



INSIGHTS

Matchday 3 Serie A 2021-22
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11/09/2021 15:00 - CARLO CASTELLANI



EMPOLI

Vs

VENEZIA



Empoli and Venezia have only met in the 1998/99 campaign in Serie A TIM: in that season the Venetians achieved a win (3-2 at Penzo stadium) and a draw (2-2 at Castellani stadium).

Among Serie A TIM and Serie B, Empoli have lost only one of their eight home games against Venezia (2-3 in 2001): three home wins and four draws the other games in Tuscany.

Empoli could equal their best start to a Serie A TIM campaign with a win in this match: the Tuscans have achieved two wins in their first three games in 1986/87 and 2002/03, in both seasons they avoided relegation.

Empoli lost their first home league game against Lazio, they have never started a Serie A TIM campaign with two defeats in their first two home matches.

Venezia could remain without a point in the first three games in a single Serie A TIM season for the third time, after 1949/50 and 2001/02 - in both previous campaigns they scored one goal (in the current season they haven't netted).

Venezia haven't scored in their first two league games this season, the last time they failed to net in three matches in a row in a single Serie A TIM season was back in November 1999.

Venezia are one of the only two teams, alongside Sampdoria, that haven't yet scored in the current league season and one of the two with the biggest negative differential between goals scored and Expected Goals (two).

Leonardo Mancuso has scored four goals against Venezia in Serie B, including a brace: each of those goals arrived in his last five games against the Venetians. Also considering Serie B, the Empoli striker has been involved in seven goals in his last eight league games (six goals and one assist).

Venezia are the only side against which Filippo Bandinelli has scored more than one goal in Serie B: a brace in September 2018 with Benevento, in a match where he also provided an assist.

11/09/2021 18:00 - DIEGO ARMANDO MARADONA



NAPOLI

Vs

JUVENTUS



There has only been one draw in the last 16 matches between Napoli and Juventus in Serie A TIM (1-1 in April 2017 at San Paolo stadium): in this run Napoli have registered just five wins (L10).

In the last two Serie A TIM campaigns, the match between Napoli and Juventus has always been won by the host team (two wins for Napoli in Campania and two for Juventus in Turin). The Partenopei could win at least three home matches in a row against the Bianconeri in Serie A TIM for the first time since January 2011 (four in that case).

Napoli could win each of their first three games in two consecutive Serie A TIM seasons for the second time, after doing so in 2012/13 and 2013/14.

Juventus have picked up only one point this season; in their previous 51 Serie A TIM campaigns only in 2015/16 (D1 L2) have the Bianconeri failed to win any of their first three league games to a season.

Massimiliano Allegri hasn't won any of his last seven league games (D4 L3); only three managers in Juventus' history have had a longer streak in Serie A TIM: Carlo Parola in 1974 (11), Sandro Puppo in 1956 (twice, 13 and 8) and Virginio Rosetta in 1938 (8).

Luciano Spalletti could become only the second manager in Napoli's history to win each of his first three Serie A TIM matches, after Rafael Benítez (4/4 in that case in 2013).

His next appearance will be Lorenzo Insigne's 400th game with Napoli in all competitions; he could become the fourth player in the history of the club to reach this milestone, after Marek Hamsik (520), Giuseppe Bruscolotti (511) and Antonio Juliano (505).

Lorenzo Insigne has scored one goal in each of his last three Serie A TIM matches against Juventus – his best such record against a single Serie A TIM opponent; the last Napoli player with a longer scoring streak against a single side in the top-flight was Dries Mertens against Bologna in 2019 (six matches in a row).

Paulo Dybala has scored one goal against Napoli in Serie A TIM, in his most recent meeting last April. He has been involved in four goals in his last four league games (two goals and two assists), as many as in the previous 11.

Moise Kean was the second youngest player to score 10+ goals in the top-5 European leagues in 2020/21, behind only Erling Haaland. In the previous season in Ligue 1 with PSG, he scored 13 goals, as many he had netted overall in the previous four seasons played between Serie A TIM and Premier League with Juventus, Verona and Everton.

11/09/2021 20:45 - GEWISS STADIUM



ATALANTA

Vs

FIorentINA



Atalanta have won 30 of their 116 Serie A TIM matches against Fiorentina (D37, L49): only against Lazio and Bologna (36) have they registered more wins.

Atalanta have won their last three Serie A TIM games against Fiorentina; the Nerazzurri have never registered four wins in a row against the Viola (three also in 1942).

Atalanta have won two of their last three home matches against Fiorentina (D1), achieving as many victories as in the previous 11 home games with the Viola (D4, L5).

