



# INSIGHTS

**Matchday 34 Serie A 2021-22**  
**23 - 25 April 2022**



23/04/2022 15:00 - OLIMPICO GRANDE TORINO



**TORINO**

**Vs**

**SPEZIA**



Spezia are unbeaten in three Serie A games against Torino, thanks to two wins and one draw – the Granata could become the second team to remain unbeaten in four games against the Ligurians in the competition (after Cagliari).

Torino are the only team against which Spezia have kept more than one a clean sheet in Serie A: two clean sheets for the Ligurians, who have conceded only one goal against the Granata (Andrea Belotti on May 15, 2021).

Following their nil-nil draw against Milan and 1-1 draw with Lazio, Torino could draw three consecutive Serie A games for the first time since February 2021: five in a row on that occasion.

Torino drew 0-0 against Milan in their last home league game: they last failed to score in successive home matches in November 2019, against Juventus and Inter.

Spezia have kept a clean sheet in three of their last five league games, as many as in the previous 16 - however the Ligurians have conceded seven goals in the other two (four v Sassuolo and three v Inter).

Spezia have lost six of their last seven Serie A games played against teams with more points than them at the beginning of the matchday (D1) - their last such win came back in January, 2-1 against Milan.

On the one hand, Spezia are the team that have faced the most shots in Serie A this season (562), on the other hand Torino have landed only 97 shots on target this term, fewer than any other team.

Samuele Ricci (born in 2001) is the youngest midfielder to start at least 40 games across the last 2 Serie A and Serie B campaigns combined (2020/21 and 2021/22).

Etrit Berisha has recorded an 85% save percentage in six games played in Serie A 2021/22, the highest percentage for a goalkeeper with more than a single appearance this term.

M'Bala Nzola is on his longest run without a goal in Serie A (11 appearances), since his brace against Atalanta last November - in the second game against Torino last season, the Spezia striker scored one of his four braces in the competition.

23/04/2022 15:00 - PIER LUIGI PENZO



**VENEZIA**

**Vs**

**ATALANTA**



Atalanta have won each of their last four Serie A games against Venezia without conceding: they've never won five on the bounce without conceding against a single opponent in the top-flight (four such wins also against Pisa between 1988 and 1991).

In the last 75 years, Venezia and Atalanta have faced each other 13 times in Serie A: the Lagunari have won only once, (D3 L9), with that victory coming back in February 1963, courtesy of a Can Bartu goal; the only Turkish scorer in the club's history in the competition.

Venezia and Atalanta will face at Penzo in Serie A for the first time since 24 March 2002, 7335 days after that match - on that occasion, the Nerazzurri won 1-0 thanks to a 85th minute goal from Fausto Rossini.

Venezia have lost their last seven Serie A matches, only once have they recorded eight consecutive defeats in a single season in the competition: between September and October 1949.

Atalanta have suffered nine defeats in this Serie A season: the last time they recorded more losses in a single league campaign was in 2017/18 – 10 (finishing 7th that term).

Atalanta could lose four consecutive Serie A games for the first time since January 2016, while they have not conceded more than one goal in four consecutive games in the competition since March 2015.

Since the beginning of February, Atalanta have lost three of their four away matches in Serie A (W1), as many away defeats as in their previous 56 matches on the road.

Atalanta are the most prolific team in the final 15 minutes of Serie A matches this season (16 goals scored), while Venezia have scored just 13 second half goals all campaign.

Thomas Henry has scored Venezia's last two league goals: the last player to score three consecutive Serie A goals for Venezia was Filippo Maniero between September and October 2001.

Luis Muriel has been involved in at least one goal in each of his last seven Serie A matches against newly promoted sides, registering 11 goals involvements in total during this period (six goals and five assists).

**23/04/2022 18:00 - GIUSEPPE MEAZZA**



**INTER**

**Vs**

**ROMA**



Inter remain unbeaten in their last nine Serie A matches against Roma (W3 D6) - the last side to reach 10 straight matches without defeat against the Giallorossi in the competition was Milan between 1988 and 1996 (17).

Inter have won their last two Serie A matches against Roma and have not achieved three consecutive wins against the Giallorossi in the competition since 1999 (four) - the last season in which the the Nerazzurri kept clean sheets in both league games against the Capitoline was 1991/92.

Inter have not lost against Roma in Serie A at the Meazza since February 2017 (3-1, Radja Nainggolan netting his only Serie A brace in that game) - three draws and a Nerazzurri win since then.

