



INSIGHTS

Matchday 38 Serie A 2021-22
20 - 22 May 2022



20/05/2022 20:45 - OLIMPICO GRANDE TORINO



TORINO

Vs

ROMA



Torino and Roma haven't drawn any of their last 12 Serie A meetings: Roma have won nine, whilst Torino have won three; the last draw was back in December 2015 (1-1 thanks to Miralem Pjanic and Maxi López goals).

Torino won their last Serie A home meeting against Roma (3-1 in April 2021) and could win two such games in a row for the first time since a three-win run between 1988 and 1990.

Torino have conceded 38 league goals so far: in their previous 17 campaigns in the three points for a win era, only in 2018/19 have they ended the season with fewer goals shipped (37).

Roma are winless in their last five Serie A games (D3 L2): they last failed to win in six league matches in a row in January 2018.

Among the first eight teams of the table, Roma have lost the most Serie A games this season against opponents in the first 10 positions of the table: nine defeats in 17 meetings.

Torino have avoided defeat on the final day in eight of their last nine Serie A seasons (W4 D4), drawing the last two (1-1 v Bologna on August 2nd, 2020, and 1-1 v Benevento on May 23rd, 2021).

Roma have won five of their last six final day Serie A games, although they drew the most recent one: 2-2 against Spezia in May 2021.

Andrea Belotti has scored six league goals against Roma, but only one came at home (25/09/2016 for Torino). He has scored eight Serie A goals so far and he could end a top-flight campaign with less than 10 goals for the first time since 2014/15 (his first Serie A season, for Palermo).

Tammy Abraham, who has 15 league goals so far, could equal Gerald Hitchens as the best English scorer in a single Serie A campaign – Hitchens scored 16 goals for Inter in the 1961/62 campaign.

Stephan El Shaarawy has scored four Serie A goals against Torino, only against Chievo (seven) and Udinese (five) has he netted more. His next one will be his 50th goal for AS Roma in all competitions: since his arrival in 2015/16, only Edin Dzeko (119) has reached this milestone for the Giallorossi.

21/05/2022 17:15 - LUIGI FERRARIS



GENOA

Vs

BOLOGNA



Genoa have gone unbeaten in their last seven Serie A meetings against Bologna (W4 D3), keeping a clean sheet in five of these games – among the teams currently in the competition, against no other side do they have a longer such current run (seven also against Empoli).

In 19 of the last 24 Serie A meetings between Genoa and Bologna, at least one of the two sides has failed to score: in the process, Genoa have won eight matches, whilst Bologna have won six (10 draws).

Genoa have been relegated from Serie A to Serie B for the ninth time in their history, and for the first time since 1994/95.

After drawing each of the first seven Serie A matches under Alexander Blessin, Genoa haven't drawn any of their last eight in the competition (W3 L5).

In 2022, only Venezia (9) and Empoli (11) have collected fewer points than Bologna (16), whilst only Genoa (eight) have scored fewer goals than the Emilia Romagna side (16).

Genoa have won their last two final day Serie A matches (3-0 v Verona in August 2020 and 1-0 v Cagliari in May 2021) – Bologna, on the other hand, have only won one of their last 11 such matches (D4 L6): 3-2 v Napoli in May 2019.

Genoa have the lowest shot percentage ratio (7%) and the lowest shooting accuracy rate (39%) in Serie A this season.

Genoa's last six Serie A goals (excl. own goals) have been scored by six different players, and their last three have been scored from minute 87 onwards.

Mattia Destro has scored in his last two Serie A meetings against Bologna and only against AC Milan and Cagliari has he found the net in 3+ appearances in a row in the competition. He played 105 top-flight games for Bologna between 2015 and 2019, scoring 29 goals.

Roberto Soriano, who scored his last Serie A goal on March 14th 2021 against Sampdoria, has scored 10 league goals at the Ferraris (including a brace against Genoa in January 2016) – only at the Dall'Ara (11) has he bagged more in a single stadium in the competition.

21/05/2022 20:45 - GEWISS STADIUM



ATALANTA

Vs

EMPOLI



Atalanta have avoided defeat in 10 of their last 11 games against Empoli in Serie A (W6 D4) and they have kept six clean sheets in the process.

