



# INSIGHTS

**Matchday 19 Serie A 2021-22**  
**21 - 22 December 2021**



21/12/2021 18:30 - DACIA ARENA - STADIO FRIULI



**UDINESE**

**Vs**

**SALERNITANA**



Udinese have won both previous Serie A encounters against Salernitana (in 1998/99): Salernitana are, alongside Modena (4/4), one of two sides against which Udinese have won 100% of their matches in the competition.

Salernitana have never found the back of the net against a side from Friuli away from home in Serie A: 0-0 against Triestina in 1947 and 0-2 against Udinese in 1998.

Udinese have only won one of their last seven home games against a newly promoted side in Serie A (D2 L4): 3-0 against Venezia, in their last such encounter (MD2 in the current top-flight campaign).

Udinese are unbeaten in their last five home games in Serie A, the last time they had a longer such run in a single top-flight campaign was back in May 2019 (eight); however, they've drawn four of these clashes and won only against Sassuolo in November (3-2).

After a 4-0 win over Cagliari in the last round, Udinese could win two straight league games for the first time since last September (v Venezia and Spezia), which was also the last time they kept a clean sheet for two consecutive games in the competition.

Salernitana have lost without scoring in their last four league games: the last team to fail to score in five straight Serie A games was Fiorentina, between April and May 2019.

Salernitana's manager, Stefano Colantunono (29 Serie A matches as Udinese manager in 2015/16) has only won two managerial clashes against Udinese in 11 top-flight games (D5 L4): his last win was back in September 2013, with Atalanta (2-0 with a brace netted by Germán Denis).

Thanks to two goals against Cagliari in the last game, Gerard Deulofeu has scored six goals in this Serie A campaign, more than in his previous two seasons played in the competition (five total) - only with Watford in 2018/19 (10 goals) has he scored more in a single season in the Big-5 European leagues.

Salernitana's striker Simy has scored two goals against Udinese in Serie A, both in the last three meetings against them - each of his last four goals in the competition have been scored away from home.

Salernitana's striker Federico Bonazzoli has been involved in three goals in his last two Serie A games against Udinese (two goals, one assist), only against Cagliari he has been involved in more goals in the competition (four).

21/12/2021 20:45 - LUIGI FERRARIS



**GENOA**

**Vs**

**ATALANTA**



Atalanta have gone unbeaten in 10 of their last 11 Serie A matches against Genoa (W8 D2): the only exception was back in December 2018, 3-1 under Cesare Prandelli (own-goal by Tolói, goal scored by Lazovic and Piatek).

Atalanta have found the back of the net in each of their last 10 away games in Serie A versus Genoa (2.2 goals scored on average per match); in this run, the first four clashes all ended in draws, whilst Atalanta have won five of the last six (L1).

Genoa have conceded 37 goals so far in this league campaign; in the first half of a single Serie A season they had only shipped more in 1950/51 (40) and in 2019/20 (38).

Atalanta are the fifth team to score 100+ Serie A goals in a single calendar year, after Milan (105 in 1949 and 120 in 1950), Torino (111 in 1947 and 114 in 1948), Juventus (100 in 1933) and Inter (103 in 2021).

Atalanta have won their last six Serie A games away from home; a side from Lombardia has had a longer such run only five times before in the competition (two Inter and three AC Milan): the last occasion was AC Milan in December 2020 (with seven wins).

Andriy Shevchenko has lost his first three home managerial games with Genoa in Serie A; he could become the first manager to lose the first four at home in the competition with Genoa in the three points per win era (since 1994/95): in general, the last manager with four defeats in his first four home managerial Serie A matches was Roberto De Zerbi in 2016.

Atalanta's manager, Gian Piero Gasperini, has been Genoa's manager for 232 Serie A matches: a record for a manager with a single side in the competition since 2007/08 (his first campaign with the Rossoblù), whilst he is also in the joint-second place with Atalanta (208, level with Massimiliano Allegri, with Juventus).

Each of Genoa's last three Serie A goals have been scored by players coming off the bench (Bianchi v Empoli, Destro v Sampdoria and Melegoni v Lazio): the only time the Rossoblù have scored more consecutive goals with substitutes since 1994/95 was in October 2019 (four).

