



# INSIGHTS

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21/01/2022 20:45 - MARCANTONIO BENTEGODI



## HELLAS VERONA

## Vs

## BOLOGNA



Hellas Verona's last Serie A win against Bologna was in April 2016 under Luigi Delneri (1-0 thanks to a Samir goal). Since then, there have been four wins for the Rossoblù (including one this season) and three draws.

Among sides Hellas Verona have faced at least twice at home in Serie A since 2001/02, Bologna are one of only two, along with Inter, against which they have never won, playing out three draws and three defeats in this time.

Hellas Verona have scored 41 league goals this season, a record for the Gialloblù after their opening 22 Serie A games of a season. The previous record was 37 goals in 2013/14.

Having won each of their first five Serie A home games under Igor Tudor, Hellas Verona have since failed to win each of their most recent four (D2 L2).

Bologna have lost five of their last six Serie A matches (W1), this after having won four of their previous five beforehand (L1). Indeed, in this period (from 4th December onwards), no Serie A team has lost more games than the Emiliani, while only Genoa have earned fewer points (two).

Bologna have not drawn an away game in Serie A since October against Udinese, picking up three wins and three defeats since then. The last time they went more such games without a draw was in December 2020 (eight).

Hellas Verona have three players who have scored seven goals in Serie A this season (Simeone, Caprari and Barak); they have never had more do so in a single top-flight campaign.

Bologna have scored 25% of their Serie A goals (7/28) from outside the box this season, the highest proportion in the league. Meanwhile, no side has scored more Serie A goals from outside the area than Hellas Verona this term (eight, level with Milan and Napoli).

Giovanni Simeone has scored four Serie A goals against Bologna, netting one for Genoa and three for Cagliari, each coming in a different match. The Hellas Verona forward has only scored in more different matches against Torino (five) in the top-flight.

Roberto Soriano has scored four goals against Hellas Verona in Serie A, including his first brace in the top-flight in March 2014 with Sampdoria. The midfielder, however, has not yet scored a goal against the Gialloblù for Bologna; only against Fiorentina and Roma (six) has he played more Serie A games without scoring for the club.

22/01/2022 15:00 - LUIGI FERRARIS



**GENOA**

**Vs**

**UDINESE**



Udinese have not lost against Genoa in Serie A since February 2016 (2-1), winning six and drawing five such meetings since. They have never had a longer unbeaten run against a single opponent in the top-flight (also 11 unbeaten against Cagliari between 1981 and 1995).

Genoa and Udinese have drawn five of their last eight meetings in Genoa in Serie A (one home win, two away). Indeed, since 2014, Genoa have drawn more home games against the Bianconeri than any other side in the competition.

Genoa are the first non-newly promoted team to record a run of 19 consecutive games without a win in a single Serie A season since 2015/16, when Hellas Verona went 22 without victory. In the era of three points for a win, only two other non-promoted sides have gone 20 without a win within a season: Perugia in 2003/04 and Cesena in 2011/12.

Genoa have conceded 45 goals so far in Serie A; among non-newly promoted teams in the era of three points for a win, only Bari in 1995/96, Napoli in 1997/98 and Parma in 2014/15 have conceded as many or more goals at this stage of the season; all went on to be relegated.

Genoa have not won any of their last 12 home games in Serie A (D4 L8), the worst ever such streak for the Rossoblù.

Considering Udinese-Salernitana as awarded match 3-0, Udinese have lost three of their last six league games (W2 D1), as many defeats as they suffered in their previous 10 beforehand (W1 D6). They have conceded eight goals in their last two league matches, as many as in the previous six.

Udinese have lost five away games in Serie A this season; since 2013/14, they have lost at least four of their first 10 away league games in every season, the only Serie A side to do so.

Genoa have both scored the highest percentage of headed goals in Serie A this season (40% - 8/20), and also conceded the most, both overall (12) and as a percentage (27%).

Mattia Destro has scored six goals against Udinese in Serie A, only netting more against Cagliari and Chievo (both eight). However, only one of these goals came with Genoa, with the Rossoblù striker not scoring in any of his last four league games against the Bianconeri.

Beto has scored four goals in 10 away league games this season; among Udinese players, the last to score more after the club's first 11 away games in a Serie A season was Cyril Théreau in 2015/16 (six goals).