This could become the third Serie A TIM season in which Gian Piero Gasperini has not lost any of his first three games of the season, after 2020/21 with Atalanta and 2009/10 with Genoa (three wins in both cases).

Including the last match of the last season, Atalanta have failed to score in two consecutive Serie A TIM home matches for the first time since October 2018 (three in that case).

Fiorentina won their last Serie A TIM match against Torino and could reach two consecutive wins in a single Serie A TIM season for the first time since August 2020.

Josip Ilicic scored his last goal in Serie A TIM against Fiorentina in April 2021; the Slovenian player has netted five goals in 10 matches against his former team in the top-flight, averaging a goal every 135 minutes.

Giacomo Bonaventura played 99 games with Atalanta in Serie A TIM, scoring 14 goals in the process – against the Nerazzurri he has scored three goals (including a brace), but none in the last four matches.

Dusan Vlahovic is one of only six players to score at least 18 goals in 2021 in the top-5 European leagues, alongside Robert Lewandowski (29), Lionel Messi (23), André Silva (20), Erling Haaland (20) and Kylian Mbappé (18) – one of the six times he scored 2+ goals in a single match in the top-flight came against Atalanta last April.

12/09/2021 12:30 - LUIGI FERRARIS



SAMPDORIA

Vs

INTER



Inter have won seven of their last eight Serie A TIM matches against Sampdoria: their defeat in this run arrived in the most recent game against Sampdoria at Ferraris stadium (2-1 in January 2021).

Sampdoria could win two home league games in a row against Inter for the second time in Serie A TIM, after winning three in a row against the Nerazzurri between 1989 and 1991.

Sampdoria have picked up one point in their first two league games this season and they have yet to score. In their Serie A TIM history, they have always netted at least one goal across their first three games of a season.

Inter have scored in their last 21 league games; on only four previous occasions have the Nerazzurri had a longer such streak in their Serie A TIM history, with the most recent one arriving back in 2009 (23 in that case).

Sampdoria have recorded the most high turnovers in Serie A TIM this season (24), although only three of those resulted in a shot on goal.

This match will be Simone Inzaghi's 200th match as a manager in Serie A TIM (110 wins so far); only Antonio Conte (136) has won more after the same number of games in the three points for win era (since 1994/95).

Simone Inzaghi could win each of his first three games in a single season for the first time as a manager in Serie A TIM.

Since 2018/19, Francesco Caputo and Fabio Quagliarella have been two of the three Italian players with the most goals scored in Serie A TIM, 48 and 50 respectively - only Ciro Immobile has netted more (75).

The next game could be Antonio Candreva's 400th appearance in Serie A TIM; since his debut in the competition (27th January 2008), only one outfield player has reached this milestone in the Italian top-flight: Fabio Quagliarella (410).

Edin Dzeko has scored six goals against Sampdoria in Serie A TIM, including three in his last three games – a joint-record for him in the Italian top-flight (six goals also v Atalanta).

12/09/2021 15:00 - UNIPOL DOMUS



CAGLIARI

Vs

GENOA



Cagliari have lost each of their last three games against Genoa in Serie A TIM, all by a 0-1 scoreline.

Genoa won their last away league match against Cagliari, the Grifone have never won two consecutive away games against the Sardinians in Serie A TIM.

Cagliari could remain without a win in their first three league games for two consecutive seasons in Serie A TIM, for the first time since biennium 2008/09 - 2009/10.

Should they lose this game, Genoa will have begun a Serie A TIM campaign with three consecutive defeats for only the second time in their history (also 1957/58).

Cagliari are one of only six sides to have scored a headed goal in Serie A TIM this season, while Genoa have conceded the most headed goals (three).

Genoa (two) and Cagliari (three) are two of the three teams to have already conceded more than one goal from outside the box in Serie A TIM this season, alongside Spezia (three) - in the previous Serie A TIM season only Crotona (16) conceded more goals from outside the box than Cagliari (11).

Leonardo Pavoletti played 44 games, scoring 23 goals for Genoa in Serie A TIM: the Cagliari forward has netted two league goals against his former club, including one in his last match, in May 2019.

Cagliari's João Pedro has scored two goals and provided an assist in his first two games in the current league season; the Brazilian forward has scored three goals against Genoa in Serie A TIM, each of these in Sardinia.

Goran Pandev has scored six goals against Cagliari in Serie A TIM, only against Livorno has he netted more (seven): the Genoa forward, however, has only scored one goal in his last six games against the Sardinians in the competition.

