



INSIGHTS

Matchday 37 Serie A 2021-22
14 - 16 May 2022



14/05/2022 15:00 - CARLO CASTELLANI



EMPOLI

Vs

SALERNITANA



There has been one win for each side and one draw in three Serie A matches between Empoli and Salernitana: the Tuscan side won in the reverse fixture this season back in October (4-2).

Salernitana won their only away match in Serie A against Empoli: 3-2 at Castellani in February 1999, with Marco Di Vaio's first top-flight hat-trick.

Across the last six matches between two newly promoted sides in Serie A, the host team has won only once: Salernitana beating Venezia 2-1 earlier this month (D2 L3).

Following defeats against Torino and Inter, Empoli could lose three consecutive Serie A games for the first time since December 2018 (four in that case).

Salernitana have gone six consecutive games without defeat for the first time in their Serie A history (W4 D2). In addition, since Davide Nicola joined the club (February 15) Salernitana have picked up 17 points from 13 league matches, the 10th most of any side during this period.

Empoli have conceded the most goals in home matches in a single Serie A season (43 goals) - the previous record was 42, registered by Pescara in 2012/13.

This game will see the two sides that have conceded the most Serie A goals this season go head-to-head: Salernitana (73) and Empoli (69); since Serie A returned to 20 teams (from 2004/05), only two of the 17 previous teams that had conceded at least 69 goals after 36 league matches have avoided relegation (Spezia in 2020/21 and Cagliari in 2016/17).

Andrea Pinamonti has netted 13 goals in the current league season, the previous under 23 player to score as many goals for a newly promoted team in a Serie A season was Paulo Dybala with Palermo in 2014/15. In addition, the first of his two braces in the competition came against Salernitana in the reverse match.

Federico Bonazzoli (nine goals this season) could become the 3rd player to score at least 10 goals in a single Serie A season for Salernitana, after Marco Di Vaio (12 goals in 1998/99) and Renzo Merlin (10 in 1947/48).

After scoring against Venezia and Cagliari, Simone Verdi could score in three consecutive appearances for the second time in his Serie A's career, previously doing so in September 2016 with Bologna.

14/05/2022 18:00 - MARCANTONIO BENTEGODI



HELLAS VERONA

Vs

TORINO



Hellas Verona and Torino have drawn seven of their last nine Serie A meetings (one win for each side) - since 2015/16, this is the fixture that has seen the highest share of draws in the competition (78% - min. 3 games).

Following their 1-0 win in the reverse match, Torino could win both matches against Hellas Verona in a single Serie A season for a third time, after 2001/02 and 1969/70.

Hellas Verona are unbeaten in their last four home league games against Torino (W1 D3) – the Granata had won each of their previous five away games against them in Serie A.

Hellas Verona have picked up 52 points in the current league season: only in 2013/14 (54 under Andrea Mandorlini) have they gained more points in a single Serie A campaign in the three points for a win era.

Hellas Verona have netted 62 goals in the current league season, they have never scored more in a single Serie A campaign in their history (62 also in 2013/14 but in 38 matches).

Torino are unbeaten in their last four away league games (W2 D2): the last time the Granata went five successive away league matches without defeat was back in May 2019 (seven in that case).

Hellas Verona have conceded the most goals in the last 15 minutes of play in Serie A this season (19), on the other hand, Torino have conceded the highest share of their goals during this period (42%: 16/38).

Giovanni Simeone has scored six goals against Torino in Serie A, only against Lazio (seven) has he netted more in the competition. El Cholito has scored 12 goals at Bentegodi, the most for a player at a single stadium in the current Serie A campaign.

Antonin Barak has scored 11 goals in the current league season, only one Czech footballer has netted more in a single Serie A campaign: Tomas Skuhravy (15 in 1990/91 and 12 goals in 1994/95, with Genoa).

The next will be Andrea Belotti's 250th appearance for Torino in all competitions (113 goals so far). Five of his last six goals for Torino have been scored in away matches, including each of his last four.

