



INSIGHTS

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04/03/2022 20:45 - GIUSEPPE MEAZZA



INTER

Vs

SALERNITANA



Inter and Salernitana have never drawn in Serie A: in five previous meetings there have been three Nerazzurri wins (including 5-0 this season) and two for the Granata.

Inter have won both previous Serie A home games 2-1 against Salernitana, the most recent of these on 29th November 1998 (Diego Simeone and Javier Zanetti for the Nerazzurri, David Di Michele for the Granata).

Inter are the team that have the highest win percentage against opponents currently in the lower half of the table in this Serie A season (83%, 10 out of 12) as well as being the only team unbeaten against such opponents.

Salernitana have drawn each of their last four league games, already their longest run in Serie A; the last newly promoted team to record more consecutive draws in the competition was Parma, between April and May 2019 (five).

Inter have lost their last two home league games (against Milan and Sassuolo): the last time they failed to win in three consecutive Serie A home matches was in April 2019 (four, against Lazio, Atalanta, Roma and Juventus), while the last time they lost three in a row on home soil was in April 2013 (Bologna, Juventus and Atalanta).

Salernitana have conceded goals in all 12 away games of this Serie A season: only between September 1998 and March 1999 have they gone longer without an away clean sheet in a Serie A season (13).

Inter have failed to score in each of their last four games (all comps): this is the longest streak without scoring for the Nerazzurri since February 2012 (between the 5th and the 26th of February, under Claudio Ranieri). Since 1929/30, only three times in their history, have Inter failed to score in five consecutive matches across all competitions: February 2012, between February and March 1999, and between March and April 1975.

In 2022, Salernitana (nine) have scored more Serie A goals than Inter (six), after the Nerazzurri had scored 38 more goals than the Granata in the first half of this season (49 against 11); in particular, in the second half of this season, no side has had fewer goals scored by their strikers than the Nerazzurri (two, as Atalanta).

Lautaro Martínez is the forward who has the most recoveries in the final third in this Serie A season (24); his last Serie A goals dates back to last December, against Salernitana, eight games ago: it is his longest-ever draught in the competition.

Milan Djuric has been involved in three goals in his last five Serie A appearances (two goals and one assist); the Salernitana striker (as well as Federico Bonazzoli) can become the third player of a newly promoted team able to score against Milan and Inter in the second part of the season since the beginning of the last decade, after Valeri Bojinov (2009/2010 with Parma) and Marco Mancosu (2019/2020 with Lecce).

05/03/2022 15:00 - DACIA ARENA - STADIO FRIULI



UDINESE

Vs

SAMPDORIA



Prior to the 3-3 draw in the reverse fixture, Sampdoria had won each of their previous five Serie A meetings against Udinese, by an aggregate scoreline of 12-3.

There have been 258 goals in the 81 Serie A matches between Udinese and Sampdoria, averaging more goals per game than any other fixture in the history of the competition (3.2 - min. 35 games played).

Udinese have lost their last two Serie A home games against Sampdoria, having won three of the previous four (D1): they last lost more such games in a row against them between 1992 and 1997 (four back then).

Udinese have won only one of their last seven Serie A games (D3 L3), 2-0 in February against Torino (Molina and Pussetto's goals); they have drawn their last two league games and they last drew three in a row last October: four under Luca Gotti.

Sampdoria have lost four consecutive away Serie A matches without scoring a single for the first time since February 2011 (five under Domenico Di Carlo); they last lost five successive away league matches in October 2019.

Despite there being 27 Serie A draws in 2022, Sampdoria are the only side yet to draw a single top-flight game since the turn of the year (W2 L6).

No side has had more goals scored via substitute players than Udinese in Serie A this season (nine, level with Inter and Atalanta), whilst no side has scored fewer such goals than Sampdoria (only two, alongside Verona).

Sampdoria's Antonio Candreva has scored five Serie A goals against Udinese, only against Inter (six) has he scored more in the competition; however, his last league goal at the Dacia Arena was back in February 2015, for Lazio.

Gerard Deulofeu could become the first Udinese player to have a hand in 10 goals in Serie A this season: so far he has scored seven goals and assisted two – in his Big-5 European Leagues career, he has been involved in 10+ goals only in 2015/16 (10 for Everton) and 2018/19 (15 for Watford).

