



# INSIGHTS

**Matchday 20 Serie A 2021-22**  
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06/01/2022 12:30 - RENATO DALL'ARA



**BOLOGNA**

**Vs**

**INTER**



Inter have won six of the last eight Serie A matches against Bologna - the Rossoblù have won the other two, while the last draw between the two teams was back in September 2017 (1-1 with goals from Simone Verdi and Mauro Icardi).

Inter will be the first side who Bologna will have faced in 150 matches in Serie A: the Rossoblù have lost 73 games against the Nerazzurri in the competition (W41 D35), only against Juventus have they recorded more defeats (78).

Bologna haven't won any of their last 15 home Serie A games against Inter (D3 L12) - in this period, the only game in which they kept a clean sheet was in a 0-0 draw in August 2010.

In their last 11 league matches, Bologna have achieved five wins and six defeats: indeed, they are the team currently on the longest run in Serie A without drawing a game.

Inter haven't won in four of their last six Serie A games played on Epiphany (D1 L3).

For the first time in their history, Inter have won six Serie A matches in a row without conceding goal - overall, only once previously have the Nerazzurri recorded a longer streak of consecutive games with a clean sheet during a Serie A campaign: seven between January and March 1971.

Bologna and Inter (both 9) are the two teams that have scored the most goals in Serie A this season via defenders: 21% of the overall goals scored by defenders in the current league season have been from these two clubs (18/85).

Bologna's Riccardo Orsolini has been directly involved in a goal in each of his last three league appearances (assist against Fiorentina, goals against Torino and Sassuolo), while he has never been involved in a goal in more consecutive matches in his Serie A career.

Inter's Denzel Dumfries has either scored or assisted a goal every 164 minutes on average in Serie A this season, the best ratio among defenders with at least 400 minutes played.

Inter's Hakan Calhanoglu will miss this match due to disqualification; the Turkish midfielder has been involved in the most goals in Serie A since November 2021: 10 (five goals and five assists) out of the 21 goals scored by the Nerazzurri in the period.

06/01/2022 12:30 - LUIGI FERRARIS



**SAMPDORIA**

**Vs**

**CAGLIARI**



Cagliari have won three of the last five Serie A matches against Sampdoria (D1 L1); these matches produced a total of 20 goals, at an average of four per match.

Sampdoria are unbeaten in each of their last seven home games against Cagliari in Serie A, with five wins and two draws in the period.

Cagliari haven't won any of their last 13 away Serie A games against Ligurian sides (D3 L10) – they have conceded at least once in every meeting in this run, at an average of 1.9 goals per game.

Sampdoria have drawn their last two league games (both 1-1), the last time they registered three draws in a row in Serie A was back in December 2014.

Cagliari have lost each of their last five Serie A games played on Epiphany; their last win on 6th January was back in 2005 against Messina, under Daniele Arrigoni.

Cagliari have lost their last three league games without scoring a goal: only once in their history in Serie A have they registered four consecutive defeats without scoring (in September 2008).

Cagliari and Sampdoria, along with Hellas Verona, are the three teams that have scored the fewest goals in Serie A this season via substitutes (only one goal each).

Cagliari are one of five opponents that Fabio Quagliarella has scored 10+ goals against in Serie A (10); however, the Sampdoria forward hasn't netted in any of his last four games against the Rossoblù in the competition - his last goal in the top-flight was back on 3rd October 2021, against Udinese.

Manolo Gabbiadini has scored in each of his last five Serie A games - the only Sampdoria player that has netted in more consecutive appearances in the competition in the three points for a win era was Fabio Quagliarella, who did so in 11 between October 2018 and January 2019, as well as six between May and September 2017.

Sampdoria are João Pedro's favorite target in Serie A, with the Cagliari man netting seven goals against them - only Luigi Riva (10) has scored more goals against the Blucerchiati for Cagliari in the competition.

06/01/2022 14:30 - OLIMPICO



**LAZIO**

**Vs**

**EMPOLI**



Lazio have won each of the last six Serie A games against Empoli, with an aggregate score of 11-2; the last opponent they registered more consecutive wins against in the competition was Parma (nine, between 2014 and 2021).

Empoli haven't scored in their last five away Serie A games against Lazio: their last goal against them was back in March 2007, with a direct free kick netted by Sergio Almirón during a 1-3 defeat.

Empoli have won three of their last four Serie A matches against sides that started the MD with more points than them (wins against Sassuolo, Fiorentina and Napoli) - the only defeat in this period arrived against AC Milan, in their most recent match.

Lazio have won each of their last two league games by a score of 3-1: the last time they netted more than two goals in three consecutive matches in the competition was back in January 2018.

Empoli have scored in each of their last nine Serie A games - the last time they registered a longer streak in the top-flight was back in December 2015 (11), under Marco Giampaolo.

