



INSIGHTS

Matchday 25 Serie A 2021-22
12 - 14 February 2022



12/02/2022 15:00 - OLIMPICO



LAZIO

Vs

BOLOGNA



Bologna have won keeping a clean sheet in each of their last two Serie A meetings against Lazio, after having failed to win any of the previous 15 (D7 L8); they could win three league games in a row against them for the first time since 1980.

Lazio have lost only one of their last 20 Serie A home matches against Bologna (W13 D6), a 1-3 defeat in March 2012 with Portanova, Diamanti and Khrin scoring; they have scored 39 goals in those 20 games (1.95 per game).

Lazio have kept a clean sheet in three consecutive Serie A matches for the first time since March 2015, when they kept four in a row under Stefano Pioli.

After four consecutive Serie A home wins, Lazio have only won one of their last five (D3 L1), drawing the last two – they last drew three home league games in a row in September 2007.

Bologna have won only one of their last eight Serie A games (D1 L6), drawing their last game against Empoli, last drawing back-to-back games in May 2021.

Bologna have lost their last two Serie A games and could lose three in a row for the first time since July/October 2020 (a run of six defeats).

No side has scored more goals from outside the box than Bologna in Serie A this season (eight), while only Inter (47) have scored more than Lazio (45) from inside the box.

Lazio have scored the most goals following a high turnover in Serie A this season (nine); on the other hand, Bologna have scored only one such goal, with only Salernitana and Empoli scoring fewer (none).

Sergej Milinkovic-Savic is one of two midfielders, alongside Dimitri Payet, to have scored 8+ goals and delivered 8+ assists in the Big-5 European leagues this term – only once has the Lazio player been involved in more Serie A goals in a single campaign (17 in 2020/21).

Marko Arnautovic has scored six league goals this season, three at home and three away from home, but he is goalless in his last eight appearances: this is his longest such run in the Big-5 European leagues since April 2019 (11 in a row).

12/02/2022 18:00 - DIEGO ARMANDO MARADONA



NAPOLI

Vs

INTER



Napoli have won only one of their last nine Serie A meetings with Inter (D3 L5), a 4-1 victory in May 2019 under Carlo Ancelotti.

Inter have found the net in each of their last seven Serie A games against Napoli, their longest such run in the competition against them since October 2000 (eight).

Napoli are unbeaten in 14 of their last 15 Serie A home games against Inter in the 21st century (W9 D5), with their only defeat a 1-3 reverse in January 2020.

Napoli have won their last four Serie A matches after having won only two of the previous nine (D3 L4) –they have also kept a clean sheet in three of these games, as many as in the previous 10 in the competition.

Napoli have lost three of their last five Serie A home games (W2) – since December only Venezia (four) have lost more home games in the Italian top-flight.

Inter lost their last Serie A game, losing against AC Milan, after a 14-match unbeaten run (W11 D3); they could lose two matches in a row for the first time since March 2020.

Inter have kept a clean sheet in each of their last four Serie A away matches and have only kept five in a row four times previously in their history, doing so in 1951, 1966, 1971 and 1972.

Fabián Ruiz has scored three goals against Inter for Napoli in all competitions, his most against a single opponent. He has been involved in eight league goals this term (five goals, three assists), only one away from his best tally in a single campaign (nine in 2019/20 and 2018/19).

Lautaro Martínez has scored four Serie A goals against Napoli, only scoring more against Cagliari (six) in the competition; the Inter striker has, however, failed to score in his last five league matches, only have a longer run without a goal once previously Italian top-flight (seven in August 2019).

After having scored seven goals in his first nine league games this season, Edin Dzeko has scored only twice in his last 13 appearances: the Inter striker has scored two braces against Napoli, both away from home, in 2016 and 2018, but hasn't scored in his last seven appearances against Napoli.

12/02/2022 20:45 - OLIMPICO GRANDE TORINO



TORINO

Vs

VENEZIA



Torino and Venezia have drawn six of their last eight Serie A meetings; in the other two, Torino won in September 1999 (2-1; Marco Ferrante and Edoardo Artisticco scoring) and Venezia won in December 2001 (2-1; Filippo Maniero's brace).