12/09/2021 15:00 - ALBERTO PICCO



SPEZIA

Vs

UDINESE



The two previous matches between Spezia and Udinese in Serie A TIM have both been won by the away team.

Spezia have won only one of their last 10 league games (D5 L4): 4-1 in May 2021 against Torino at Picco stadium.

Spezia have conceded goals in their last 18 league matches, a negative streak record among teams currently in Serie A TIM. In addition, the Ligurians have scored in each of their last seven games, they have never netted in eight matches in a row in the top-flight.

Spezia have lost only one of their last nine home league matches (W4 D4): against Napoli, in May 2021, after having lost six of their previous 10 Serie A TIM home games (W1 D3).

After winning his debut match as a manager in Serie A TIM (in Genoa-Brescia, in October 2019), Spezia's Thiago Motta hasn't won in the following 10 matches in the top-flight (D4 L6).

Udinese have drawn against Juventus and won against Venezia this season; the last time the Friulians remained unbeaten in their first three seasonal Serie A TIM games was in 2011/12, under Francesco Guidolin.

Daniele Verde has been involved in a goal in each of his last three league games (two goals and one assist): he could become the first Spezia player to be involved in at least one goal in four consecutive Serie A TIM matches.

Each of Giulio Maggiore's three goals in Serie A TIM have been netted in home matches; the Spezia midfielder made his debut in the top-flight in September 2020 against Udinese.

Udinese's Gerard Deulofeu has scored in each of his last two Serie A TIM games: in his career in the top-5 European leagues, he has never netted in three consecutive league matches.

12/09/2021 15:00 - OLIMPICO GRANDE TORINO



TORINO

Vs

SALERNITANA



Torino won both matches against Salernitana in Serie A TIM, in the 1947/48 season, by an aggregate score of 11-2. Torino have scored more goals on average (5.5) against Salernitana than against any other side in their Serie A TIM history.

Torino could lose their first three Serie A TIM seasonal games for the third time, having previously done so in 2002/03 and 2020/21.

Salernitana could lose their first three Serie A TIM matches for the second time in three seasons: after 1998/99.

Torino haven't won any of their last seven Serie A TIM matches against newly promoted sides (D5 L2): only in 2003, have the Granata had a longer streak against such opposition in the competition (12 in that case).

Salernitana have won only one away match in Serie A TIM: 4% of their total wins (23) in the top-flight have arrived on the road; the lowest percentage among teams currently in the competition.

Torino's Ivan Juric hasn't won any of his last 11 Serie A TIM games as a manager (D4 L7): his last win was back in April 2021 against Cagliari.

Salernitana have the lowest possession (23%) and the lowest passing accuracy (54%) figures in the current Serie A TIM season.

Torino's Antonio Sanabria has scored five goals in his last seven games against newly promoted sides in Serie A TIM; the Paraguayan striker hasn't found the net, however, in his last nine league matches: only in January 2020 has he had a longer streak without scoring in the competition (19 games in that case).

Salernitana's Simy has scored three goals and provided an assist against Torino in Serie A TIM, including a brace in his most recent match against them in March 2021: against no other side he has been involved in more goals (four) in the top flight.

Salernitana's Federico Bonazzoli played 20 games for Torino last season, scoring two goals. Six of his nine goals in Serie A TIM have been netted as a substitute; Since 2019/20, only Luis Muriel (17) and Felipe Caicedo (eight) have scored more goals than him (six) from the bench in Serie A TIM.

12/09/2021 18:00 - GIUSEPPE MEAZZA



MILAN

Vs

LAZIO



AC Milan have drawn more matches against Lazio than against any other side in Serie A TIM (W67 D59 L30) – in addition, the Rossoneri have scored 247 goals against the Biancocelesti, only against Fiorentina (253) have they netted more in the top flight.

AC Milan have lost only one of their last 31 home games against Lazio in Serie A TIM (W19 D11); since 1990, they've only lost fewer at home against Torino (0 – min. 20 meetings).

AC Milan could win their first three league games in two consecutive seasons for the first time in Serie A TIM: the Rossoneri started last season in the top-flight with three wins, seven goals scored and none conceded.

Lazio have scored nine goals in their first two league games, a record for the Biancocelesti in Serie A TIM. After three games, their record is nine goals scored (1934-35).

Lazio have won their first two league matches, only in two previous campaigns they have won each of their first three Serie A TIM games: 1974-75 and in 2012-13.

AC Milan have faced the joint-fewest shots on target in Serie A TIM this season: five, alongside Inter. Lazio are next on this list however, with six.

Lazio have scored nine goals, with an expected goals value of 4.3: the difference of 4.7 is the second highest in the top five European leagues this season, behind only PSG (4.9).