Atalanta have never lost in nine home games against Empoli in Serie A (W4 D5) - among the sides against which the Dea are unbeaten at home in the top-flight, only against Catania have they played more matches (14).

Atalanta have picked up 59 points in Serie A 2021/22; in the previous five seasons under Gian Piero Gasperini, the 2017/18 is the campaign in which they gained the fewest points (60). Under Gasperini, Atalanta have always qualified for European competition at the end of the season.

Considering only the second part of this season, Atalanta would be 12th place in the standings with 21 points in 18 games, while Empoli would be 19th with 11 points in 18 matches. The Dea had instead closed the first half of the season in 4th place with 38 points while Empoli were in 9th position with 27 points.

Atalanta have only won one of their last 10 league games at Gewiss Stadium (D5 L4): 4-0 against Sampdoria in February. The Dea could also draw three home games in a row in Serie A for the first time since February 2016.

Atalanta have the largest negative difference between points gained in home games (20) and those earned in away matches (39) in the big-5 European leagues in 2021/22: -19.

Atalanta have scored the most goals in the last 30 minutes of play in Serie A this season (30); five of their last six league goals have been netted in this period.

Only Sampdoria (nine) have scored with more different Italian players than Empoli in Serie A this season (eight). On the other hand, only Barcelona (22) have had more different scorers than Atalanta (20) in the big-5 European leagues in 2021/22.

Since 2018/19, only **Ciro Immobile (24)** has taken part in more goals than **Duván Zapata (21)** and **Mario Pasalic (20)** against newly promoted sides in Serie A: 16 goals and five assists in 20 matches for the Colombian, 15 goals and five assists in 20 games for the Croatian.

Guglielmo Vicario is the goalkeeper with the most saves in the big- European leagues this season (143). He is also one of the only three footballers that have played every single minute in Serie A 2021/22 (3330 minutes), alongside **Rui Patrício** and **Salvatore Sirigu**.

21/05/2022 20:45 - ARTEMIO FRANCHI



FIorentINA

Vs

JUVENTUS



Juventus and Fiorentina have drawn 52 of their 165 Serie A matches, the Bianconeri have only drawn more matches against Milan (56) in the top-flight (79 wins for the Bianconeri against 34 for the Viola).

Fiorentina have won only two of their last 16 Serie A matches against Juventus: in December 2020 and January 2017 (D3 L11) and they have failed to score in eight games in this period.

Fiorentina and Juventus have drawn their last two Serie A meetings at Franchi stadium, the two sides have only drawn more matches in a row at Viola's home in the top-flight between 1935 and 1940 (four in that case).

Fiorentina have picked up 38 points at the Franchi stadium in this season and if they win this match the Viola would rise to 41 points, ranking behind only Inter in home matches in Serie A 2021/22 (42 in 18 games). Fiorentina could also exceed 40 points at home in a single Serie A campaign for the first time since 2012/13 (43 in that case).

Fiorentina have lost four of their last five Serie A games (W1), as many defeats as in their previous 20 (W11 D5).

If they finish the Serie A 2021/22 campaign in the first seven positions, next season Fiorentina will play in European competition for the first time since 2016/17, when they were eliminated in the round of 32 of the Europa League.

Juventus will end this Serie A season with maximum of 73 points (in case of a win in this match): their worst total in a Serie A season since 2010/11 (58 under Luigi Delneri).

Nicolás González has scored a goal in both his last two league games, he has never netted in three consecutive Serie A matches - the Argentinian striker has scored six goals in Serie A this season and has never netted more in a single campaign.

Dusan Vlahovic (24 goals in Serie A 2021/22) could become only the second under 23 player to score at least 25 goals in a single Serie A campaign in the last 60 years, after Ronaldo in 1997/98 (25 goals for Inter).

Paulo Dybala (115 goals) is the third highest foreign scorer in Juventus' history in all competitions, behind only David Trezeguet (171) and John Hansen (124). Among the teams he has faced at least eight times in Serie A, Fiorentina is the one against which the Argentine has had a hand in the fewest goals (three, one goal and two assists).