22/01/2022 18:00 - GIUSEPPE MEAZZA



**INTER**

**Vs**

**VENEZIA**



Venezia have won six of their 25 Serie A games against Inter (D6 L13); they have only picked up more wins against Fiorentina (10) in the top-flight.

Inter have beaten Venezia nine times at home in Serie A (D2 L1); the Arancioneroverdi have only lost more away games against Juventus (10) in the top-flight. Indeed, the only Venetian success at Nerazzurri's home came back in 1943 (1-4).

Inter have kept a clean sheet in seven of their last eight league games, a period in which they have conceded only one goal. This is as many clean sheets as they kept in their previous 25 Serie A games beforehand.

Inter's last home defeat in Serie A was against Milan in October 2020 (1-2). The Nerazzurri are unbeaten in 27 home league matches since (W24 D3), their best streak since going 46 without defeat between 2008 and 2010.

Venezia have not won any of their last eight league games, picking up only three points in these matches; no team has collected fewer in Serie A since the weekend of 27-28 November.

Venezia have won two away games in Serie A this season, doing so against Bologna and Empoli (D3 L5); a win here would equal their total of away wins obtained in the era of three points for a win in Serie A before this season (two in 1998/99 and one in 2001/02).

Inter have scored the most headed goals in Serie A this season (13), while only Salernitana and Spezia (one) have scored fewer than Venezia (two). In the whole of Serie A last season, the Nerazzurri scored 14 headed goals.

No team have scored fewer goals than Venezia in the second half of matches in Serie A this season (10), while no side has scored more than Inter in the last half hour of matches in the division (18). Despite this difference, only Juventus and Empoli (11) have earned more points than Inter and Venezia (nine) thanks to goals scored from the 60th-minute onwards.

Seven of Inter's last eight Serie A goals have been scored by different players, with only two by forwards. Only Denzel Dumfries (two) has scored more than once for the club in this run, with all three of his league goals for the club coming in his six most recent games.

Last time out, Venezia winger Nani provided an assist just 116 seconds after coming on as a sub, on his first appearance in Serie A since May 2018 against Inter, 1,337 days ago. In his previous spell in Serie A with Lazio, he was directly involved in a goal in two games in a row only once (January 2018).

22/01/2022 20:45 - OLIMPICO



**LAZIO**

**Vs**

**ATALANTA**



Atalanta have scored in each of their last 11 games against Lazio in Serie A (W3 D4 L4), their best such streak against the Biancocelesti in the top-flight. Indeed, the Biancocelesti are only on a longer ongoing run without a clean sheet in the division against Juventus (18).

After winning three home games in a row against Atalanta between 2014 and 2017, Lazio have only gained two points in the most recent four such meetings. This is their worst run without a win over them in the competition since 1991 against (seven).

Since the beginning of December, Lazio have scored at least three goals in six Serie A matches (P8 W4 D2 L2), more than any other side in this time, and more than they had done so in the whole of the campaign before December (five times).

Lazio have scored 10 goals in their last three home league games (four against Udinese, three against Genoa and three against Empoli); the last time the Biancocelesti had a longer streak of scoring more than two goals was in 2019 (six in a row, including meetings with Udinese, Genoa and Atalanta).

Atalanta have not scored in two of their last three league games, including most recently against Inter; they only failed to score in two of their previous 30 league matches beforehand, while the last time they failed to score in two in a row in Serie A was in November 2020.

Atalanta are unbeaten in their last 17 away league games (W13 D4); the last team to do better in Serie A was Juventus in 2019, when they went 26 away games unbeaten.

Excluding penalties, Atalanta are the only team not to have scored a goal from a set piece in Serie A this season; of the Nerazzurri's 44 league goals this term, 41 have been from open play and three from penalties. Their last league goal from a set piece (excluding penalties) dates to April 18, with Malinovskyi netting from a corner against Juventus.

Ciro Immobile has scored in each of his first three matches of a calendar year in Serie A for only the second time in his career, also doing so in 2020. He has never scored in each of his first four such appearance of a year.

Sergej Milinkovic-Savic has scored four Serie A goals against Atalanta, only netting more against Inter (five goals); however, the Lazio midfielder has failed score in his last three meetings with the Bergamo side in top-flight. Milinkovic-Savic has more Serie A assists than any midfielder this season (eight).