14/05/2022 18:00 - DACIA ARENA - STADIO FRIULI



UDINESE

Vs

SPEZIA



None of the three Serie A meetings between Udinese and Spezia have ended level: Spezia won 2-0 at Dacia Arena in September 2020 (the first historical win for Spezia in the top-flight), then Udinese have won the two encounters since then (both by a 1-0 scoreline).

Udinese have collected 44 points in this Serie A season: they need at least two points from their last two matchdays to register their best season in the top-flight since 2012/13 (66 that season).

Having previously gone unbeaten in six consecutive Serie A games at Dacia Arena (W4, D2), Udinese have lost their last two home matches – during this campaign they have never lost three Serie A home games in a row.

Spezia have lost each of their last four league games, they have never recorded five consecutive losses in Serie A. In all these games both sides have scored at least one goal (total of 18, 4.5 on average per match).

Spezia have conceded 39 away goals in Serie A this term, the most in the league; furthermore, only Venezia (12) have lost more games away from home than Aquilotti (11) in the top-flight this season.

Udinese have scored 11 goals from outside the box in Serie A this term, no side has scored more (level with Napoli and Milan); meanwhile, Spezia have conceded the most goals from the distance in the top-flight this season (13).

Udinese (eight) and Spezia (six) are two of four teams with most goals after the 90th minute in Serie A 2021/22, alongside with Roma (seven) and Atalanta (six).

Each of Udinese's last seven league goals have been scored by different players – indeed, each of their last four goals in the top-flight have been scored in the last 20 minutes of play.

Beto, who is returning from an injury, has scored 11 league goals this term – in the three points for a win era only two Udinese players have netted more in their first Serie A season: Dino Fava in 2003/04 and Marcio Amoroso in 1996/97 (12 each).

Following his goal against Atalanta last time out, Daniele Verde is enjoying his best goalscoring season in Serie A (seven goals); the Italian forward has scored 13 Serie A goals for Spezia, equalling M'Bala Nzola as the top scorer for the club in the competition.

14/05/2022 20:45 - OLIMPICO



ROMA

Vs

VENEZIA



Following their 3-2 win in the reverse fixture, Venezia could do the league double over Roma for the very first time in their top-flight history.

AS Roma have won each of their last four Serie A home meetings against Venezia, keeping a clean sheet on each occasion – Venezia's last away goals against the Giallorossi was scored by Gino Raffin (brace in the 2-2 draw in January 1963).

AS Roma have gained two points in their last four league games (D2 L2): they last failed to win five successive Serie A matches in January 2018 (six back then, under Eusebio Di Francesco).

AS Roma have gained 35 points at home in Serie A this season (fewer only than Inter, Fiorentina and AC Milan), but they have scored only 25 goals in such meetings – their lowest tally in a 20-team top-flight campaign is 26 home goals scored, in 1946/47.

No side has kept more clean sheets than AS Roma at home in Serie A this season (10, level with AC Milan) – in only three previous top-flight campaigns have they registered more home shutouts: 12 in 2013/14, 12 in 1941/42 and 11 in 1935/36.

Following 10 successive league defeats, Venezia won their last Serie A game against Bologna: they could win two top-flight games in a row for a second time this season, previously doing so last November (also against AS Roma and Bologna).

Only Genoa (-13) have a worse differential between goals scored and Expected Goals than AS Roma (-11) in Serie A this season – the Giallorossi have an xG of 66 scoring just 55 goals.

Only Udinese (eight) have scored more goals than AS Roma (seven) after the 90th minute in Serie A this season – meanwhile, Venezia have conceded the most goals during this period (eight).

Tammy Abraham has failed to score in his last six league games and he has never gone goalless in seven in a row in Serie A. Among the players in their first Serie A campaign, only two have scored more than the Englishman (15) for AS Roma: Rodolfo Volk (21, in 1929/30) and Pedro Manfredini (16, in 1959/60).