Fabio Quagliarella has been involved in seven goals in his last six Serie A meetings against Udinese, thanks to five goals and two assists – the Sampdoria striker played 73 Serie A matches for Udinese between 2007 and 2009, scoring 25 goals.

05/03/2022 18:00 - OLIMPICO



ROMA

Vs

ATALANTA



Roma won their last game against Atalanta, having failed to win any of their previous seven against them in Serie A (D3 L4); the last time the Giallorossi beat the Bergamo's side in both league games in a season was in 2012/2013 (2-0 & 3-2).

Roma are the team against which Atalanta have scored the most goals in Serie A: 138, in 119 meetings - moreover, the Bergamo's side have always scored against the Giallorossi in the competition since 20 August 2017 (defeated 0-1), since then 18 goals in eight meetings.

After a series of eight consecutive defeats, Atalanta have remained unbeaten in their seven most recent away matches against Roma in Serie A (W3 D4); the Nerazzurri are the only team that the Giallorossi have never beaten at home since 2014/2015.

Considering the meetings between teams currently in the top eight of the table, Roma are the side who have gained the fewest points, just seven in nine matches (against Atalanta's 11). They have lost six of these games, none of the teams involved have more defeats in such fixtures.

Roma are unbeaten in six consecutive Serie A games for the first time under the management of José Mourinho (W3 D3); the Giallorossi have not done better in the competition since November 2020 (seven, under Paulo Fonseca).

Atalanta have not scored in three of their last four Serie A away games (although they did score six goals against Udinese in the other) including the most recent two: the last time the Bergamo's side failed to score in more consecutive away games in the competition was in November 2015 (four, against Fiorentina, Juventus, Bologna and Milan), under Edoardo Reja.

Roma (five) and Atalanta (five) are the two teams who have scored the most Serie A goals this season after 90+ minutes: together they account for 21% of the goals scored after the 90th minute in the competition this term (10 out of 48).

His next appearance will be Henrikh Mkhitaryan's 250th appearance in the Big-5 European leagues: since his Bundesliga debut in 2013/14, the Roma player is one of only four midfielders able to score at least 60 goals and deliver at least 60 assists (the others are Dimitri Payet, Kevin De Bruyne and Ángel Di María).

Despite being, with **Ciro Immobile**, the top scorer in 2022 in Serie A (six goals), Roma forward **Tammy Abraham** has only scored one goal in his last six appearances at the Stadio Olimpico in the competition (his last coming against Juventus in January).

Mario Pasalic has been involved in four goals against Roma in Serie A (two goals, two assists), only against **Brescia** (five) and **Spezia** (five) has he been involved in more; with nine goals in the current season, he could become the fifth Croatian player to reach double figures for goals in a single Serie A season in the last seven seasons (after **Mario Mandzukic**, **Nikola Kalinic**, **Ivan Perisic** and **Ante Rebic**).

05/03/2022 20:45 - UNIPOL DOMUS



CAGLIARI

Vs

LAZIO



Lazio are unbeaten in 15 Serie A meetings against Cagliari (W12 D3), for the Biancocelesti, it is the longest ongoing run without defeat against a single opponent currently in the competition.

Cagliari have suffered 17 defeats in 22 games against Lazio in Serie A since the beginning of the last decade, during this period they have lost more games only against Juventus (18).

Lazio have won each of their last three Serie A away games against Cagliari and in general are unbeaten in the last seven (W5 D2): the last defeat for the Biancocelesti away from home against the Rossoblù in the league dates to May 2013.

Cagliari have gained 15 points in Serie A in 2022, with only Napoli (18), Verona (16) and Juventus (16) winning more points during this period; the Rossoblù have lost only one of their last eight league games (in January against Roma), having recorded nine defeats in their first 16 games with Walter Mazzarri (W1 D6).

Lazio are unbeaten in three Serie A away games (W2 D1) for the first time under Maurizio Sarri - the last time they went on a longer such run was in December 2020 (four).

Two of the six goals scored from throw-in's in this league season have been scored by Cagliari (two also for Udinese), one of which came in the last game against Torino (with Raoul Bellanova).

Lazio are the team that has scored the most goals from inside the box in this Serie A season (49); on average, the Biancocelesti have scored a goal every 12 touches in the oppositions box (582 in total), in the Big-5 European Leagues only Bayer Leverkusen (one goal every 11) and Montpellier (11) have a better such average (also Borussia Dortmund at 12).