Atalanta's Luis Muriel has scored four goals in his first 14 appearances in Serie A this season his lowest tally from his first 14 appearances of a campaign since 2015/16 (also four with Sampdoria).

23/01/2022 12:30 - UNIPOL DOMUS



**CAGLIARI**

**Vs**

**FIorentINA**



Cagliari have failed to score in each of their last four Serie A games against Fiorentina, their longest ongoing streak of goalless games against a single opponent in the competition.

Cagliari have won 18 of their 40 Serie A home games against Fiorentina (D16 L6); they have only picked up more home wins in the top-flight against Sampdoria (20).

Cagliari have won two of their last three league games (L1), as many as they had in their previous 24 Serie A matches beforehand (D10 L12).

Cagliari have conceded a goal in each of their last 12 home league games, only going longer without a home clean sheet in Serie A in 2015, when they went 17 without. However, they won their last home league game, last winning back-to-back such matches last April.

Fiorentina have scored as many as 40 goals after 21 Serie A games from the start of a season for the first time since 2013/14. In each of the eight times they have scored as many goals at this stage of a Serie A season, they have finished in the top five in the table.

Fiorentina have failed to score in four of their last seven away league games, as many times as in their previous 17 prior to this. From mid-October to today, only Cagliari (six) and Torino (five) have failed to score in more Serie A away games than the Viola (four).

No side has conceded fewer goals in the opening 15 minutes of Serie A matches this season than Fiorentina (one, level with Inter), while only Salernitana (zero) have scored fewer than Cagliari in the same period (two).

Cagliari's Joao Pedro could become the 4th Brazilian player to reach double figures for goals in at least three different Serie A seasons in the three points per win era (1994/95), after Adriano (4), Kaká (4) and Alexandre Pato (3).

Fiorentina's Cristiano Biraghi has scored three direct free-kicks in Serie A this season; from 2016/17 onwards, the only player to score more in a single Serie A season was Sergej Milinkovic-Savic (four last season), while since 2004/05 only Sinisa Mihajlovic has done better among defenders (four in 2004/05).

Dusan Vlahovic's first two Serie A goals came in November 2019 against Cagliari (a 5-2 win for the Rossoblù); in total, the Fiorentina striker has scored four Serie A goals against them, only netting more against Sampdoria (five).



23/01/2022 15:00 - DIEGO ARMANDO MARADONA



**NAPOLI**

**Vs**

**SALERNITANA**



Napoli are unbeaten in Serie A against Salernitana, thanks to two draws (in the 1947/48 campaign) and a win in the reverse fixture this season.

This will be the 28th Derby of Campania in Serie A: in the last eight there have been no draws (four home wins and four away wins), with the last draw dating back to September 1986 (Avellino-Napoli 0-0).

Napoli haven't drawn any of their last 32 Serie A meetings against promoted sides (since August 2016, 2-2 v Pescara), winning 28 and losing four – this is the longest run without a single draw by a team against promoted teams in the Italian top-flight.

After their 0-1 defeat against Empoli in December, Napoli could lose two Serie A meetings in a row against promoted sides for the first time since 2015 (under Rafael Benítez) and could fail to score in two such games in a row for the first time since 2008 (under Edoardo Reja).

Considering Udinese-Salernitana as awarded match 3-0, all previous seven teams that picked up 10 or fewer points after 21 seasonal matches in Serie A in the three points for a win era have been relegated (the most recent Benevento in 2017/18).

Considering Udinese-Salernitana as awarded match 3-0, Salernitana are only the second team that have conceded at least 49 goals after 21 seasonal matches in Serie A in 21st century, after Crotone in 2020/21 (50) – the last club that conceded as many goals but avoided the relegation at the end of a season was Bari in 1937/38.

Napoli have conceded the fewest goals in Serie A this season (15), whilst Salernitana have shipped the most (49) – furthermore, Napoli have kept the most clean sheets so far (12).

Napoli's Fabián Ruiz could play his 150th game for Napoli in all competitions: the Spaniard is only one goal away from his record for goals scored in a single Serie A campaign (currently 5), which he last achieved in the 2018/19 campaign.

Salernitana could become the 27th different side that Dries Mertens has scored against in Serie A: in the history of the competition, only Marek Hamsik (28) has scored against more teams for Napoli than the Belgian.