AS Roma are one of the two sides against which Mattia Caldara has scored two Serie A goals (also vs Napoli) - he scored his only goal in Serie A this season against AS Roma in the reverse fixture back in November.

15/05/2022 12:30 - RENATO DALL'ARA



BOLOGNA

Vs

SASSUOLO



Following a win in the reverse fixture (3-0), Bologna could win both Serie A games against Sassuolo in a single season for the second time after 2017-18.

Sassuolo have won each of their last two Serie A away games against Bologna, having only won one at Dall'Ara in their previous five visits in the competition (D2 L2).

Following the win against Inter (2-1), Bologna could win back-to-back games at Dall'Ara for the second time in the league this season, after their first two home league games played this season (3-2 vs Salernitana and 1-0 vs Hellas Verona).

Sassuolo have only picked up one point in their last four league games; the last time they were winless in five consecutive Serie A matches was in February 2021.

Sassuolo have lost their last three Serie A away games by an aggregate score of 2:9; the last time they recorded more defeats in a row on the road in the competition was back in September 2019 (five under Roberto De Zerbi).

Only Milan (38) have scored more goals than Sassuolo (34) away from home in Serie A this season - already their best tally on the road in a single Italian top-flight season.

Bologna have conceded the fewest goals from corners in Serie A in 2021-22 (2), while Sassuolo have conceded the most such goals (11).

Bologna's Riccardo Orsolini has scored five goals in Serie A this season, each of those away from home - the last time he found the net at Dall'Ara in the competition was on the last Serie A matchday of 2020-21 - 23 May against Juventus.

Bologna's Roberto Soriano has been directly involved in three goals (two goals and one assist) in his last three Serie A matches against Sassuolo - he could end a Serie A season without any goals for the second time in his career, after his first season in the competition in 2012-13 for Sampdoria.

Domenico Berardi has had a hand in 27 goals (14 goals, 13 assists) in the league this season, only Francesco Caputo in 2019-20 (28) has been directly involved in more goals in a single Serie A season for Sassuolo.

15/05/2022 15:00 - DIEGO ARMANDO MARADONA



NAPOLI

Vs

GENOA



Napoli have won 16 of their 24 Serie A meetings against Genoa since January 2010 onwards (D6 L2), only against Sampdoria (19) have they won more during that time.

Napoli are unbeaten in their last 12 Serie A home meetings against Genoa (W8 D4), keeping a clean sheet in four of the last five.

Genoa have gone unbeaten in two of their last three Serie A meetings against Napoli played in the second half of the season - winning 2-1 in February 2021 and a 1-1 draw April 2019 - as many as they had in the previous eight.

Napoli have scored 19 goals in their last eight league matches, an average of 2.4 per game, while they kept a clean sheet the last time out, after failing to do so in each of their previous 11 such matches.

After drawing each of their first seven Serie A games under Alexander Blessin, Genoa are without a draw in their last seven (W3 D4). Indeed, after winning against Juventus the last time out, they could win two league games in a row for the first time since February 2021, a run of three that included a victory over Napoli.

Among the first seven sides in the Serie A table, Napoli have collected the fewest points in home matches this season (33). Indeed, this is only the second time in their last 15 Serie A campaigns they have suffered 5+ home defeats, after 2019-20 (six).

Genoa have failed to score in their last four Serie A away games and they could go five in a row without a single goal for the first time since March 1993 (six).

Genoa (27 goals so far) could end a Serie A season with the fewest goals scored for only the third time in their history, after the 1959-60 (21) and the 1973-74 (16) campaigns.

Napoli's Dries Mertens has been involved in nine goals in his last eight Serie A appearances against Genoa (five goals and four assists), while Genoa could become the seventh side against which the Napoli striker has been involved in 10+ goals, with only **Ciro Immobile** (11) having more in the competition since 2010 onwards.

Genoa's **Mattia Destro** has scored four Serie A goals against Napoli, however, they are the side against which he has played the most Serie A minutes for Genoa without scoring a single goal (215 minutes).

