Spezia).

After his brace against Fiorentina, Zlatan Ibrahimovic is only two goals away from becoming the third player in the 2000s to score 300 goals in the Top Five European leagues. He's currently on 298, behind Cristiano Ronaldo (480) and Messi (475). The Swede is also only one goal away from equalling Silvio Piola for the most goals in Serie A history after turning 38 years old (Piola scored 31 times).

Giacomo Raspadori's only brace in Serie A came at the San Siro against Milan last April, a game which he started from the bench. The Sassuolo's striker hasn't scored in 12 league games; he's never gone 13 appearances in a row without scoring in the competition (12 also between August 2020 and January 2021).

Domenico Beradi has scored more Serie A goals against Milan than any other team. The Sassuolo striker's nine goals against the Rossoneri include four in one encounter in January 2014 and a hat-trick in May 2015. He is the only player to score at least three goals in two different matches against the Rossoneri in Serie A history.

28/11/2021 15:00 - ALBERTO PICCO



SPEZIA

Vs

BOLOGNA



Spezia failed to win in their two games against Bologna last season; a 2-2 draw in the first match and a 4-1 home defeat in the second one.

Bologna have won three of their last five away games against Ligurian sides in Serie A (D1 L1), as many wins as in the previous 23 (D7 L13).

Spezia are the fourth team to have conceded more than 30 goals in their first 13 Serie A games in the season in the 21st century. They join Parma (2014/15), Benevento (2017/18) and Torino (2020/21); of these only the Granata were not relegated at the end of the season.

After three consecutive home defeats, Spezia have picked up seven points in their last three home league games. In the 2020/21 Serie A season they had collected only three points after their first six home matches.

After their 0-1 defeat against Venezia, Bologna could lose two Serie A games in a row without the first time since last April. On that occasion the opponents were Inter and Roma, and both games ended 0-1.

Bologna won their last away match in Serie A against Sampdoria. The last time the Rossoblù won two consecutive away games in the competition was June-July 2020, with the first of the two wins again against Sampdoria.

Bologna have conceded the most penalty goals in this Serie A season (5), while Spezia are one of two teams (alongside Torino) to have not yet scored from the penalty spot this season.

Spezia's striker M'Bala Nzola scored twice against Atlanta in the last matchday, ending a drought of 10 games without a goal in the competition. One of the other three braces he scored in Serie A was against Bologna (in December 2020).

Bologna's forward Musa Barrow has both scored and assisted in each of his two Serie A meetings against Spezia. Since 2004/05, no player has ever scored and provided assists in three consecutive games against a single opponent in the competition.

Roberto Soriano is set to make his 100th appearance in all competitions with Bologna. The Rossoblù midfielder hasn't scored in his last 21 league games, which is his longest goalless streak with a single club since his last 25 games with Villarreal (in La Liga between 2017 and 2018).

28/11/2021 18:00 - OLIMPICO



ROMA

Vs

TORINO



Roma and Torino last drew a Serie A meeting in December 2015, since then it's eight wins for Giallorossi and three for Granata – since 2016 Roma is the side that Torino have faced on more occasions without drawing in the top-flight (11).

In the three points for a win era, Roma have won 14 of their 17 Serie A home games against Torino (D1 L2) – indeed, they have a better points-per-game ratio against Torino (2.5) than any other side that they have faced at least 15 times at home in the competition in this period (since 1994/95).

Roma won their last Serie A game having lost their previous two - since winning their first three Serie A games of the season, Giallorossi have not won consecutive matches in Serie A.

After being undefeated in nine Serie A home games (W7, D2), Roma have lost the most recent against AC Milan; Giallorossi haven't lost two consecutive top-flight games on their turf since January 2020, when one of those two matches was against Torino.

In their last six Serie A games Torino have alternated an away loss with a home win (W3 L3), while this season Torino have collected four points away from home, only Cagliari (2) and Salernitana (3) have fewer this term.

Torino have lost 0-1 in each of their last three Serie A away games, their worst streak since July 2020 when they suffered eight consecutive losses away from home under Mazzarri and Longo.

Roma are – alongside Salernitana – one of two teams that have yet to score in the first 15 minutes of a single Serie A game this term; Giallorossi have found the net only once in the first 30 minutes, only Salernitana (0) have fewer goals in Serie A during that period of a game.

Only Atalanta (227) have completed more pressed sequences than Torino (211) in Serie A this season, while they have accrued 20 shot ending high turnovers, only AC Milan (27) have more in the competition.

Felix Afena-Gyan is the 12th youngest player to score for Roma in their Serie A history (18 years, 306 days against Genoa), with another goal next Sunday against Torino, aged 18y 313d, Felix could become the 5th-youngest Roma player with at least three Serie A goals after Landini, Amadei, Bacci and Totti.

Andrea Belotti has scored six times against Roma in Serie A, only against Udinese (7), Sassuolo and Sampdoria (both 9) does he have more. Indeed, five of his six goals against Giallorossi have been scored at the Olimpico – he's scored more goals away to Roma than against any other side in the top-flight.

28/11/2021 20:45 - DIEGO ARMANDO MARADONA



NAPOLI

Vs

LAZIO



Napoli have won 12 of their last 16 games against Lazio in Serie A (D1 L3), as many as in their previous 34 matches against the Biancocelesti in the Italian top-flight (D9 L13).

Napoli have won by scoring at least two goals in each of their last four Serie A home games against Lazio; they could register a longer such streak against the Biancocelesti for the first time in the competition.

Following the defeat against Inter in the last league match, Napoli could lose two consecutive Serie A games for the first time since December 2020 - on that occasion the two teams that beat the Partenopei were Inter and Lazio.

Napoli are unbeaten at home since January against Spezia; they have collected 13 wins and four draws since then – Napoli picked up five victories and one draw conceding only two goals and keeping four clean sheets in their first six home games in Serie A this season, only three times have the Partenopei conceded fewer goals in their first six home Serie A matches (0 both in 1957/58 and in 1983/84, 1 in 1971/72).

Following the 0-2 defeat against Juventus, Lazio could lose two Serie A matches in a row for the first time since March. Indeed the last time the Biancocelesti lost two consecutive matches in the competition without scoring was back in January 2017 against Juventus and Chievo.

Lazio have won only one of their last 10 Serie A away matches (D2 L7), conceding goals in each of those: the last time the Biancocelesti went on a longer such streak without keeping a clean sheet on the road in the competition was in January 2016 (run of 11 games).

Despite the three goals conceded against Inter in the last league game, Napoli have conceded the fewest goals in the current Serie A season (7), a third of the goals conceded by Lazio (21) - the Partenopei have kept a clean sheet in eight games so far, four times more than Sarri's Lazio (2).

Maurizio Sarri managed Napoli for 114 Serie A games, collecting 79 wins and 22 draws, while picking up 91 points in 2017/18, a record for the Partenopei in a single Serie A season. Indeed, against Napoli, Maurizio Sarri has collected two wins, a draw and a defeat in the Italian top-flight.

Napoli striker Lorenzo Insigne has scored seven goals in the Italian top-flight against Lazio, only against Fiorentina (9) does he have more in Serie A against one opponent. Each of those seven goals, as well as two assists, came in his last 10 matches against the Biancocelesti, while in his first five matches he had only provided one assist.

After scoring a goal in his first eight Serie A appearances against Napoli, Ciro Immobile has found the net in each of his last six - only two players in the era of three points for a win have netted in at least seven consecutive games against a single opponent: Ibrahimovic v Cagliari (7) and Vieri v Perugia (8).