Inter have won their last three league games, as many wins as they recorded in their previous 10 games played in 2022 - the Nerazzurri, are with Fiorentina and Udinese (before the postponed game against Salernitana), one of the three teams to have won all of their games played in April.

Roma are the team with the longest current unbeaten run in Serie A (12 games – W7 D5), this is the longest unbeaten streak for the Giallorossi in a single league since May 2016 (17 under Luciano Spalletti).

Roma are the team in Serie A this season with the most different players with at least two goals scored (12), followed by Inter (11) - the Nerazzurri also lead the league in terms of number of scorers with at least four goals (seven).

Josè Mourinho took charge of Inter for 76 Serie A games between 2008 and 2010, averaging 2.2 points per game – should he lose this match, the Nerazzurri would be the only team against which the Portuguese has lost 100% of his matches against (among sides he's faced more than once in the competition).

Edin Dzeko, who scored in the reverse fixture at the Olimpico, made 199 Serie A appearances for Roma, scoring 85 goals – he has scored 98 goals in the competition, and could become the 90th different player to reach 100 goals in the Italian top-flight.

Jordan Veretout made his Serie A debut against Inter in August 2017, with Fiorentina – he scored a 101st minute penalty against the Nerazzurri in February 2019 in a game which finished 3-3.

Following his last-minute equaliser against Napoli, Stephan El Shaarawy could score in back-to-back Serie A games for the first time since January 2019 - the former Milan player has scored three goals against Inter in the top-flight, all at the Meazza Stadium in the first half.

**23/04/2022 20:45 - MARCANTONIO BENTEGODI**



**HELLAS VERONA**

**Vs**

**SAMPDORIA**



Sampdoria have won each of their last four Serie A games against Hellas Verona: in the 21st century, only against Udinese have they achieved five successive Serie A wins, between 2019 and 2021.

Hellas Verona have won just one of their last 12 Serie A games against Sampdoria: 2-0 in October 2019, with a goal from Kumbulla and an own goal from Murru - nine Ligurian wins, and two draws during this period.

Having won only once in their first 20 Serie A away games against Hellas Verona, Sampdoria have won three of their last five away games against them (D1 L1), all under different coaches (Mihajlovic, Montella and Ranieri).

Following their 1-0 win against Genoa on MD31, Hellas Verona could keep back-to-back home clean sheets in Serie A for the first time since October 2020 (four, under Ivan Juric).

Sampdoria have lost 20 games in Serie A this season, already equalling their worst such tally in a single Serie A campaign (20 in 2019/20) – they have never recorded more in an entire season in the top-flight.

None of Sampdoria's last 14 Serie A games have ended level, the longest ongoing run without a draw in the competition.

Verona are the joint-most prolific team in the first 15 minutes of play in Serie A this season (12 goals, level Milan), while no side has scored a higher percentage of their goals during this period than Sampdoria (23% - 9/40).

Gianluca Caprari has delivered seven assists in Serie A this season: only two Hellas Verona players have provided more in a single Serie A season since 2004/05 (9 Hallfredsson in 2014/15 and 8 Rômulo in 2013/14) - he played 73 league games for Sampdoria, and against them he also scored his first goal in Serie A (with Pescara in September 2012).

Hellas Verona are the team against which Francesco Caputo has played the most minutes in Serie A without ever finding the back of the net (362) – however, Hellas Verona are the side against which the Sampdoria forward has provided the most assists in the Italian top-flight (three).

Antonio Candreva has been involved in eight goals against Hellas Verona in Serie A (four goals and four assists), including three in the last three meetings (two goals and an assist).

**24/04/2022 12:30 - ARECHI**



**SALERNITANA**

**Vs**

**FIorentINA**



Fiorentina have won three of their five games against Salernitana in Serie A, all of them in the first half of the season - in fact, in their two games in the second half of the season, Salernitana have remained unbeaten thanks to a win (2-0 on 28 March 1948) and a draw (1-1 on February 28, 1999).

Fiorentina have won their last three Serie A matches against newly-promoted teams without conceding a goal: the Viola have not enjoyed a longer clean sheet streak against such opponents in the competition since 1996 (four, with Claudio Ranieri).

Salernitana have not won at home in Serie A since October 2nd (1-0 v Genoa) – overall, that remains their only home win in Serie A this season, the joint-worst record in the Big-5 European Leagues, along with Genoa and Metz.