João Pedro scored in both his first and most recent Serie A match against Lazio - respectively on 3 November 2014 (first ever goal in the topflight) and 19 September 2021; however, the Biancocelesti are the opponent he has faced the most in the competition (11) without ever winning (D2 L9).

Mattia Zaccagni has been involved in four goals in his last four Serie A appearances (two goals, two assists); the Lazio player has delivered five assists this season - never in a single top-flight season has he provided more (five also in 2019/20 and 2020/21).

His next game will be **Ciro Immobile's 200th Serie A appearance with Lazio**: among the players who made their debut in the competition in the era of three points for a win, the Biancocelesti's forward is the one who has scored the most goals in his first 200 games with a single team: 142 so far, followed by **Andriy Shevchenko** (123 goals in the first 200 for AC Milan) and **David Trezeguet** (119 with Juventus).

06/03/2022 12:30 - LUIGI FERRARIS



GENOA

Vs

EMPOLI



Genoa have won four of their last six Serie A games against Empoli (D2), having gone winless in their previous five against them in the competition (D3 L2).

Genoa have scored at least two goals in each of their last four games against Empoli in Serie A: the last time they netted more than one goal in more consecutive games against a single opponent in the competition was against Lecce between 1994 and 2011 (five).

Genoa have won two of their three previous Serie A matches in which they faced Empoli starting the MD with fewer points in the standings, drawing the remaining match (2-2 at Castellani on 5th November 2021).

Empoli and Genoa are the only two sides that haven't won a single game in Serie A in 2022 - indeed, Empoli have picked up only four points in 2022, fewer than any other side (six for the Ligurians).

Genoa haven't won any of their last eight Serie A matches played on a Sunday with a 12.30 kick off (D2 L6) - their last such win at this time on a Saturday came back in March 2019, 2-0 against Juventus.

Empoli have lost their last two Serie A matches; the last time they had more consecutive defeats in the competition was back in December 2018 (four: against Fiorentina, Sampdoria, Torino and Inter).

Alexander Blessin is only the second manager to have drawn each of his first five games ever in Serie A in the three points for a win era, after Sinisa Mihajlovic in 2008, who won the sixth; the last coach to draw six consecutive games in the Italian top-flight was Leonardo Semplici (between March and April 2018 with SPAL), while only once in the competition have Genoa recorded six draws in a row, between September and October 1992 .

Genoa are one of the three teams, alongside Watford and Levante, that have not yet scored a goal from outside the box in the big-5 European leagues 2021/22; despite this, the Rossoblu have attempted 110 shots from outside the box in Serie A this season.

Mattia Destro has been involved in three goals in his three home games against Empoli in Serie A (two goals and one assist); the Genoa forward's most recent goal against Empoli in the competition came back in December 2015, when he played for Bologna.

The only game in which Szymon Zurkowski both scored and provided an assist in Serie A was back on 5th November 2021 against Genoa, as a substitute; the Empoli midfielder has netted five goals in the current league season, more than he scored in total in the previous two entire seasons in Serie B (three).

06/03/2022 15:00 - RENATO DALL'ARA



BOLOGNA

Vs

TORINO



The last time Bologna beat Torino in Serie A was on 16th March 2019 (3-2 away from home); since then two wins for the Granata, including this seasons reverse fixture (D3).

Bologna have only kept one clean sheet in their last 22 Serie A games against Torino (2-0 in January 2017): the Emiliani have conceded 36 goals against them in total during this period (1.6 per match).

Bologna and Torino have drawn their last four Serie A games at Dall'Ara (three for 1-1 and one for 2-2): it's the longest such current streak for the Emiliani against a single opponent in the Italian top-flight.

Bologna are unbeaten in their last two league games (beating Spezia and drawing against Salernitana); the last time the Emiliani went on a longer such streak in the Italian top-flight was in September 2021 (the first three MD's of this campaign).

Torino have picked up eight points from their seven games in the second half of this season: the same (W2 D2 L3) earned in their first seven Serie A MD's in 2021-22.

Torino have conceded the most fouls in Serie A this season (460), while Bologna have conceded the fewest so far (305); however, the Emiliani have collected more cards than the Granata (67 against 62).

Despite attempting 123 shots from outside the box, Torino have only scored two such goals in Serie A this campaign (the last one with Brekalo on 22 November 2021 against Udinese): only Sampdoria (1) and Genoa (0) have scored fewer this campaign.