15/05/2022 18:00 - GIUSEPPE MEAZZA



MILAN

Vs

ATALANTA



AC Milan have won their last two Serie A meetings against Atalanta, after winning only once in their previous 11 (D6 L4); the last time that Rossoneri won three consecutive games against Atalanta in the top-flight under the same manager was between 1993 and 1996 under **Fabio Capello**.

Atalanta are unbeaten in their last seven away Serie A games against AC Milan (W3 D4), keeping a clean sheet five times. AC Milan's last home win against Atalanta was back in January 2014, a 3-0 victory under **Massimiliano Allegri**.

AC Milan vs Atalanta is the most-played fixture after MD36 in last 10 Serie A seasons (seven times), AC Milan have won three, Atalanta have won once and there's been three draws.

AC Milan could finish a Serie A season with more than 80 points for the first time since 2010-11, when they last won the league title.

Atalanta have won 12 away Serie A games this term; their most ever in a single top-flight season, while only AC Milan have more this season (13). However, Atalanta have lost each of their last three away league games when facing a side starting the matchday in the top half of the table (vs Fiorentina, Roma and Sassuolo).

AC Milan have faced the fewest shots in Serie A in 2022 (154), while in this calendar year, only Liverpool (8) have conceded fewer goals than the Rossoneri (9) in the big five European leagues.

Atalanta have had 20 different scorers in Serie A this season, more than any other side; in Serie A history, only Fiorentina in 2014-15 have had more different players with at least one goal in a single season (21).

AC Milan's Olivier Giroud (nine goals) could become the oldest player with at least 10 goals in his first Serie A season (35y, 227d the day of the game), overtaking Cristiano Ronaldo (33y, 299d).

Atalanta's Mario Pasalic has found the net in each of his last four appearances in the top-flight – no other Atalanta player, excluding strikers, has ever done better in the three points for a win era in Serie A (since 1994-95).

Atalanta's Luis Muriel has netted 49 Serie A goal with Atalanta; with his next goal he could equal Papu Gomez and Jørgen Leschly Sørensen as sixth top scorer with Atalanta in the top-flight (all 50 goals).

15/05/2022 20:45 - UNIPOL DOMUS



CAGLIARI

Vs

INTER



Inter have won eight of their last 10 league games against Cagliari (D1 L1), keeping a clean sheet in the last two.

Cagliari have drawn more home matches against Inter in Serie A than against any other side (18). However, just two of the last 13 such meetings have ended level (W3 L8).

Cagliari are unbeaten in their two Serie A matches against Inter played from matchday 37: a draw 2-2 in May 2006 under Nedo Sonetti and a win 2-1 in May 2009 under Massimiliano Allegri.

Inter have won six of their last seven league games (L1); however, the Nerazzurri have only achieved seven wins in their 13 previous Serie A matches played immediately after a Cup round (D5 L1).

Cagliari have won just three home games this season, their joint-fewest in a single campaign in their Serie A history (level with 1999-00).

Inter have scored a goal after 325 touches on average, the lowest average in Serie A this season.

Seven of Cagliari's last 14 home goals in Serie A have been scored by João Pedro (including the most recent, from a direct free-kick against Hellas Verona), who has never scored two consecutive goals for his team in this period.

Leonardo Pavoletti has scored three goals in five home games against Inter in Serie A (one with Genoa and two with Cagliari), the most recent of which was in March 2019; the Cagliari striker has netted five goals in the current league season, one more than in his previous two campaigns in the top-flight.

Lautaro Martínez (19 goals) could become the sixth player in Inter's history to score 20 goals in a single Serie A season before turning 25, after Giuseppe Meazza, Sandro Mazzola, Antonio Angelillo, Ronaldo and Mauro Icardi.

Inter's Samir Handanovic has conceded 599 Serie A goals, and could be the second goalkeeper to ship 600 in the competition in the three points per win era (since 1994-95) after Andrea Consigli.