21/05/2022 20:45 - OLIMPICO



LAZIO

Vs

HELLAS VERONA



After a 4-1 win in the reverse meeting, Hellas Verona could win both matches against Lazio in a Serie A season for the second time in their history, after 1984/85.

Hellas Verona have won two of their last three matches against Lazio in Serie A (L1), as many as they had in their previous 13 games against the Biancocelesti in the top-flight (D3 L8).

Lazio have only lost one of their last 13 home games against Hellas Verona in Serie A (W9 D3), although that defeat came in the most recent meeting at the Olimpico (1-2 in December 12, 2020).

Thanks to Milinkovic-Savic's goal against Juventus last time out, Lazio have secured a place in the Europa League next season. The Biancocelesti will play in European competition for the sixth season in a row (2017/18 onwards).

Hellas Verona have picked up 52 points in Serie A this 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 also netted 62 league goals this season; they have never scored more in a single Serie A season in their history (also 62 in 2013/14).

Hellas Verona (25) have dropped the most points from winning positions in Serie A this season, while only Inter (22) have gained more points than Lazio (19) from losing positions this term.

Lazio and Hellas Verona are the two teams with the largest difference between goals scored and Expected Goals (xG) in Serie A this season; the Biancocelesti have scored 16 more goals than their xG (74 goals - 58 xG), while the Gialloblu have netted seven more (62 goals - 55 xG).

Lazio's **Ciro Immobile** (27 goals in Serie A in 2021/22) could finish as Serie A's top scorer of the season for the fourth time in his career; only **Gunnar Nordahl** has done so more times (five) in the history of the competition.

Giovanni Simeone's has scored seven goals in 11 matches against Lazio in Serie A, his most in the competition. In the reverse match against the Biancocelesti (October 24, 2021), **El Cholito** became the second player in Hellas Verona's history to score at least four goals in a single Serie A match, after **Emanuele Del Vecchio** against Sampdoria in 1958 (five goals).

Sergej Milinkovic-Savic has scored 11 goals in the league this season; in his Serie A career, only in 2017/18 has he netted more goals (12). The Serbian midfielder has been directly involved in five goals in his last seven league games (three goals and two assists).

22/05/2022 12:30 - ALBERTO PICCO



SPEZIA

Vs

NAPOLI



Among ever-present teams in both of the last two Serie A seasons, Spezia have a better win ratio against Napoli than they do against any other side in the competition (67%). The Ligurians have won two of their three matches against the Partenopei, although lost the only such match played at the Picco (1-4 on May 8, 2021).

Spezia have lost 60% of their Serie A matches against teams in the top three in the table (6/10), winning three (including a 1-0 win against Napoli in the reverse fixture) and drawing the other.

After a 3-2 win over Udinese in the last round, Spezia could pick up two wins in a row for the second time in Serie A this season, having previously won three in a row in January against Genoa, Milan and Sampdoria.

Spezia have lost each of their last three home games in Serie A, and have never recorded four such defeats in a row in the competition.

Napoli have kept a clean sheet in both of their last two league games, and have not done so in three in a row since last October (four).

Napoli have found the net in 17 of their 18 away games so far in Serie A this season; if they score in this match, it would be the first time in their history in the competition that they scored in all but one of their away games in a campaign.

Napoli have conceded the joint-fewest goals in Serie A this season, along with AC Milan (31 goals conceded). Only once have they finished a Serie A season with the best defensive record, conceding 19 goals in 30 games in 1970/71.

Daniele Verde is one of only four players to score at least five goals and provide at least five assists since the start of 2022 in Serie A, along with Domenico Berardi, Rafael Leão and Sergej Milinkovic-Savic. He could become the second Spezia player to score in three consecutive Serie A appearances, after M'Bala Nzola between November and December 2020.

Dries Mertens' next start will be the 250th in all competitions for Napoli; the Belgian has scored more goals on the final day of a Serie A season than any current Napoli player for the club (four).

Spezia are the only team against which Victor Osimhen has been directly involved in three goals in a single match in the big-five European leagues (brace and an assist on 8 May 2021). The Napoli striker has been directly involved in 16 goals in Serie A this season, and one more involvement would equal his most in a season in the big-five leagues, set with Lille in 2019/20 (17 - 13 goals and four assists).