Salernitana striker Simy has scored two Serie A goals against Napoli, with both coming in a brace at the Maradona in April 2021 - however, the Nigerian has lost each of his five league meetings against them.

23/01/2022 15:00 - ALBERTO PICCO



**SPEZIA**

**Vs**

**SAMPDORIA**



Spezia and Sampdoria have met three times in Serie A, with both teams winning once each (one draw); both sides have scored at least once in each of their previous meetings (10 goals overall, 3.3 on average per match).

Spezia won their last match against a Ligurian team in Serie A (1-0 v Genoa on 9 January 2022): the Aquilotti have never previously won consecutive games against opponents from this region in the Italian top-flight.

Sampdoria are unbeaten in their last four league matches against Ligurian teams (W2 D2): their last defeat was back in January 2021, at Picco against Spezia.

Following wins against Genoa and AC Milan, Spezia could win three consecutive games for the first time in Serie A.

Since the start of last season, Spezia have conceded the most goals of any team in the big five European leagues -114 in 60 matches.

Sampdoria have lost each of their first three games in a calendar year for the first time in Serie A; overall, the last time they suffered more consecutive defeats in the competition was in August 2018 (four under Marco Giampaolo).

Only Salernitana (13) have recorded fewer build-up attacks than Sampdoria (15) in Serie A this season. Indeed, no team has a lower pass completion rate this term than Sampdoria's 76%.

Daniele Verde scored his last Serie A goal against Sampdoria, in October 2021; they could become the second opponent he has netted against both home and away in a single league season, after Roma in 2020/21.

Antonio Candreva has scored six goals in Serie A this season; the last time he netted more was in 2015/16 (10 goals for Lazio). He has scored two goals against Spezia in the Italian top-flight: against no team he has found the net more times for Sampdoria in the competition.

Manolo Gabbiadini has been directly involved in seven (six goals and one assist) of Sampdoria's last nine Serie A goals; he has also had a hand in five goals (four goals and one assist) in his last eight matches against Ligurian sides in the competition.

23/01/2022 15:00 - OLIMPICO GRANDE TORINO



**TORINO**

**Vs**

**SASSUOLO**



Torino have lost only one of their last 11 Serie A meetings against Sassuolo (W6 D4), winning the last two – they have never won three matches in a row against the Neroverdi in the competition.



Torino and Sassuolo haven't drawn any of their last eight Serie A matches in Turin: six home wins (including the most recent five) and two away wins, with 31 goals scored in the process (3.9 per game on average).

Torino have won four of their last five Serie A games (L1), including the last two: they last won three league matches in a row in the competition in September 2019.

Torino have picked up more than 30 Serie A points (31) after 21 games for only for the second time in the three points for a win era (also 32 in 2013/14) - should they win this game, they will have earned as many as 34 points after 22 matches for the first time in the three points for a win era.

Sassuolo have scored in each of their last 16 Serie A away matches: this is the second-longest current run in the big five European leagues, after Bayern Munich (43).

Sassuolo have scored as many as 38 goals after 22 Serie A games for the first time in the competition, however they have also conceded 37 goals - only in their first season had they shipped more at this stage of the competition (48 in 2013/14).

Torino and Sassuolo have both scored five goals following high turnovers in Serie A this season (sequences starting within 40 metres of the opposition goal): only Lazio (nine) have had more so far in the competition.

Wilfried Singo has scored in his last two Serie A matches (against Sampdoria and Fiorentina), and could become the first Torino defender to find the net in three league games in a row in the three points for a win era.

Sassuolo are the side Simone Zaza has scored the most Serie A goals for (20 in 64 league games). The Torino striker has scored four goals against the Neroverdi in the competition, including his most recent brace (March 2021) - only against Cagliari (five) has he netted more in Serie A.

Since November 2021, no player has been directly involved in more goals than Domenico Berardi in the big five European leagues (12: six goals, six assists); the Sassuolo striker has had a hand in five goals in his last six Serie A meetings against Torino (four goals and an assist).

**23/01/2022 18:00 - CARLO CASTELLANI**



**EMPOLI**

**Vs**

**ROMA**



Empoli have lost 19 of their 27 Serie A matches against Roma (W3 D5): only against Inter (21) have the Toscani suffered more defeats in the Italian top-flight.