Torino have won only one of their 10 matches in Serie A and Serie B against Venezia since 2000 onwards: 3-0 in April 2005 in Serie B (D5 L4).

Torino have won seven of their last nine Serie A home matches against Venezia, though they did lose the most recent meeting, a 1-2 defeat in December 2001 (D1).

Torino have won four of their last seven league games (D1 L2), as many as in their previous 13 (D4 L5) – however, they are winless in their last two, losing last time out against Udinese – they could lose two in a row for the first time since last October.

Torino are unbeaten in their last eight Serie A home games (W6 D2) and could go nine without defeat for the first time since April 2017 (nine in a row back then).

Venezia have lost their last two league games; when they have lost a Serie A game this season, they always lost at least twice in a row, but only once have they lost three in a row (doing so in November and December).

After having lost their first two Serie A away games this season, Venezia have never repeated the same result in two consecutive away matches (W2 D3 L4); they lost their last away game against Inter.

Torino have conceded the fewest goals in the first half in Serie A this season (seven), whilst Venezia have shipped the most in second half injury time (six).

Josip Brekalo scored his very first Serie A goal against Venezia, doing so last September. Among Torino's players, no one has won more points via his goals than he has (five, level with Sanabria and Pobega).

Mattia Aramu scored his first Serie A goal against Torino, doing so in this season's reverse fixture. His debut in the competition came for Torino in September 2016, against Pescara.

13/02/2022 12:30 - GIUSEPPE MEAZZA



MILAN

Vs

SAMPDORIA



Sampdoria have lost 66 Serie A games against AC Milan (W30 D31), only losing more against Inter (70).

AC Milan are winless in their last two Serie A home games against Sampdoria (D2) and could fail to win three such matches in a row for the first time since 1987 (D1 L2).

AC Milan have gained 52 points so far in Serie A this season, only having this many in the three points for a win era three times previously: in 1995/96 (1st place), in 2003/04 (1st place) and in 2020/21 (2nd place).

AC Milan have gained only one point in their last two Serie A home games and could fail to win three such matches in a row for the first time since last April (D2 L2), when the last game in that run was against Sampdoria (1-1).

Sampdoria won 4-0 last time out against Sassuolo, last winning two league matches in a row in November and last keeping successive clean sheets in the competition in May 2021.

Sampdoria have failed to score in each of their last two away league matches, last recording three such games in a row in the competition in May 2018.

AC Milan have had the most shots in Serie A this season following a high turnover (48), twice as many as Sampdoria (24).

Olivier Giroud has scored seven league goals this season, all at the Meazza; among players with 5+ goals in the Big-5 European Leagues, he is one of five players to have scored in only one stadium, alongside Allan Saint-Maximin, Antonio Sanabria, Mattia Aramu and Lorenzo Insigne.

Zlatan Ibrahimovic has scored seven Serie A goals against Sampdoria, including two braces, one for AC Milan and one for Inter; without the Swede, AC Milan have not lost a league game this season (W8 D1), with a win percentage of 89% (53% with him - W8 D3 L4).

Antonio Candreva is the Italian midfielder to have been involved in the most goals over the last 10 Serie A campaigns (125, 62 goals and 63 assists) – he had a hand in three goals the last time out against Sassuolo (one goal, two assists), one more than he had in his previous eight top-flight matches (two assists).

13/02/2022 15:00 - CARLO CASTELLANI



EMPOLI

Vs

CAGLIARI



Empoli won their last Serie A meeting against Cagliari (2-0 in September) and could win two in a row against them for the first time in the competition.

Empoli and Cagliari have never drawn a Serie A match played in Tuscany, (six home wins, one away win): among sides they've faced at least three times at home, Cagliari are the team against which Empoli have the highest winning percentage on home soil in the competition (86%).

Since their victories against Udinese and Napoli in December, Empoli are winless in their last seven league games (D4 L3) and could endure their worst run since February 2019 (eight).