16/05/2022 18:30 - LUIGI FERRARIS



SAMPDORIA

Vs

FIorentINA



Fiorentina have won three of their last five Serie A meetings against Sampdoria (L2), as many as they had in the previous 12 against the Blucerchiati.

Both teams have scored at least once in each of the last 12 Serie A meetings between Sampdoria and Fiorentina, with 3.5 goals-per-game being netted on average in this run.

Sampdoria have never repeated the same result in their last 10 Serie A home matches against Fiorentina: four wins (included the last one, on February 14, 2021), three draws and three defeats.

Sampdoria are one of two sides, alongside Spezia, yet to draw a Serie A home match in 2022 (three wins and five defeats so far in this calendar year).

Fiorentina have won seven of their last nine Serie A meetings against sides in the bottom six of the table at the beginning of the matchday, though they did lose their last such match 2-1 against Salernitana. They last lost two such games in a row in May 2019 (v Empoli and Parma).

Fiorentina have conceded at least once in each of their last 14 Serie A away matches: only once have they have a longer such run in the last 70 years, 17 in a row in 2001/02.

No side have conceded fewer goals in the opening 15 minutes of games than Fiorentina in Serie A this season (3), while Sampdoria have conceded a joint league-high 12 goals in this period.

Fabio Quagliarella has scored more Serie A goals against Fiorentina than any other side (13), with nine of these coming for Sampdoria. Only Roberto Mancini (13 v Udinese and 11 v Lazio) has scored more goals for the club against a single opponent in the history of the competition.

Nicolás González is the Fiorentina player to have been involved in the most Serie A goals since March, five (three goals, two assists). He has had a hand in three of Fiorentina's last five league away goals (one goal, two assists).

Fiorentina's Giacomo Bonaventura has been involved in seven Serie A goals against Sampdoria (four goals, three assists), against no other side has he had more. After his goal against AS Roma last time out, he could find the net in two successive appearances in a single top-flight campaign for the first time since December 2017 (v Benevento and Bologna).

16/05/2022 20:45 - ALLIANZ STADIUM



JUVENTUS

Vs

LAZIO



Juventus have won 12 of their last 15 league games against Lazio (D1 L2). Overall, the Bianconeri have won 84 times against the Biancocelesti, at least 15 more than any other opponent.

Under Massimiliano Allegri, Juventus have won the most games against Lazio in Serie A: 10 in 11 previous matches (L1).

Juventus have scored an average of 2.4 goals per game in their last eight Serie A home games against Lazio (19 goals in the period), collecting seven wins and one defeat (1-2 on 14 October 2017). These two teams have only drawn once at Allianz Stadium in the competition: 0-0 in November 2012.

Juventus have conceded at least once in each of their last six league games (W3 D1 L2), last having a longer streak without a clean sheet in May 2021 (their last 14 games under Andrea Pirlo).

Lazio have won five of their last seven league away games (D1 L1), including the two most recent; the last time they have won three Serie A matches in a row on the road was in December 2020 (against Turin, Crotone and Spezia).

If they lose, this will be just the second Serie A season in which Juventus have won more points away from home than they have at home (34 v 35), after 1949-50 (44 v 46, adjusted to three points per win all-time).

No team have scored more goals than Lazio during in the second half in Serie A this season (39 goals, level with Inter), while Juventus have only conceded 19 goals in this term: more than only Inter and AC Milan (14 each).

Lazio manager Maurizio Sarri, who managed Juventus in 2019/20, has lost six of his previous nine games against Juventus in the Italian top-flight (W2 D1): against no other side he has suffered more losses (also 6 against Roma).

Paulo Dybala has scored nine goals against Lazio in his 15 previous matches for Juventus, including one on his debut for the Bianconeri on 8 August 2015 in Shanghai - since 2015/16, no player has found the net more times against the Biancocelesti in all competitions.

Lazio's **Ciro Immobile** has scored four Serie A goals against Juventus - three of those in his last four matches at Allianz Stadium - among the players currently in the competition, only **Duván Zapata** (six) and **Giovanni Simeone** (six) have scored more against them.