Roma are unbeaten in their last 11 league games against Empoli (W8 D3) with the Toscani's last win coming in February 2007: 1-0 thanks to Nicola Pozzi's goal at Castellani.

Each of Empoli's three wins against Roma in Serie A have come at Toscani's home, but the Giallorossi have collected seven league away wins against the Azzurri in the competition (D3), scoring twice as many goals (20 v 10).

Empoli have alternated between a draw and a defeat in their last five league games (D3 L2); 1-1 in the most recent match against Venezia. The last time they went on a longer streak of matches without a win in Serie A was in February 2019 (eight in that case).

Since the start of 2020-21, only Spezia (17) have lost more away games than Roma in the Italian top-flight: 16 defeats in 29 matches (W9 D4). The Giallorossi are also the only team yet to have drawn a game on the road in Serie A this season (W4 L6)/

Aurelio Andreazzoli's first 15 matches as a manager in Serie A came with Roma between February and May 2013 (W8 D4 L3), recording an average of 1.9 points per game.

Roma are the team who have used the most players born since 2002 in the current Serie A campaign (6 - Keramitsis, Volpato, Afena-Gyan, Calafiori, Bove, Zalewski), while Empoli have used only two (Asllani and Viti).

Both Andrea Pinamonti and Patrick Cutrone have scored two goals against Roma in Serie A: against no other side have they found the net more times in the competition. Pinamonti scored against them in February and August 2019, while Cutrone did so in February and August 2018.

Sérgio Oliveira could become only the third player to score in both of his first two Serie A games for Roma in the era of three points per win (since 1994/95), after Cristian Chivu in 2003 and Stephan El Shaarawy in 2016.

Stephan El Shaarawy scored the first of his four braces with Roma in Serie A against Empoli, at Castellani in February 2016. Overall, he has been directly involved in four goals (three goals and one assist) in his five matches with the Giallorossi against the Toscani in the Italian top-flight.

**23/01/2022 20:45 - GIUSEPPE MEAZZA**



**MILAN**

**Vs**

**JUVENTUS**



AC Milan are the side that Juventus have lost (51) and drawn (55) the most Serie A matches against - in the 173 total meetings between these two sides in the competition, the Bianconeri have recorded 67 wins.

AC Milan have gone unbeaten in three of their last four Serie A meetings with Juventus (W2 D1), as many as in the previous 17 such games in the competition (W2 D1 L14).

After the 1-1 draw last September, AC Milan and Juventus could draw both meetings in a single Serie A campaign for the first time since the 1991/92 campaign. The last time AC Milan avoided defeat in both league meetings with Juve in a single season was back in 2009/10.

AC Milan and Juventus haven't drawn any of their last nine Serie A meetings at the Meazza: six wins for the Bianconeri and three for the Rossoneri – the last such draw was back in February 2021 (1-1 with goals from Nocerino and Matri), with Allegri on the AC Milan bench and Conte with Juventus.

After the 1-2 defeat against Spezia, AC Milan could lose consecutive Serie A home matches for the first time since September 2019, in what were Marco Giampaolo's last two league games at the Meazza as AC Milan manager.

Juventus are unbeaten in their last eight league matches, thanks to six wins and two draws; their longest run in the competition since December 2020 (12).

Massimiliano Allegri has won 11 times and drawn his other four meetings with Stefano Pioli as a manager in Serie A: he is the coach with the most Serie A matches against another manager without losing in the three points for a win era (15).

AC Milan's Ante Rebic has scored in his last three Serie A meetings against Juventus: in the three points for a win era (since 94/95), only Mauro Icardi has found the net in more successive league matches against Juventus (five in a row between 2013 and 2015).

Zlatan Ibrahimovic (23 goals in 70 Serie A appearances for Juventus between 2004 and 2006) has scored two league goals against the Bianconeri, both at the Meazza (July 2020 and October 2010). The Swede could become the oldest player to find the net against Juventus in the Italian top-flight (40 years and 112 days on Sunday), overtaking Silvio Piola (39 years and 174 days in 1953).

Paulo Dybala has been directly involved in 12 Serie A goals against AC Milan (seven goals, five assists), only against Udinese does he have more combined goals and assists (17) - however, the Argentinian has never scored at the Meazza against the Rossoneri in four previous league games for Juventus.