Empoli have lost their last three Serie A home games and they have never recorded four home defeats in a row in the competition – these three defeats have followed a three-game unbeaten run at home (W2 D1).

Cagliari have picked up 10 points in their last five Serie A games (W3 D1 L1), winning same number of matches they had won in the previous 25 such encounters.

After having won their last Serie A away match against Atalanta, Cagliari could win two away games in a row for the first time since September 2019, under Rolando Maran.

Despite scoring 75% of their Serie A goals in the second half (18/24), Cagliari have scored the fewest goals in the last 15 minutes of play (two) – on the other hand, no side has conceded more goals than Empoli in first halves (24) and in the opening 15 minutes of play so far (10).

No side has scored more goals than Empoli from the penalty spot in Serie A this season (six), whilst Cagliari have conceded the most goals from set-pieces so far (20).

Federico Di Francesco scored his first Serie A goals against Cagliari, for Bologna in September 2016: the Empoli striker has scored four league goals this term, his joint-best tally in a single campaign of the competition.

Gastón Pereiro has scored three goals and delivered two assists in Serie A this season, already equalling his tally of goal involvements in the 2019/20 and 2020/21 campaigns; all of the goals he has been involved in have been in his last four Serie A appearances, winning seven points to his club via these goals and assists.

13/02/2022 15:00 - LUIGI FERRARIS



GENOA

Vs

SALERNITANA



Genoa and Salernitana have never drawn a Serie A match: two wins for Salernitana and one for Genoa (all wins by the home side).

Salernitana picked up the first of their three Serie A wins against Genoa this season: in the history of the competition, they have never won home and away against an opponent in a single campaign.

Genoa are goalless in their last four Serie A games, and they could go for five in a row in a single season for the first time since 1993 (six in a row back then).

Genoa are winless in their last 13 Serie A home games (since a 2-0 win against Spezia in April 2021), already their longest such run in the competition. In their last seven home matches they have scored only once (against Sampdoria), while failing to find the net in the remaining six encounters.

Salernitana have scored five goals in their last four Serie A matches, as many as they had in the previous 10 (excluding the awarded defeat against Udinese); after having scored two goals in the last match, against Spezia, they could score 2+ goals in back-to-back league matches for the first time since last October (v Empoli and Venezia).

Genoa (65) and Salernitana (66) have registered the fewest shots on target in Serie A this season; furthermore, they are the two sides with the lowest shot conversion rate so far 98.7% for Genoa, 7.4% for Salernitana).

Genoa's Alexander Blessin is the first manager in the three points for a win era to have drawn nil-nil in his first two Serie A games – the last coach to have drawn his first three games in the competition was Giorgio Melis, back in 2010 for Cagliari.

Genoa's Salvatore Sirigu could play his 400th match in the big five European leagues, and become the sixth goalkeeper to reach this milestone since 2009/10 (his debut campaign in Serie A).

Simone Verdi has scored the most direct free-kick goals in Serie A since 2016/17 (eight); indeed, he scored a free-kick brace the last time out, while only once has he scored more such goals in a single campaign (three in 2017/18).

Salernitana's Diego Perotti played his first 43 Serie A games for Genoa, also scoring five league goals between 2014 and 2016; the Argentinian has been directly involved in two goals in his four Serie A meetings against his former side, thanks to one assist in 2016 and one goal in 2017.

13/02/2022 15:00 - MARCANTONIO BENTEGODI



HELLAS VERONA

Vs

UDINESE



Udinese have lost only one of their last 10 Serie A matches against Hellas Verona, keeping a clean sheet seven times in those meetings. Since 2015, against no other opponent have the Bianconeri kept more clean sheets in the competition than against Hellas Verona (seven).

Hellas Verona have lost only two of their 17 home meetings with Udinese in Serie A, in 2015 and in 2018 (W8 D7).

Hellas Verona lost their last league match against Juventus (0-2); the last time they went consecutive games without scoring in Serie A was back in October 2020.