Among teams in the top half of the standings, Lazio (two) and Empoli (three) have kept the fewest clean sheets in Serie A this season.

No team has scored more goals in home matches than Lazio in Serie A this season (25) and only Inter (23) have picked up more points in home matches than the Biancocelesti (20); on the other hand, 63% of Empoli's points in the current league season have been won away from home (17/27), while only Atalanta (68%) and Genoa (64%) have a higher percentage.

Lazio have had 315 open play sequences of 10+ passes this season, the most in Serie A 2021/22 - on the other hand, only Salernitana (74) have recorded fewer than Empoli (87).

Lazio's **Ciro Immobile** has scored six Serie A goals on 6th January (goal against Parma in 2014, poker of goals against SPAL in 2018 and a goal against Fiorentina in 2021) - only Kurt Hamrin has netted more goals on a single day of the year in the competition (nine on February 2nd).

**Andrea Pinamonti** (born in 1999) is the youngest Italian player with at least five goals in Serie A this season: the Empoli striker has scored seven goals so far, already two more than in any other season in the competition.

06/01/2022 14:30 - ALBERTO PICCO



**SPEZIA**

**Vs**

**HELLAS VERONA**



Verona have won two of their three Serie A games against Spezia (D1), keeping a clean sheet in both their wins.

Spezia are one of the five sides against which Verona are unbeaten in Serie A - among these, only against Catania (six) and Venezia (five) have they played more games than against the Ligurians (three).

Hellas Verona have won only one of their last 18 away Serie A games against Ligurian sides in Serie A (D4 L13): the only one against Spezia (1-0 in their first game played in 2021).

This will be the 1000th match in Serie A for Verona: the Gialloblù will be the 17th team to reach this milestone and the first club from Veneto.

After losing their first three home league games this season, Spezia have recorded only one defeat in their last six home matches (W2 D3): 0-1 against Bologna in November.

Hellas Verona have drawn the joint-most away games in Serie A this season (four, alongside Genoa), however, the Gialloblù have achieved a win and two defeats in their three most recent matches on the road in the competition.

Spezia have conceded the most goals in 2021 in Serie A (82); however, the Ligurian side kept a clean sheet in their most recent game (against Napoli) and could keep a clean sheet in two consecutive league matches for the first time since November 2020.

Hellas Verona are one of the two teams (alongside Atalanta) that haven't scored a goal from a free kick situation in Serie A this season (considering also direct free kick).

Three of Spezia's last eight goals in Serie A have been the result of own goals, while M'Bala Nzola has taken part in three of the other five goals in this period (two goals, one assist).

The last Serie A match in which Giovanni Simeone both scored and provided assist was against Spezia, in the reverse match in October - the Argentinian striker has been involved in three goals in three matches in the competition for Hellas Verona against Ligurian opponents.

06/01/2022 16:30 - GEWISS STADIUM



**ATALANTA**

**Vs**

**TORINO**



Atalanta have lost only two of their 11 league games against Torino under Gian Piero Gasperini (since 2016/17) – in this period the Bergamo side have achieved five wins and four draws.

After failing to score in both league games against the Granata in 2018/19, Atalanta have scored at least two goals in each of their last five Serie A games against Torino: 18 goals in the period, an average of 3.6 per match.

Torino are unbeaten in their last three away games against Atalanta in Serie A (W1 D2) and they have scored exactly three goals in the last two.

Atalanta have registered only three home wins in Serie A this season, with three draws and three defeats at Gewiss Stadium: their haul of 12 points is at least four fewer than any other team currently in the top eight positions in the standings.

Only Cagliari (three) and Salernitana (four) have picked up fewer away points than Torino (five) in Serie A this season; in addition, the Granata have scored the fewest goals away from home in the current league season (four).

Atalanta have won their first match of the calendar year in each of previous five Serie A seasons - in four of these games they have scored at least four goals.

Torino have conceded the fewest goals in the first half in Serie A this season (six), while Atalanta have the highest percentage of their goals scored in the first 45 minutes of play (55%: 21/38).

Atalanta (372) and Torino (308) have the highest number of Pressed Sequences in Serie A this season, which highlights the quality of their pressing by capturing all sequences starting in their defensive third where the opposition has three or fewer passes and the sequence ends in their own half.

Luis Muriel has been involved in seven goals in his five Serie A matches against Torino with Atalanta: five goals and two assists - only against Udinese (eight) he has taken part in more goals in the top-flight since he joined Atalanta.

Torino's Wilfried Stephane Singo is the defender with the most dribbles attempted in Serie A this season: 57, 46 of these in the opposing half.