Fiorentina have won their last three league games and haven't recorded a longer winning streak since April 2018 (six with Stefano Pioli) - the Viola could also keep clean sheets in two consecutive Serie A games for the first time this season, after the 1-0 against Venezia.

Fiorentina haven't kept a clean sheet in their last 12 Serie A away games: the last time they recorded a longer such streak away from home dates back to a run between November 2009 and October 2010 (16).

Fiorentina are the only team to have faced fewer than 300 shots in Serie A this season (296) - however, the Viola have just the eighth best defensive record, with 40 goals conceded.

Davide Nicola has faced Fiorentina eight times as a manager in Serie A, achieving only one win (with Crotone on 29 October 2017) - however the current Salernitana coach is unbeaten in his last four games against the Viola, thanks to that win, followed by three draws (with Udinese, Genoa and Torino).

Milan Djuric is Salernitana's top scorer at home in Serie A this season, with three goals: his goals at Arechi have all come via headers and in the second half, and from assists by three different players (Kastanos, Mazzocchi and Zortea).

Lucas Torreira, with his goal against Venezia in the last round, has set a personal record for goals in a single Serie A season (five) - the last Uruguayan player to have scored more goals in a single season in the top-flight with Fiorentina was Carlos Gringa in 1935/36 (six).

Youssef Maleh scored his second and most recent Serie A goal in the reverse fixture against Salernitana on December 11th - the Fiorentina player has since played 11 league games without finding the net but has provided three assists, all coming away from home.

**24/04/2022 15:00 - RENATO DALL'ARA**



**BOLOGNA**

**Vs**

**UDINESE**



The last four Serie A meetings between Bologna and Udinese have ended in a draw (three times 1-1): these two teams have never drawn five games in a row in the top-flight; the Rossoblù have won only three of their last 20 games against the Bianconeri (D8 L9) with their last win coming on September 30th 2018 (2-1 at Dall'Ara).

In the last 12 Serie A games between Bologna and Udinese at the home of the Rossoblù, at least two goals have always been scored (four wins for Bologna, three draws and five Bianconeri wins): the last match to produce fewer than two goals was a 0-1 game on October 27th 2004 (goal by Dino Fava).

Bologna are on a three-game unbeaten run (W1 D2), last going four without defeat in Serie A was in February 2021 (two wins and two draws).

Bologna have registered seven clean sheets at Dall'Ara in Serie A this season: they haven't done better in a single Serie A season since the 10 kept in 1999/2000 (nine by Gianluca Pagliuca and one by Paolo Orlandoni).

Bologna have gone from conceding 1.63 goals per game on average in the first half of this season (31 in 19 games played) to 1.08 in the second half (14 in 13 games played); in 2022 only five teams have conceded fewer goals than the Rossoblù in Serie A.

Udinese won their last away match in Serie A (2-1 against Venezia) but haven't enjoyed two consecutive away wins in Serie A since April 2021 (against Crotone and Benevento).

No team has netted more goals from corners away from home than Udinese in Serie A this season (five goals also for Sampdoria and Roma); Bologna, in addition to being one of the two teams to have conceded the fewest goals from corners in Serie A (two as Fiorentina), have not yet conceded a goal in this way at Dall'Ara.

Bologna's Marko Arnautovic is suspended: he has scored the Rossoblù's last six goals in Serie A; to find a different scorer we must go back to January 21st - Riccardo Orsolini against Hellas Verona. Overall, the Rossoblù have had fewer different scorers in the second part of the season in Serie A (two, Arnautovic and Orsolini).

Since returning from the African Cup of Nations, Musa Barrow (who scored in the reverse fixture against Udinese) has played 465 minutes in 10 Serie A appearances without scoring (16 shots): the Gambian's last goal in the league dates back to December 5th 2021 against Fiorentina.

Ignacio Pussetto has been involved in at least one goal in each of his three Serie A games played against Bologna: two goals and one assist - including his first goal in the tournament (September 30th 2018 at Dall'Ara).

**24/04/2022 15:00 - CARLO CASTELLANI**



**EMPOLI**

**Vs**

**NAPOLI**



Empoli have won their last two league games against Napoli (2-1 in April 2019 and 1-0 in the reverse fixture) but have never managed to beat them twice in the same Serie A season.