Bologna's Marko Arnautovic (nine goals this season) could become only the third Austrian player to reach double figures for goals in a single Serie A season, after Engelbert Koenig with Lazio in 1946/47 (12) and Ernst Ocwirk with Sampdoria in 1956/57 (12).

Torino's Andrea Belotti has scored in his last two league games and could find the net for three Serie A matches in a row for the first time since November 2020 (four in that case); however he has failed to score in his last seven games against Bologna in the Italian top-flight.

Roberto Soriano (11 appearances with Torino in Serie A in 2018/19) has provided one assist in each of his last two home league games against the Granata: against no other team has he provided more assists in the Italian top-flight (2).

06/03/2022 15:00 - ARTEMIO FRANCHI



FIorentINA

Vs

HELLAS VERONA



Fiorentina are unbeaten in their last four Serie A meetings against Hellas Verona, thanks to one win and three draws (all 1-1); Hellas Verona's last win against them dates back to November 2019 (1-0 courtesy of a Samuel Di Carmine strike).

Fiorentina are winless at the Franchi against Hellas Verona in Serie A since a 4-3 victory in December 2013 (Borja Valero's only brace in the competition): Hellas Verona have won two and draw three of their last five such matches in Florence.

Fiorentina have gained 25 of their 42 Serie A points so far at home (60%): only Inter (2.2) have a higher points per game ratio in home Serie A matches this season than Fiorentina (2.1).

Hellas Verona have earned 40 points so far, equalling their best tally at this stage of the competition in the three points for a win era (also 40 in 2013/14); with a point here, they will establish their record in the competition after 28 games played since 1994/95.

Hellas Verona have had the most high turnovers in Serie A this season (255), scoring from such a situation against Venezia last time out – only Lazio (nine) have scored more such goals than Verona (seven) in Serie A this term.

Last time out, Cabral became Fiorentina's 17th different scorer in Serie A this season, no side has had more, level with Atalanta – in the whole of the 2020/21 campaign, they had only 13 different goalscorers in the league.

Vincenzo Italiano, who played 11 campaigns for Hellas Verona between Serie A and Serie B, has never won a Serie A match as a manager against his former side: a 0-1 defeat and two 1-1 draws.

Marco Davide Faraoni has delivered five assists to Giovanni Simeone in Serie A this season: no player has assisted more goals for a single teammate so far (also five from Milinkovic-Savic to Immobile and from Berardi to Raspadori).

Giovanni Simeone, 20 goals in 74 Serie A matches for Fiorentina, has scored 15 league goals this season: only one player in Hellas Verona's history has scored more in a single top-flight campaign: Luca Toni, twice, thanks to 20 goals in 2013/14 and 22 in 2014/15.

Krzysztof Piatek found the net in his only previous Serie A appearance against Hellas Verona: from the penalty spot for AC Milan in the 1-0 win at the Bentegodi on September 15th, 2019.

06/03/2022 15:00 - PIER LUIGI PENZO



VENEZIA

Vs

SASSUOLO



The only previous meeting between Venezia and Sassuolo across Serie A, Serie B and Coppa Italia was the reverse fixture this season: a 3-1 win for the Neroverdi.

Sassuolo have won each of their last five away games against newly-promoted sides in Serie A, including the only one played in the current league season against Empoli (5-1): the Neroverdi have scored 14 goals in this period.

Venezia have only won one of their last 13 Serie A games (in February v Torino), from MD14 on they have picked up the fewest points in Serie A, only seven in 13 games (W1 D4 L8).

Venezia are without a win in their last eight games at Penzo stadium in Serie A (D3 L5), only once registering more consecutive winless home games in the top-flight: 11 in 1966.

Sassuolo could win three matches in a row for the first time in Serie A this season. They could also register two clean sheets in a row away from home in the top-flight for the first time since December 2020 (3).

Only Salernitana and Cagliari (one each) have registered fewer clean sheets than Venezia and Sassuolo (both three) in Serie A this season; the last time Venezia didn't concede goal in a league match was on November 21st against Bologna.

Sassuolo are the only team in Europe's big five leagues this season to boast at least four players born since 1999 with 3+ goals each: Scamacca, Raspadori, Fratesi and Traoré.

Hamed Traoré is one of only two midfielders born since 2000 to be involved in more than 20 goals (14 goals and 7 assists for him) in Serie A, the other being Dejan Kulusevski.