**06/01/2022 16:30 - MAPEI STADIUM - CITTA' DEL TRICOLORE**



**SASSUOLO**

**Vs**

**GENOA**



Sassuolo's last defeat against Genoa in Serie A was back in January 2020 - since then they have achieved three wins and a draw, while they haven't registered more wins against any other opponent in this period.

Sassuolo have won six of their eight home Serie A games against Genoa (D1 L1), at least two more home wins than against any other team in the top-flight.

After a streak of seven games with at least two goals scored, Sassuolo failed to score in their most recent match: the last time the Neroverdi didn't score in consecutive Serie A games was back in December 2020.

Sassuolo lost their last home league game and could lose consecutive matches at Mapei Stadium in Serie A for the first time since October 2019 (three in that case).

Since Andriy Shevchenko joined the club, Genoa have picked up only two points in seven league games: he could become the first Genoa manager without a win in his first eight Serie A games (in the three points for a win era).

Genoa's last win away from home in Serie A was back in September 2021 against Cagliari - since then they have gained four points in eight away games. The last time they registered a longer streak without a win on the road in Serie A was back in February 2020 (21 in that case).

Genoa have conceded the most headed goals in Serie A this season (11), however only Inter (12) have scored more than the Grifone via headers (eight); after the first 19 matches of the previous league season, the Rossoblù had only scored two goals and conceded three via headers.

Genoa have only scored two goals in the first half, the joint-fewest in the current league season; 89% of the Rossoblù's goals (17/19) have been netted in the second half, a record in percentage in Serie A 2021/22.

Sassuolo's Giacomo Raspadori has scored three goals against Genoa, his favorite target in the top flight; he is the youngest player to have scored at least 10 goals in the last two Serie A campaigns.

Mattia Destro's last goal in Serie A was back on 10th December in the derby against Sampdoria; both in 2021/22 and in 2020/21 he has scored seven goals after first 19 matchdays, a record for him in the first half of the season in Serie A.

06/01/2022 18:30 - GIUSEPPE MEAZZA



**MILAN**

**Vs**

**ROMA**



AC Milan have won their last two league games against Roma and could win three matches in a row against the Giallorossi in Serie A for the first time since 1996 under Fabio Capello.

AC Milan have won more Serie A matches against Roma than against any other side: 77 (D51 L45).

Milan and Roma have already played in a Serie A match on Epiphany: in 2004 the Rossoneri won 2-1 at the Olimpico, with Shevchenko's brace overcoming a Cassano goal.

Roma have scored 94 away goals against AC Milan in Serie A, despite having won only 19 of the previous 86 matches (D20 L47): only against Lazio (95) have they scored more away goals in the top-flight.

In 2021, AC Milan won 27 league matches - only in 1950 (28) have the Rossoneri won more games in a single calendar year in Serie A history.

AC Milan have lost two of their last three home Serie A games (W1), as many defeats as they had suffered in their previous 13 home matches in the top-flight (W7 D4).

Roma won their last away league match, while the last time they registered consecutive wins on the road in Serie A was back in August 2020; indeed, in 2021 the Giallorossi lost 12 away matches in Serie A - only in 1949 and 1950 (both 16) have they suffered more away defeats in a single calendar year.

AC Milan have attempted the most shots following high turnovers (sequences starting within 40 metres of the opposition goal) in the current league season (37), while the Rossoneri have also scored the most goals (eight) after sequences with 10+ passes in Serie A this season.

Zlatan Ibrahimovic has scored 11 goals against Roma in Serie A, a joint-record for him in the competition; he has netted more braces against the Giallorossi than against any other side in the Italian top-flight (four, including three with the Rossoneri).

Roma's Nicolò Zaniolo has scored more than one goal in Serie A only against two sides: Fiorentina and AC Milan; he played three top-flight games vs the Rossoneri, but none at Stadio Meazza.

06/01/2022 18:30 - ARECHI



**SALERNITANA**

**Vs**

**VENEZIA**



Salernitana are unbeaten against Venezia in Serie A, with two wins and a draw: among the teams they have never lost against in Serie A, only against Bari (four) have they played more games.

The only meeting between Salernitana and Venezia at Salernitana's home in Serie A dates back to 1998, when the Granata won 1-0 with an own goal from Bilica.

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 have lost each of their last five Serie A home games: the last team with a longer run of consecutive home defeats was SPAL in June 2020 (six).

After two wins in a row against Roma and Bologna, Venezia have earned only two points in their last six Serie A games – they have failed to score twice in this run, as many as in the previous 11 matches.

Venezia have failed to score on five occasions away from home in this Serie A season, with only Cagliari doing so more often (six) - Salernitana, on the other hand, have failed to score in six home games, more than any other team in Serie A 2021/22.

Salernitana have scored just 11 goals in 18 games in this Serie A season: each of the last three teams with 11 or fewer goals at this stage of the season have been relegated (Livorno 2009/10, Empoli 2016/17 and Benevento (2017/18).