Luis Muriel has scored just two goals in 11 games in Serie A this season: this is his worst return in term of goals after the same number of league appearances since 2014/2015 (zero with Udinese).

Genoa are the team against which Duván Zapata has delivered the most assists in Serie A: five, three in his three most recent meetings. The Atalanta forward has scored in each of the last three games against the Rossoblù at the Ferraris in the competition.

21/12/2021 20:45 - ALLIANZ STADIUM



**JUVENTUS**

**Vs**

**CAGLIARI**



Juventus have won nine of their last 10 Serie A matches against Cagliari: the only exception in this run was in July 2020 (lost 2-0, under Walter Zenga, when the Bianconeri already secured the Scudetto).

Juventus have won their last five home games in Serie A against Cagliari by an aggregate score 16-1; in general, the Bianconeri have found the back of the net in each of their last 22 games at home versus Cagliari in the competition.

Cagliari have only won one of their first 18 Serie A games: the last team to avoid relegation at the end of the season after having achieved fewer than two wins after their first 18 Serie A games of the season was Bologna in 1978/79.

Juventus will end 2021 with 10+ Serie A defeats; in the 21st century, the Bianconeri had only lost 10+ games in a single year in the competition in 2010 (12). Juventus have also conceded 42 goals in 2021: the last time they conceded more in a single year was in 2010 (52).

Juventus have only lost their last Serie A match in a calendar year once in the past 11 years (W8 D2); however, the Bianconeri lost the most recent such game: 0-3 against Fiorentina in 2020 - the last time Juventus had two such defeats in a row was back in 1992 (three in that case).

Cagliari haven't found the back of the net in five of their seven Serie A matches away from home under Walter Mazzarri - in this run they have had three draws and four defeats.

With a win, Massimiliano Allegri will equal Fabio Capello for number of wins as a manager in Serie A (252, play-offs excluded), but would've done so in 40 games fewer.

After his goals against Bologna and Venezia, Álvaro Morata could find the net in three consecutive appearances for the first time in Serie A - in general, he has not been able to do so in the league since November 2019, with Atletico Madrid.

Juan Cuadrado has scored four goals in 15 league games against Cagliari, only against Inter (five) has he scored more in Serie A - however, only one of these has been with Juventus, in November 2018, in a 3-1 win.

Martín Cáceres has scored two goals in four Serie A games against Juventus, against no opponent has he netted more. The Cagliari defender made his debut in the Italian championship with the Bianconeri, playing 86 games between 2009 and 2019.

22/12/2021 16:30 - MAPEI STADIUM - CITTA' DEL TRICOLORE



**SASSUOLO**

**Vs**

**BOLOGNA**



Sassuolo have won three of their last four Serie A matches against Bologna (D1), having been winless in their previous seven (D2 L5).

Bologna have scored in each of their last 11 Serie A matches against Sassuolo: this is their longest ongoing such run in the competition against a single side.

Sassuolo have drawn six of their last nine Derbies against sides from Emilia-Romagna in Serie A played at the MAPEI Stadium (W2 1L), including the last two (1-1 in January v Parma and 1-1 in February v Bologna).

Sassuolo will close 2021 with a club-record number of points in a single calendar year in Serie A: 60, with 16 wins, 12 draws and 14 defeats so far.

Sassuolo have scored in each of their last 14 Serie A games, they have never done better in the topflight – indeed, they have scored at least two goals in each of their last seven games – eight would be a club record.

Having collected only two points in their first five games away from home (D2 L3) in Serie A this season, Bologna have picked up six from their last three (W2 1L); however, the Rossoblù have conceded 2.1 goals on average per match in these games.

Bologna have lost their last three league games (against Fiorentina, Torino and Juventus): the Rossoblù have not recorded four consecutive defeats in a single season since May 2018, in Roberto Donadoni's last four games in charge.

Sassuolo's striker, Domenico Berardi, has scored in two of his last three appearances against Bologna in Serie A; however, his last goal in the competition at the MAPEI Stadium against the Rossoblù, came back in October 2013, from the penalty spot.