22/05/2022 18:00 - GIUSEPPE MEAZZA



INTER

Vs

SAMPDORIA



In the last six Serie A meetings between Inter and Sampdoria, at least three goals have been scored (23 in total) and both teams have always scored: in this period there's been four Inter wins, one draw, one success for Sampdoria.

Inter have won the last four games played in the second half of the season against Sampdoria: Inter last failed to win such a game in the second half of the season in April 2017 at the San Siro, when Marco Giampaolo's team defeated that of Stefano Pioli.

That victory in April 2017 is the only Sampdoria win at the Meazza against Inter in their last 19 meetings at Nerazzurri's home in Serie A: five draws and 13 win for the Nerazzurri in the period.

Five of the previous six times Inter have exceeded 80 points (currently 81) in a Serie A tournament in the three-point-a-win era, they have won the Scudetto (with the exception of the 2019/20 season, when they finished second behind Juventus, collecting 82 points).

Sampdoria have collected seven points in their last four league games (W2 D1 L1), one more than the six they collected in the previous nine Serie A games (W2 L7).

If Simone Inzaghi wins against Sampdoria, he would become the third manager in the history of Inter to achieve at least 25 Serie A wins in his debut season with the Nerazzurri, after Aldo Olivieri (1950/51) and José Mourinho (2008 / 09).

Inter are the side that have scored the most goals from direct attacks in Serie A this season (10 goals), while only Genoa (one) have scored less than Sampdoria (two) in this way in the current current.

Since the beginning of March, Lautaro Martínez has scored the most goals in Serie A (10), while Ivan Perisic has delivered the most assists (six).

Since Opta started collecting assist data for Serie A (2004/2005), no Inter player has managed to deliver more assists in a single season than Hakan Calhanoglu and Nicolò Barella – both 11 in Serie A in 2021/22 (level with Romelu Lukaku 2020/21 and Maicon 2009/10).

Inter are the team Antonio Candreva has scored the most goals against in Serie A - six goals against the Nerazzurri, including five in his six most recent meetings for Sampdoria and Lazio.

22/05/2022 18:00 - MAPEI STADIUM - CITTA' DEL TRICOLORE



SASSUOLO

Vs

MILAN



In 17 Serie A matches between Sassuolo and AC Milan, the Rossoneri have won nine games, with the other meetings seeing two draws and six Neroverdi wins (including both of the last two meetings).

Sassuolo could win three matches in a row against AC Milan for the first time in Serie A; in addition, only in 2014/15 they have won both matches in a single season against the Rossoneri in the top-flight.

AC Milan have won each of their last five away league games against Sassuolo, this after losing each of their first three on the road against the Neroverdi in Serie A. In six of the eight meetings between the two sides at the Mapei Stadium, the Rossoneri have scored at least two goals (including each of the last four).

Sassuolo have conceded a goal in each of their last 15 home Serie A games (26 goals in total), their longest ever such streak in the top-flight.

AC Milan have picked up 83 points in Serie A this season, their highest total in the three points for a win era (excluding 2005/06 when they had a deduction). The Rossoneri have won 25 league games so far; only three times previously have they won at least 26 games in a top-flight campaign: 2005/06, 1950/51 and 1949/50.

AC Milan have kept a clean sheet in 17 matches in Serie A this season; the last league season in which they had more clean sheets was in 2011/12 (18).

Only Inter (320) have attempted more shots than Sassuolo (299) and AC Milan (296) in the second half of this season's Serie A. The Neroverdi are also third for goals scored in this period with 34, behind only Napoli and Lazio, but have also conceded the third-most goals in this time (32, fewer than only Venezia and Empoli). AC Milan, on the other hand, have conceded the fewest goals in the second half of this season (nine), at least eight fewer than any other team.

Sassuolo's Domenico Berardi has scored more Serie A goals against AC Milan than any other side (10 goals); he has been directly involved in at least one goal (two goals and one assist) in each of his last three games against the Rossoneri in the competition.

Five of the 10 youngest players to score at least five goals in Serie A this season will feature in this match: Sandro Tonali and Rafael Leão for AC Milan, and Giacomo Raspadori, Hamed Traoré and Gianluca Scamacca for Sassuolo.