Napoli have won only once in their eight Serie A away games played at Empoli (3-2 on 19 March 2017): overall, in Tuscany there have been three Empoli wins and four draws.

Empoli are enduring their longest winless run in Serie A (16 games without a win, D8, L8): this is the longest current such streak in the Big-5 European Leagues in 2021/22 while the Tuscan side remain the only team not to win since mid-December.

Empoli are without a win in the second half of this season in Serie A (D7 L7): no team in Serie A history has avoided relegation without winning a match in the second half of a campaign (the last side to record no wins was Pescara in 2012/13).

Away from home, Napoli have posted the joint-best performance in Serie A this season (37 points in 16 games, along with AC Milan): away from home, they have lost only once (against Inter in November) and have averaged 2.31 points per match, higher than the 1.76 recorded at home so far.

Via a spot-kick taken against Roma, Napoli have recorded their most penalties in a single Serie A season in the De Laurentiis era (12): the Azzurri have taken the most penalties in the Big-5 European Leagues this season; Empoli, on the other hand, are, along with Sassuolo, one of the two teams to have taken the most penalties in this league without missing any (seven).

Empoli have conceded four of their last seven Serie A goals via shots from outside the box (none from a direct free kick), while Napoli remain the team to have scored the most goals from outside, excluding direct free kicks (11).

Aurelio Andreazzoli, who has been Luciano Spalletti's assistant at Udinese and Roma, has won three of his four matches as a manager against Napoli in Serie A (L1): among the teams he has faced at least four times in the topflight, only against Fiorentina (80%) has he a higher success rate than against the Partenopei (75%).

Excluding penalties and the 2009/10 season (one appearance), this is the Serie A championship in which Lorenzo Insigne has scored the fewest goals (only one goal excl. penalties, with eight from spot-kicks).

Piotr Zielinski (31) and Szymon Zurkowski (30) are two of the three Polish midfielders with at least 30 appearances in the Big-5 European Leagues in 2021/22 (the other is Przemyslaw Frankowski); while Zielinski hasn't scored since December, Zurkowski's last goal in the competition came against Juventus last February.

24/04/2022 18:00 - LUIGI FERRARIS



**GENOA**

**Vs**

**CAGLIARI**



Genoa have won their last four games against Cagliari in Serie A, keeping a clean sheet on three occasions in this run. Indeed, this is already a record streak for them against the Sardinians in the top-flight and in general, the Grifone have collected two of their last three Serie A wins (including one of only two in this campaign) against Cagliari.

In the last six Serie A home games against Cagliari, Genoa have collected five wins and one draw: the last Sardinian success at Ferraris against Grifone dates back to April 19th 2014 (1-2 with goals from De Maio, Sau and Ibarbo).

Cagliari have already beaten Sampdoria at Ferraris in Serie A this season: it is since 2010/11 (with Donadoni on the bench) that the Sardinian team have not won both away games in Genoa in the same season.

Despite suffering three defeats in the last three matchdays, Alexander Blessin is the Genoa manager who in this championship has maintained the highest points per game average (0.91 per match, with 10 points in 11 games): since he has been with the Grifone, as many as six Serie A teams have collected fewer points than the Ligurians.

With the win against Sassuolo, Cagliari have reached 18 points in this second part of the Serie A season (W5 D3 L6): considering points won in 2022 only, they would be in 11th position (+9 points above the relegation zone).

Genoa have never won in this league campaign against a team that started the matchday in one of the last four positions of the table and have always conceded in these matches (D3 L2).



This is a meeting between two of the three teams that have scored the fewest goals in the first half of this championship: six for Genoa and 10 for Cagliari (as Bologna); the Sardinians, however, have scored four of the last five goals in Serie A in the first half.

Against no team has Mattia Destro has scored more goals in Serie A than he has versus Cagliari (8 goals in 10 matches), including netting one in each of the last four league matches against this opponent.

Only Lorenzo Pellegrini, Antonio Candreva and Mattia Zaccagni have scored more goals than Alessandro Deiola (four) among Italian midfielders in Serie A this season, but if we consider just away games, only Pellegrini (five) has scored more than the Cagliari player (three).

Kelvin Yeboah is the striker with the most appearances (12) in 2022 in Serie A without a goal: racking up 610 minutes on the pitch, and mustering only nine shots.