Giacomo Raspadori has scored four goals and provided four assists in this league campaign: among players with at least as many goals and assists in the Big-5 European leagues this term, only Wirtz, Haaland and Vinicius are of a younger age than the Sassuolo striker.

Roberto Soriano has been involved in three goals in his last two Serie A games against Sassuolo (two goals, one assist) - the Bologna midfielder has not scored in 26 league appearances: in his career in the Big-5 European leagues, only in his first 30 appearances for Sampdoria has he recorded a longer goalless streak with a single club.

22/12/2021 16:30 - PIER LUIGI PENZO



**VENEZIA**

**Vs**

**LAZIO**



Venezia and Lazio have faced each other six times in Serie A, in the three points per win era, three wins for Lazio and two for Venezia (D1); the last such encounter was back in March 2002 (4-2 for the Biancocelesti, under Alberto Zaccheroni).

Venezia are unbeaten in their last five home games against Lazio in Serie A (W3 D2) and have kept a clean sheet in the last three.

Despite having conceded seven goals in their last five games against newly promoted sides in Serie A (1.4 on average per match), Lazio have won each of these games, scoring 16 goals (3.2 on average).

Having drawn against Juventus and Sampdoria (both 1-1), Venezia could draw three Serie A games in a row for the first time since 1962 (four in a row back then).

Lazio have only picked up eight points from their nine games played away from home in Serie A this season (W2 D2 5L), conceding 20 goals: the last time they conceded more away from home at this point of a season came back in 1983/84 (21), when they were newly promoted.

Lazio have both scored and conceded exactly 14 Serie A goals from the beginning of November to today, they have averaged two goals per match in this period but have also conceded as many: they have achieved three wins, three defeats and one draw.

Lazio have scored 75 goals in Serie A in 2021 - only in 2017 (85 goals) have the Biancocelesti scored more in a single calendar year in the top-flight.

Venezia defender Mattia Caldara has scored each of his last two Serie A goals against sides from Lazio: in December 2017 against Lazio and last November against AS Roma.

Mattia Zaccagni has scored in each of his last two league games, the last Lazio midfielder to score in more Serie A games consecutively was Felipe Anderson in January 2015.

Should he score in this game, Lazio forward Ciro Immobile would become the first player in Serie A able to score against all 20 teams currently in the competition.

22/12/2021 18:30 - MARCANTONIO BENTEGODI



**HELLAS VERONA**

**Vs**

**FIorentINA**



Fiorentina won their last Serie A match against Hellas Verona and could reach two wins in a row against the Gialloblù in the competition for the first time since 2014 (four).

Hellas Verona have lost six of their last seven Serie A matches, against Fiorentina, at Bentegodi (W1); the two teams have not drawn at Verona's home in the competition since February 2000 (2-2).

Hellas Verona are unbeaten in four Serie A matches played on Wednesday (W1 D3): all away from home; the Venetians have lost the last two on this day of the week at Bentegodi (against Sampdoria and Inter in December 2020).

Fiorentina have not won in five matches played on Wednesday in Serie A (D2 L3): Viola's last win on this day of the week was back in July 2020 (4-0 over Bologna).

Fiorentina drew against Sassuolo on the last day after 17 league games without a draw: the Viola have not drawn two Serie A games in a row since May (against Juventus and Bologna).

After the 0-1 defeat against Torino the last time out, Hellas Verona could fail to score in two successive Serie A matches for the first time since October 2020 (against Parma and Genoa back then).

Giovanni Simeone scored 20 goals in 74 Serie A appearances with Fiorentina; against Viola, the Hellas Verona forward has scored three goals in five league matches, including a brace with Genoa in January 2017.

Fiorentina are the team against which Gianluca Caprari has been involved in the most Serie A goals: six (four goals and two assists in eight meetings against the Viola); however, his last goal against them was back in September 2018, with Sampdoria.

Dusan Vlahovic has scored in six consecutive league appearances, only one Fiorentina player has done better in a single Serie A season in the three-point-per-win era: Gabriel Batistuta (11 in 1994/95). Vlahovic has scored 33 goals in 2021, and the last player to do better in a single calendar year in Serie A was Gunnar Nordahl in 1950 (36).