After having won each of their opening five home league games under Igor Tudor, Hellas Verona have won only one of their last five home Serie A games, alternating a draw with a loss prior to their victory last time out at home (v Bologna).

Udinese have not conceded in either of their last two Serie A matches; the last time the Bianconeri enjoyed a longer such run was in February 2021 (3, with the third one coming against Hellas Verona).

Udinese have failed to score in their last two league away games, after they netted 10 goals in the previous four; the last time the Bianconeri played three consecutive away games in Serie A without scoring was back in October 2019.

On one hand, only Genoa and AC Milan (12) have scored more goals than Udinese (11) during the last 15 minutes of play in Serie A this season (including each of the last three); on the other hand, Hellas Verona are the team that have conceded the most goals (15) during this time period in the current Serie A campaign.

Hellas Verona have dropped 20 points from leading situations in Serie A this season, more than any other side; since 2013/14 onwards, the Gialloblu have surrendered more points in this fashion in a single Serie A campaign only once previously (25 in 2019/20).

Among the nine sides he has faced more than 10 times in Serie A, Udinese are the opponent that Giovanni Simeone has the fewest combined goals and assists: the Hellas Verona striker has netted only one goal in 11 meetings against the Bianconeri in Serie A, in April 2018 for Fiorentina.

Nahuel Molina has scored four league goals this season, twice as many as he netted in the previous Serie A campaign; in addition, the Udinese player scored the winning goal in their last league match against Torino, while the last time he found the net in two league appearances in a row was last May (against Benevento and Juventus).

13/02/2022 18:00 - MAPEI STADIUM - CITTA' DEL TRICOLORE



SASSUOLO

Vs

ROMA



Sassuolo have won only 6% (1/17) of their Serie A meetings with AS Roma: this is their worst win percentage against a single opponent, among sides they have faced at least three times in the competition.

AS Roma won the reverse fixture earlier this season against Sassuolo (2-1) - only in 2016/17 have the Giallorossi won both Serie A meetings in a season against the Neroverdi.

Sassuolo are unbeaten in each of their last three Serie A matches against AS Roma at Mapei Stadium (W1 D2), after they lost each of their first five home games against the Giallorossi in the competition.

After a 0-4 defeat against Sampdoria, Sassuolo could go consecutive Serie A games without scoring for the first time since December 2020 (against Inter and AS Roma).

Sassuolo lost their last league home game (a 2-4 defeat against Verona) and have not suffered two home defeats in a row since October 2019 (three in that case); in addition, the Neroverdi have conceded in each of their last nine home league matches, their worst such run since February 2020 (10).

Roma have not lost any of their last three league games and could go unbeaten for four consecutive matches in a single Serie A season for the first time since January 2021, under Paulo Fonseca.

Roma are the only side yet to draw a Serie A away match this season (W5 L6); indeed, the Giallorossi are one of the three teams (along Mainz and Aston Villa) to have not drawn a single game on the road in the big five European leagues this term.

Domenico Berardi, who has been directly involved in five goals in his last four league games (two goals and three assists), is the only player to have both scored 9+ goals and provided 9+ assists in Serie A this season; the Sassuolo striker has also been directly involved in four goals (two goals, two assists) in his last four league matches against the Giallorossi.

AS Roma's Lorenzo Pellegrini, who is just one goal away from his best tally of goals in a single Serie A campaign (seven in 2020/21), has played 47 games and scored nine goals with the Neroverdi in the Italian top-flight.

Bryan Cristante has scored four Serie A goals against Sassuolo, at least twice as many as he has netted against any other side: he has scored two of these with Atalanta and two with his current team AS Roma. In addition, he has delivered two league assists against the Neroverdi (for AC Milan and AS Roma).

13/02/2022 20:45 - GEWISS STADIUM



ATALANTA

Vs

JUVENTUS



Atalanta have won their last two league meetings against Juventus, already their best winning run against them in Serie A; the Bergamaschi haven't conceded a goal in these two encounters, while the last time they enjoyed a longer streak without conceding against the Bianconeri in the competition was back in 1989 (four in that case).