Milan's Rafael Leão - who scored the fastest goal in Serie A history at the Mapei Stadium against Sassuolo on 20 December 2020 - has been directly involved in six goals (three goals and three assists) in his last five league games; from mid-April 2022, only Lautaro and Muriel (both eight) have had a hand in more goals than the Portuguese in the competition.

22/05/2022 21:00 - ARECHI



SALERNITANA

Vs

UDINESE



Salernitana and Udinese have never drawn in Serie A; after two victories for the Bianconeri in 1998/99, Salernitana won the reverse fixture of this campaign, last month (thanks to Simone Verdi's goal in injury time last 20 April).

Udinese have won four of their last five away matches against newly promoted teams in Serie A (L1), as many wins as in the previous 14 (D4 L6).

Thanks to four wins and three draws, Salernitana have remained unbeaten in their last seven Serie A games: the last newly promoted team to go on a longer such run in Serie A was Hellas Verona in 2020 (9 games).

Salernitana have gained seven points in their last three home league games, as many as those won in the previous 12 (W1 D4 L7).

Udinese have lost two of their last three league games (D1), as many defeats as they have suffered in their previous 11 games in the competition (W5 D4).

Udinese have recorded two wins and two draws in their last four away league matches; the Bianconeri have not remained unbeaten in five consecutive away matches in Serie A since January 2018.

Salernitana are one of two teams along with Venezia that have scored the fewest Serie A goals in the second half of games this season (both 18). However, five of their last eight goals in the top flight have arrived in this portion of the game, including the last three against Venezia, Cagliari and Empoli.

Four of Udinese's last five Serie A goals have been scored by defenders. The Bianconeri are the team that have scored the most with defenders in the current campaign (16); they have scored twice as many as last season in the top flight (eight goals in 2020/21).

Simone Verdi has scored three goals against Udinese in Serie A, he only has more against Sampdoria in the top flight (four); without his last five goals, scored from February onwards, worth six points to Salernitana.

Gerard Deulofeu is Udinese's top scorer this season with 12 goals (his personal best in the Big-5 European leagues), while he could become the first Udinese player to score at least 13 goals in a single Serie A campaign since Antonio Di Natale in 2014 / 15 (14).

22/05/2022 21:00 - PIER LUIGI PENZO



VENEZIA

Vs

CAGLIARI



After losing 0-4 their first match against Cagliari in Serie A in 1966, Venezia are unbeaten in the last six matches against them (W3 D3), conceding just three goals in this period.

Venezia have won their last two home games against Cagliari in Serie A; among the teams in this season's top-flight, only against Fiorentina (four), do they have a longer current home streak.

Venezia have picked up four points in their last two league games, winning against Bologna and drawing against Roma; their last longer streak without a defeat was back in November 2021 (three), again against Roma, Bologna and Genoa.

Venezia won 4-3 against Bologna in their last home Serie A game, the last time they won two consecutive home matches in the top-flight was back in January 2000 - however, for the first time in their history in Serie A, Venezia have conceded at least two goals in five home games in a row.

Cagliari have lost eight of their last 10 league games (W1 D1); since March 2022, only two teams in the big-5 European leagues have recorded more defeats: Venezia, and Watford (both nine).

Cagliari will avoid relegation to Serie B if they win this match and Salernitana do not win their game. Cagliari and Salernitana have drawn both their seasonal matches, therefore Cagliari would avoid relegation with a better goal difference.

Venezia have received the most yellow cards in Serie A this season (106) and also the most red cards (nine).

Cagliari have dropped 22 points from winning positions in the current league season (including two in the reverse match against Venezia): their most in a single campaign since the Sardinian team returned to Serie A (2016/17).

Thomas Henry (nine goals) could become the third foreign player to score at least 10 goals with Venezia in a single Serie A campaign, after Álvaro Recoba (10 goals in 1998/99) and Giovanni Alberti (10 goals in 1939/40).

João Pedro has scored 13 goals in the current league season, but only three in away games: among players with at least seven goals, only Mattia Aramu (14%, 1/7) and Rafael Leão (18%, 2/11) have scored fewer in away games than the Cagliari striker (23%).