Cristiano Biraghi will be missing for this game, only the fourth match he's missed in the last two Serie A campaigns: Fiorentina have won only one of the three he missed in the process (D1 L1).

**22/12/2021 18:30 - GIUSEPPE MEAZZA**



**INTER**

**Vs**

**TORINO**



Inter have won each of their last four Serie A matches against Torino, scoring at least two goals per game. Never in their top-flight history have the Nerazzurri scored more than one goal for five consecutive matches against the Granata.

Inter have won their last two Serie A home games against Torino, after having gained two wins in their previous eight home games against them (D4 L2).

Inter have won 18 home league games in 2021; only two teams in Serie A history have won more home games in a single calendar year: Juventus in 2016 (20) and Torino in 1948 (20).

Inter have lost only one of their last 19 Serie A games played on Wednesday (W14 D4), going down 2-1 against Sampdoria in January last season.

The last Serie A match played by Torino on a Wednesday was one of the three biggest defeats suffered by the Granata in their history in Serie A (0-7 against Milan last May); the Granata have not lost two consecutive league games on this day of the week since 2015.

Torino have never won their last match of the last four calendar years (D3 L1) in Serie A, after the Granata had won five of their previous seven years in the competition.

Inter (103) are the first team to have scored more than 100 Serie A goals in a single calendar year since AC Milan in 1950 – the Nerazzurri have scored at least 48 goals in the first half of a Serie A season for the first time since 1950/51 (53 after 19 games played).

Inter have scored 12 headed goals in Serie A this season, more than any other team. Since Serie A returned to being a 20-team league in 2004-05, only Fiorentina (13 in 2005-06) have scored more headed goals in the first half of a campaign.

Antonio Sanabria found the net in his only Serie A meeting against Inter played for Torino (March 2021 at home) – he has failed to score in each of his last 14 Serie A away matches, last scoring on the road in March 2021 against Crotone.

Lautaro Martínez has found the net in his last four Serie A games against Torino: in the era of three points per win, only three Inter players have scored in five consecutive appearances against a single opponent in the competition (Christian Vieri v Parma and Perugia, Mauro Icardi v Fiorentina and Ivan Perisic v Chievo). Since 1994/95, no player has ever scored in five consecutive Serie A games against Torino.

**22/12/2021 18:30 - OLIMPICO**



**ROMA**

**Vs**

**SAMPDORIA**



Sampdoria won 2-0 in their last Serie A match against Roma and could gain two wins in a row against the Giallorossi in the top-flight for the first time since 2015; the last time Sampdoria won two in a row without conceding any goals came back in 1985.

The last draw between Roma and Sampdoria at the Olimpico in Serie A dates back to September 2012 (1-1); since then, two Sampdoria's wins and six victories for the Giallorossi, including the most recent three: the Giallorossi have won more in a row at home against the Blucerchiati since 1983 (seven).

Roma have lost two of their last three Serie A games played on a Wednesday (W1), having won in each of the previous nine; the Giallorossi have not drawn on this day of the week in the league, since April 2019 (2-2, against Fiorentina, with Claudio Ranieri on the bench).

Sampdoria have not won in six Serie A away games against teams from Lazio (D1 L5) and have not scored in the two most recent; the last success recorded in Lazio by Sampdoria dates back to September 2018, at Benito Stirpe, against Frosinone (5-0).



After their recent away win against Genoa, Sampdoria could win two consecutive Serie A games away from home for the first time since October 2020.

Roma have kept five clean sheets at home in Serie A season: in the current championship, no team have more clean sheets at home than the Giallorossi (five also Napoli).

Among the teams he has faced more than twice as manager in Serie A, Sampdoria are one of two (like Roma) against which José Mourinho has won the fewest games: only one win in four matches (D2 L1).

Roma's forward Tammy Abraham has scored six goals in Serie A season (four of them in his last six appearances), only once has he done better in a single season in the Big-5 European leagues: in 2019/2020, when he finished the season with 15 goals with Chelsea in the Premier League.