No team have conceded fewer headed goals than Venezia in this league (one from 34 total conceded) - Salernitana, on the other hand, have only scored one headed goal, with only Spezia netting fewer.

Federico Bonazzoli has scored two of Salernitana's last three league goals, having only scored one of the previous seven: all three of his goals, however, have come away (one against Venezia) with his last home goal coming in December 2020.

Three of Venezia's six away goals in Serie A this season have been scored by David Okereke; his last goal in the competition came in November against Bologna - he and Federico Bonazzoli are the two players who have scored the highest share of their team's away goals this term (50%).

06/01/2022 20:45 - ARTEMIO FRANCHI



**FIorentINA**

**Vs**

**UDINESE**



Since the start of the 2016/17 season, Fiorentina have lost only one match against Udinese in Serie A (W7 D3) - the Viola have earned 24 points against the Bianconeri, more than against any other team.

Fiorentina have won each of their last 13 Serie A home matches against Udinese, only enjoying a longer home winning run against a single side once before – a 16-match winning streak over Cagliari between 1982 and 2010.

Fiorentina are unbeaten in their last five Serie A games, thanks to three wins and two draws, last enjoying a longer unbeaten streak in July 2020 (6 matches).



Fiorentina have won five of their last six Serie A home games (D1), scoring at least twice in each match. They last netted 2+ goals in seven straight home games in February 2017 under Paulo Sousa.

After having won two of their first three league games (D1), Udinese have won only two of their last 15 Serie A matches (D7 L6), though did beat Cagliari last time out.

Udinese won their last away match in Serie A (4-0 v Cagliari) without conceding a goal; the Bianconeri have not managed two consecutive away wins without conceding a goal in Serie A since August 2020, when the first of those victories was also against Cagliari.

Fiorentina have conceded just one goal in the first 15 minutes of play, the fewest of all Serie A sides this season. Udinese, on the other hand, have conceded nine goals in the first 15 minutes of the second half in the Serie A matches, more than any other team.

No side has scored more league goals from the penalty spot this season than Fiorentina (6), which is the same number as they managed throughout the whole of last season.

Dusan Vlahovic has scored 16 goals in his 19 games in Serie A this season, with only Batistuta (17 goals in 1995, 18 in 1999), Montuori (18 goals in 1959) and Toni (18 in 2006) managing more at this stage of a campaign for Fiorentina.

Udinese's Beto has scored seven goals in Serie A this campaign - of the players with at least the same number as him in the division, only Pinamonti and his Dusan Vlahovic are younger.

06/01/2022 20:45 - ALLIANZ STADIUM



JUVENTUS

Vs

NAPOLI



Napoli have won three of the last four league games against Juventus (L1), as many wins as they managed in the previous 18 meetings (D4 L11). From 2020 onwards, the Partenopei have beaten the Bianconeri more often in Serie A than any other side (3).

Juventus have won nine of their 10 games against Napoli at Allianz Stadium (L1) - since the 2011/12 season, the Bianconeri have only won more home games against Fiorentina and Roma (10).

Juventus and Napoli have met in Serie A on the day of the Epiphany once before, in 1991, when the Bianconeri won thanks to a goal by Casiraghi in the 87th minute (1-0).

From November onwards, Juventus have conceded only two league goals, keeping a clean sheet in six of their eight games in this period (also six wins). Indeed, during this period, no side managed more clean sheets in Serie A than Juventus (same as Inter), whilst they conceded fewer goals and posted the lowest xGA total amongst all teams in the division.

Juventus have won their last two home league games 2-0, last enjoying a three-game winning run at home without conceding in March 2021 (4).

Napoli have lost four of their last seven Serie A games (W2 D1), with only Genoa and Salernitana (five) losing more during this period. Indeed, their four defeats in Serie A before this run came across a spell of 35 matches.

Away from home in Serie A, Napoli kept 10 clean sheets in 2021, more than any other team. However, the first of those clean sheets didn't come until March, after they conceded goals in each of their first six away games of the year.

Napoli boss Luciano Spalletti has lost more Serie A games against Juventus (19) than any other side (W2 D5). Meanwhile, Juventus boss Massimiliano Allegri's teams have conceded 25 goals against Napoli, only shipping more often against Roma (27).

In all competitions in December 2021, Federico Bernardeschi had a direct hand in the most goals (4), attempted the most shots (18) and created more chances (10) than any other Juventus player. Indeed, he also has two Serie A goals against Napoli, thanks to his last brace in the competition, with Fiorentina in December 2016.

Lorenzo Insigne has scored four goals against Juventus in Serie A, including three in the four games played from 2020 onwards: only scoring more v Bologna (4) over the same period.