Domenico Berardi has set a new personal record for assists (11) in a single Serie A season, while only Bayern Munich's Thomas Müller (16) has set up more goals than the Sassuolo striker in the big five European leagues in 2021/22.

Mattia Aramu has been directly involved in only three goals (one goal and two assists) in his last 13 Serie A games –in his first nine appearances in Serie A this season he had a hand in six goals (four goals and two assists).

06/03/2022 18:00 - ALLIANZ STADIUM



JUVENTUS

Vs

SPEZIA



Juventus have won all three previous games against Spezia in Serie A, scoring at least three goals in each of them (10 goals scored and three conceded in total for the Bianconeri).

Spezia have failed to score in their two away games in Piemonte in Serie A: 0-0 with Torino in January 2021 and a 3-0 defeat to Juventus in March 2021.

From Match Day five onwards (21st September), Juventus have collected 48 points from 23 Serie A matches (W14 D6 L3), more than any other team (Inter have 45 in this period, from 22 games).

Juventus are unbeaten in 13 games in a row in Serie A (W8 D5), not making it to 14 since December 2019 (the first 14 with Sarri in charge the competition).

Spezia have suffered three consecutive defeats, never losing four in a row in their Serie A history; the Ligurians lost their last away league match but haven't registered two consecutive defeats away from home since December (six).

Only Venezia (160) have faced more shots on target than Spezia (156) in Serie A this season, while only Torino (77, but with one game less played) have conceded fewer than Juventus (81); the Ligurian team have also conceded more opposition shots overall in Serie A this season (473, 17.5 per game on average).

Juventus have scored a headed goal in each of their last three league games: they have netted eight headed goals in total in Serie A this season, fewer than only Inter (14) and Lazio (11); Spezia have scored only two headed goals, a joint-league-low this season.

Dusan Vlahovic is only the sixth player in Serie A history to score 20+ goals in consecutive Serie A campaigns before turning 23: also Meazza, Borel, Altafini, Boniperti and Gilardino.

Vlahovic has scored four goals in three games against Spezia in Serie A, including his last hat-trick in the top-flight in October with Fiorentina; only against Sampdoria (five goals) he has done better in the competition.

Among goalkeepers with at least 10 appearances in Serie A this season, Ivan Provedel is the Italian with the best save percentage (73%): overall, only Ospina (79%), Handanovic (76%) and Maignan (75 %) have posted better figures.

06/03/2022 20:45 - DIEGO ARMANDO MARADONA



NAPOLI

Vs

MILAN



Milan have won only one of their last 14 Serie A meetings with Napoli (3-1 away from home on 22nd November 2020) and in this period they have suffered eight defeats (D5), including losing each of the last two (both 0-1).

Milan won their last away match in Napoli (3-1 on 22 November 2020) but have not strung together two wins in a row at the Azzurri's home ground in Serie A since 1981 (the second game ended 1-0 for the Rossoneri thanks to a Ferrario own-goal).

At least three goals have been scored in each of the last five games between Napoli and AC Milan at the home of the Partenopei in Serie A (22 in total, 4.4 on average).

Napoli have gained the most points in the second part of the current Serie A season (18 points in eight games), while Milan rank fourth in this period (15 points from eight games); the Azzurri started the season with eight wins in the first eight games, followed by the Rossoneri in the standings (seven wins, one draw).

Milan have drawn their last two games in the league but haven't drawn three in a row in Serie A since September 2018, with Gennaro Gattuso (three draws against Cagliari, Atalanta and Empoli).

Milan have conceded seven goals from corners in Serie A this season (only Cagliari have more with eight), including one against Napoli; the Rossoneri have conceded 24% of their goals against in Serie A this season (no team has a higher percentage).

These two sides have scored the most goals from outside the box in Serie A this season: Napoli have 10, thanks largely to Fabian Ruiz's six goals (a high this season), while Milan have nine (Ibrahimovic with three is Milan player with the most).

With a win, Napoli's Lorenzo Insigne can become the first Serie A forward to reach 250 wins in all competitions with a single team since 2010.

Among the Rossoneri players with at least one goal scored in both 2020/21 and 2021/22, Rafael Leao is the only Milan player to have already improved in terms of goals scored compared to last season (eight goals this season against six last term).

Eljif Elmas is the youngest player with at least five assists in Serie A this season (behind him in this ranking is Theo Hernández): the Macedonian scored his last goal in Serie A in the game against Milan, a 1-0 win at the Meazza for Spalletti's team.