Milan's Franck Kessié's first two goals in Serie A TIM came against Lazio in August 2016 with Atalanta, in his debut match in the competition. Since then the Ivorian midfielder has scored just one goal in six matches against the Biancocelesti.

Milan's Pietro Pellegrini's three Serie A TIM goals have been netted against clubs from Rome: a brace against Lazio (at 16 years and 184 days, the youngest player to score 2+ goals in Serie A TIM) and one goal against Roma (at 16 years and 72 days, third youngest scorer ever in Serie A TIM).

Ciro Immobile has scored seven goals in 13 matches against AC Milan in Serie A TIM, six of these have been netted in eight matches played with Lazio. In addition, his first hat-trick for Lazio came against the Rossoneri (September 2017), and he's scored in each of his last three league matches against the Rossoneri.

12/09/2021 20:45 - OLIMPICO



ROMA

Vs

SASSUOLO



AS Roma have lost fewer games against Sassuolo than against any other side, among opponents faced in 10+ matches in Serie A TIM: one defeat in 16 games (W8 D7).

63% of Roma's Serie A TIM home games against Sassuolo have finished level (5/8), their highest percentage of home draws against any side they've faced at least four times in the competition.

AS Roma are looking to win six home games in a row in all competitions for the first time since December 2017 (seven in that case).

This will be Roma manager José Mourinho's 1,000th game in charge in all competitions across his managerial career – W637 D205 L157 so far.

José Mourinho has won all four of his games in charge of AS Roma so far – he's never won his first five matches at any of his previous clubs.

Alessio Dionisi could become the second Sassuolo manager to remain unbeaten in his first three games in Serie A TIM, after Roberto De Zerbi in 2018.

Sassuolo have won their last five away Serie A TIM games (already a record for the club in the competition): no team from Emilia-Romagna has ever recorded six consecutive away wins in the top flight.

Roma's Henrikh Mkhitaryan – whose first Serie A TIM goal came against Sassuolo in September 2019 – has been involved in at least one goal in each of his last six league matches (five goals and three assists). Since Serie A TIM became a 20-team league again (from 2004/05), only two AS Roma players have had a longer streak: Francesco Totti in 2006 (nine games) and in 2013 (seven), and Miralem Pjanic in 2015 (eight).

Jordan Veretout could become the first AS Roma midfielder to score in each of his first three seasonal Serie A TIM games in the three points for a win era (since 1994/95). In addition, the French midfielder could also find the net in three matches in a row for the first time in the Italian top-flight.

Sassuolo's Domenico Berardi has scored three goals against AS Roma in Serie A TIM, each of these at the Olimpico stadium (including a brace in September 2019). The Italian striker has been involved in 11 goals (eight goals and three assists) in his last nine league games.

13/09/2021 20:45 - RENATO DALL'ARA



BOLOGNA

Vs

HELLAS VERONA



Bologna are unbeaten in their last six Serie A TIM matches against Hellas Verona (W3 D3), they had lost three of their previous seven against the Gialloblù in the competition (W3 D1).

Bologna haven't conceded goal in 55% of their home games against Hellas Verona in Serie A TIM (12/22). Among sides they've faced at least 15 times at home, only against Triestina do they have a higher clean sheet percentage (58% - 15/26).

Bologna could remain unbeaten in their first three league games for the second time in the last three Serie A TIM campaigns, in the previous 12 seasons they had always lost at least one.

Bologna have conceded at least two goals in each of their last four home Serie A TIM games: the Rossoblu's worst such streak in the competition is five (1943, 1957 and 1991).

Hellas Verona haven't won any of their last 11 league games (D4 L7), the last time they had a longer streak in Serie A TIM was back in January 2016 (24).

Hellas Verona have conceded six goals in their two Serie A TIM games this season – the most they've shipped after three games in a single season is eight (1996-97 and 2017-18).

Bologna could keep two clean sheets in a row in Serie A TIM for the first time since April 2019, when they reached three.

Hellas Verona's Eusebio Di Francesco hasn't won any of his last 18 games as a manager in Serie A TIM (D5 L13): the last coach with a longer streak in the competition was Domenico Di Carlo in 2018 (19).

Bologna's Roberto Soriano has scored four goals against Hellas Verona in Serie A TIM, a joint-record for him in the Italian top flight (alongside Parma) - his four goals against them arrived in his first four matches in the competition, while he hasn't found the net in the most recent four games.

Hellas Verona's Giovanni Simeone has scored four goals against Bologna in Serie A TIM, including three in his last four games: only against Torino (six goals) he netted more in the top flight.