Following their two wins in 2021, Atalanta could become the first side to win three consecutive Serie A matches against Juventus since Parma, between 2010 and 2011.

Atalanta could win two home games in a row against Juventus in Serie A for the second time in their history, with the previous instance coming between 1954 to 1955.

After the 1-2 defeat against Cagliari last time out, Atalanta could lose consecutive Serie A matches for the first time since October 2020; in addition, they have not lost back-to-back home games in the Italian top-flight since November 2019 (against Cagliari and Juventus).

Juventus have kept a clean sheet in their last three league games; the Bianconeri have not recorded a longer run of consecutive games without conceding in Serie A since December 2018 (six in a row, during Massimiliano Allegri's first spell).

Juventus are unbeaten in their last 10 Serie A matches, which is their best such run since going 12 unbeaten between September and December 2020; the Bianconeri's last league defeat was back in the reverse fixture earlier this season against Atalanta, at the end of November.

After the win in the reverse fixture earlier this season, Atalanta coach Gian Piero Gasperini could win two consecutive Serie A games against Massimiliano Allegri for only the second time. The previous instance came in the first two meetings between these two managers in the competition, when they were in charge of Genoa and Cagliari respectively.

Among the 20 teams he has faced at least five times in the Italian top-flight, Juventus are the only opponent that Atalanta's Luis Muriel has never scored against in Serie A (no goal in 15 meetings) - furthermore, Juventus are the side against which he has lost the most games in the competition (11).

Dusan Vlahovic and Denis Zakaria both scored in their debut match with Juventus; only Carlos Tevez in August 2013 has found the net in each of his first two Serie A games for Juventus in the three points for a win era (since 1994/1995).

Dusan Vlahovic could make his 100th appearance in Serie A in this game - the new Juventus signing has scored four goals against Atalanta in the Italian top-flight (only against Sampdoria has he scored more - 5), thanks to two braces netted in his two most recent matches against them, both in 2021.

14/02/2022 20:45 - ALBERTO PICCO



SPEZIA

Vs

FIorentina



Fiorentina are unbeaten against Spezia in Serie A, thanks to a draw followed by two 3-0 wins; however, the draw between the two teams came in the only meeting between these two sides hosted by Spezia (2-2 in October 2020).

Fiorentina have kept a clean sheet in their last two Serie A matches against Spezia: against no other current team are the Viola enjoying a longer open run of consecutive clean sheets in the competition.

Spezia are unbeaten in their last four Serie A games (W3 D1), while they have never enjoyed a longer such streak in the Italian top-flight (four also in May-August 2021).

After the victory against Sampdoria, Spezia could achieve consecutive home wins in Serie A for only the second time, following March-April 2021 with wins over Cagliari and Crotone.

After the 0-3 defeat against Lazio, Fiorentina could go back-to-back games without finding the net for the first time in Serie A this season. The last time they played two consecutive games without scoring was back in their final three league games last campaign.

After having won three of their opening four away games in Serie A this season, Fiorentina have won only one of their last eight away league games; since the start of October, the Viola have picked up only five points on the road, with only Torino managing fewer (four).

Fiorentina have conceded the fewest shots in Serie A this season so far (222); on the other hand, no team has conceded more shots than Spezia during the current campaign (402, level with Empoli).

Spezia have conceded the most goals from outside the box in Serie A this season (11, including two in their most recent game against Salernitana), while only Napoli (one) have conceded fewer such goals than Fiorentina (two) during the current Italian top-flight campaign.

Thanks to two goals and two assists, Daniele Verde has been directly involved in four of the last six Spezia goals in Serie A; in addition, he has been involved in a goal in each of his last four leagues appearances, his longest run in the Italian top-flight.

Cristiano Biraghi has scored four league goals this campaign, as many as he netted in the previous three Serie A seasons combined; the Fiorentina defender has already found the net against Spezia in the Italian top-flight, in October 2020, while the Ligurian side could become the first opponent he has scored in two different matches against.