Manolo Gabbiadini has found the net in each of his last four Serie A appearances: in the Big-5 European leagues, only once has he recorded a longer streak, five with Napoli and Southampton.

After losing his first four matches against Roma in Serie A, without scoring or providing assists, Francesco Caputo won the most recent encounter (Sassuolo-Roma 4-2, in February 2020), thanks also to a brace scored in the first 16 minutes of the game.

**22/12/2021 20:45 - CARLO CASTELLANI**



**EMPOLI**

**Vs**

**MILAN**



Milan have lost only one of their last nine Serie A matches against Empoli (1-2, in April 2017, with Vincenzo Montella on the bench): four wins and four draws.

In their last 30 Serie A matches against teams from Lombardia, Empoli have only achieved two wins (2-1 v Milan in 2017 and 3-2 v Atalanta in 2018): nine draws and 19 defeats.

Milan are unbeaten in 20 of their last 21 Serie A games against newly promoted teams (W15 D5): with the only exception, the 0-2 away defeat against Spezia in February 2021.

Milan have won their last three games played on a Wednesday in the league, with an overall score of 12-0; their last Serie A defeat on this day of the week dates back to February 2012 (0-2 v Lazio); since then, eight wins and six draws.

Empoli have won their last two home league games and could reach three wins in a row, at home in the competition, for the first time since December 2018, with Giuseppe Iachini on the bench.

In their last away match in 2021, Milan could become the second team in Serie A history to achieve at least 17 away league wins in a single calendar year (after Napoli's 18 in 2017 – Atalanta also on 16 before matchday 19); however, the Rossoneri have only won one of their three away games played since November (D1 L1).

Empoli are unbeaten in five Serie A games: the Tuscans have not recorded a longer unbeaten streak in the competition since March 2015 (eight).

Patrick Cutrone's first 63 appearances and first 13 Serie A goals were in a Milan shirt between 2017 and 2019; the Empoli striker has played two games, for a total of 44 minutes, against the Rossoneri, in the top-flight, without finding goals, assists or shots.

After scoring three goals and delivering one assist in his first six Serie A appearances this season, Brahim Díaz has failed to score in his last eight, assisting only two goals.

Zlatan Ibrahimovic has been involved in six goals in four matches against Empoli in Serie A, thanks to four goals and two assists: these games were all played with Juventus and Inter, between 2005 and 2008.

**22/12/2021 20:45 - DIEGO ARMANDO MARADONA**



**NAPOLI**

**Vs**

**SPEZIA**



The only two meetings between Napoli and Spezia in Serie A came last season: with both teams gaining a win each, in the away match.

Napoli have not drawn a Serie A match against Ligurian opponents since November 2019 (0-0 v Genoa); since then, eight wins and two defeats, with the Partenopei scoring 28 goals (2.8 on average) in this run.

Napoli have not won any of the last eight Serie A games played on Wednesday (D4 L4); the Partenopei last won on this day of the week in July 2020, against a Ligurian team (2-1 v Genoa).

Spezia have only won two of their eight Serie A games played on a Wednesday (D3 L3) losing the most recent two; however, the Ligurian's last victory on this day of the week came back in January 2021: 2-1, against Napoli, at the Maradona stadium.

Napoli have lost their last two home league games; the Partenopei last recorded a longer streak of defeats, at home, in Serie A, in January 2020 - four in a row in the transition period between Carlo Ancelotti and Gennaro Gattuso.

Napoli won their last Serie A match against AC Milan and could win two league games in a row for the first time since October.

After their draw against Empoli in the last matchday, Spezia are winless in six Serie A matches: only between November 2020 and January 2021 have they recorded a longer streak without success (eight) in the competition.

Thanks to his assist for Elmas' goal against AC Milan, Piotr Zielinski is now one of six players to have 5+ goals and 5+ assists in Serie A this season, the only one for Napoli.

Andrea Petagna's last home league goal dates back to last January, against Spezia; since then, the Napoli striker has played 12 Serie A matches at the Maradona, without finding the net.

**M'Bala Nzola scored in his only match against Napoli in Serie A (January 2021); five of his six away goals in Serie A have come in the second half, including the one against Napoli at the Maradona stadium.**