**24/04/2022 20:45 - OLIMPICO**



**LAZIO**

**Vs**

**MILAN**



Milan beat Lazio 2-0 in the reverse fixture but have not managed to win both games against the Biancocelesti in the same league season since the 2008/09 edition (Carlo Ancelotti was the Rossoneri coach).

Also considering the Coppa Italia win, Milan have already beaten Lazio twice this season (both at the Meazza): the last season in which they collected three wins against them was in 2004/05 (a success in the Super Cup and two in the league).

In the last nine games at the Olimpico between Lazio and Milan in Serie A, the same result has never been repeated twice in a row (four Biancocelesti wins, three draws, two Rossoneri successes): it is since 2012 that Lazio have failed to win two consecutive league games at home against Milan.

Lazio have lost 13 of their last 14 Serie A games against teams that started the matchday as league leaders (the exception in this set is the 2-1 victory over Inter on February 16th 2020).

Milan have collected six consecutive clean sheets in Serie A and last had a longer run in February 1994 (nine games): the Rossoneri have conceded only seven league goals in 2022 (in 14 matches), only Liverpool (six goals conceded in 12 games) have shipped fewer since the beginning of the year in the Big-5 European Leagues.

Two of the four teams that have kept the most clean sheets in the second part of this Serie A season compete in this match: nine for Milan and six for Lazio (same as Roma and Genoa).

Milan have gained 71 points in their first 33 matches this season: this is their best return since the 2010/11 season (71), when at the end of the season they won their last Scudetto.

Lazio have scored the most goals in the last half hour of play in Serie A this season (25 goals scored). A section of the game in which Milan have conceded four of their last six Serie A goals (including the last away, Djuric in February in Salernitana-Milan).

Lazio's forward **Ciro Immobile** - seven goals in 14 Serie A matches against AC Milan - could become the fourth player in the Big-5 European Leagues (after Lewandowski, Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo) to score more than 25 goals in a single season at least three times since the start of 2016/17 (his first season at Lazio).

Rafael Leão could become the fifth Portuguese player to reach the double figures for goals in a single Serie A season, after Cristiano Ronaldo, Rui Barros, Rui Costa and Beto; among these, however, the AC Milan striker would be the only one to achieve this before turning 23 years.

**25/04/2022 20:45 - MAPEI STADIUM - CITTA' DEL TRICOLORE**



**SASSUOLO**

**Vs**

**JUVENTUS**



In the 17 previous Serie A games between Sassuolo and Juventus, there have been 12 Bianconeri wins, three draws and two Neroverdi wins, including the one in the reverse fixture: only in one season (two draws in 2019/20) have the Emilian team managed to remain unbeaten in both league meetings against the Bianconeri.

Juventus have scored exactly three goals in each of their last four away games against Sassuolo in Serie A (three Juventus wins and a draw, 3-3 in July 2020).

Sassuolo have won their last three Serie A home games and have never collected four consecutive home wins in their history in the top-flight.

Sassuolo are, with Venezia, the teams waiting the longest for a home clean sheet in Serie A: their last home clean sheet came back on September 26th against Salernitana (since then they've conceded 23 goals in 13 games).

Juventus have won their last three away games in Serie A and have not achieved four consecutive away wins in the league since February 2019, when Massimiliano Allegri was on the bench (in that streak also a 3-0 win against Sassuolo).

Among the teams in the top half of the table (top 10 positions), Juventus have the worst shot conversion rate (10.4%), scoring 50 goals from 479 shots (one goal every 9.6 shots on average).

Sassuolo's games in the second part of this Serie A season have seen the most shots attempted (443, between 233 fired and 210 conceded) and the most goals scored (50, 28 scored and 22 conceded).

Sassuolo's midfielder **Davide Frattesi** finished the first half of this season with four goals scored (including one against Juventus) and one assist provided; in the second part of the campaign, he is still yet to score and the only assist he made came in January against Empoli.

**This will be the meeting between the only two players born from 1/1/2000 to have scored at least nine goals in Serie A this season (Giacomo Raspadori and Dusan Vlahovic): Raspadori could become the first Italian born in the 2000s to reach double figures in a single Serie A season, while Dusan Vlahovic is already the only player born in the 2000s to have reached this feat twice.**

**Since joining Juventus, Dusan Vlahovic has scored six goals in 10 league appearances, at least double that of any Juventus player (three goals Álvaro Morata): indeed, only Immobile (eight, but with three penalties) and Osimhen (seven) have scored more than the Serbian in this period.**