



INSIGHTS

Matchday 4 Serie A 2021-22
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17/09/2021 20:45 - MAPEI STADIUM - CITTA' DEL TRICOLORE



SASSUOLO

Vs

TORINO



Sassuolo have only won one of their last 10 Serie A games against Torino (2-1 at home in January 2020): four draws and five Granata's wins during this period.

Six of the eight Serie A games between Sassuolo and Torino at Neroverdi's home have ended level (one victory for each side in the remaining two): Torino is the team against which the Emiliani have drawn the most games at home in the Italian top flight (6).

Following their defeat last time out, Sassuolo could lose consecutive Serie A games for the first time since July 2020; indeed, the last time the Neroverdi (0-0 against Sampdoria in the last home meeting) failed to score in back-to-back home league games was in November 2020.

Torino lost their first away match in Serie A this season in Florence; the last time the Granata lost both of their first two away league games in a season came back in 2016/17 (vs Milan and Atalanta in that case).

Torino manager Ivan Juric has never won on MD4 in Serie A: three losses and a draw with Genoa and Verona.

Only Atalanta (88) have won more aerial duels than Torino (58) in the current Serie A campaign; the Granata have also had nine headed attempts on goal (excluded shots blocked), with only Inter (11) registering more.

Sassuolo midfielder Filip Djuricic scored in his last home league game against Torino (October 2020): he never had been involved in three goals in his career (2 goals, 1 assist so far in 2021-22) in the first three matchdays of a Italian top-flight season.

Torino midfielder Dennis Praet has scored four Serie A goals with his most recent one coming against Sassuolo for Sampdoria in March 2019.

Antonio Sanabria is Torino's top scorer in 2021 in Serie A (six goals), behind him Bremer with five: no central defender has scored more goals than the Brazilian this calendar year across the big-5 European Leagues (Monaco's Guillermo Maripán also 5).

18/09/2021 15:00 - LUIGI FERRARIS



GENOA

Vs

FIorentINA



Each of the last three games between Genoa and Fiorentina in Serie A has ended level (0-0 followed by two 1-1 draws in 2020-21): among the 11 teams they have faced at least 100 times in the Italian top-flight, the Liguri are the side against which Fiorentina have the highest percentage of draws (38%, 38 out of 100).

Genoa have lost only one of their last seven home league games against Fiorentina (2-3 in May 2018), collecting two wins and four draws during this period.

Genoa beat Cagliari last time out; they last won consecutive Serie A TIM games in February (three in that case): in their last nine league games, the Liguri have picked up four wins and five defeats.

Fiorentina have won their last two league matches; the Viola last won three consecutive games in a single Serie A TIM season in October 2019, under Vincenzo Montella.

The last time Fiorentina picked up at least nine points from their first four games in a Serie A season came back in 2015/16 (5th at the end of the season).

Only Napoli (22) and Torino (24) have faced fewer shots than Fiorentina (29) in Serie A this campaign: however, 13 of these 29 came in their last match against Atalanta.

Genoa are one of only three teams (alongside Bologna and Salernitana), that are yet to score a first half goal in Serie A this season; indeed, only Cagliari (5) have conceded more goals in the first 45 minutes of play than Genoa (4).

Since Davide Ballardini became Genoa manager (21 December 2020), Mattia Destro (one goal in the last match against Fiorentina in April) has found the net nine times in 20 Serie A appearances: as many as in his previous 52 matches with Genoa and Bologna in the competition.

Genoa's Andrea Cambiaso is the youngest defender to have been involved in at least three goals (one goal, two assists) in the big-5 European Leagues this season: indeed, only six players have been involved in 3+ goals at a younger age this season (Wirtz, Musiala, Greenwood, Haaland, Vinicius and Ferran Torres).

Fiorentina's Dusan Vlahovic is only one of three players born after 1/1/2000 to have already reached 30 career league goals in the big-5 European Leagues, after Erling Haaland (45 goals) and Jadon Sancho (38).

18/09/2021 18:00 - GIUSEPPE MEAZZA



INTER

Vs

BOLOGNA



Inter won both games last season against Bologna; the last time the Nerazzurri collected three consecutive wins in Serie A against the Emiliani was in 2010, under José Mourinho.

Bologna have won four of their last nine Serie A away matches against Inter (D2, L3): since 2011/12, only Juventus (5) have picked up more wins at the Meazza against the Nerazzurri than the Emiliani (4).

Bologna have scored in each of their last 10 league away games at Inter (14 goals in total): they are the Serie A side with the longest open streak with at least one goal at the Meazza against the Nerazzurri since 2010/11.

Inter have won their last 17 home league games; only three teams in Serie A history have embarked on a longer winning run on home soil: Torino (21) in 1948, Milan (19) in 1950 and Juventus (25) in 2014 and in 2017 (33).

Inter have scored at least two goals in each of their last eight Serie A matches: the last time they went on a longer such streak was in February 2007 (10 in that case).

Bologna have drawn each of their last three Serie A away games: they last drew four consecutive away matches in the competition in December 2008, just under Sinisa Mihajlovic.

Bologna have equalled their best start to a Serie A season in the three points for a win era (7 points as in 2019/20 and 2002/03); the last time they won at least three of their first four games in a top-flight campaign came back in 2001/02.

Since the beginning of last season (2020/21), Federico Dimarco has scored six goals in Serie A (5 with Verona and 1 with Inter): among defenders, only Gosens (11), Hakimi (eight) and Theo Hernandez (seven) have found the net on more occasions during this period across the big five European leagues.

Between Inter (3 appearances as a substitute in 2009/10) and Bologna (3 appearances as a starter in the current Serie A campaign) Marko Arnautovic is still unbeaten in Serie A: five wins and one draw in six games.

Only against Roma (6) has Lautaro Martinez played more Serie A games without scoring than against Bologna (5); and only against Juventus (4) has the Argentine striker lost more matches than against the Emiliani (2) in the Italian top-flight.

18/09/2021 20:45 - ARECHI



SALERNITANA

Vs

ATALANTA



Salernitana and Atalanta have faced twice in Serie A so far, drawing twice (both 0-0) in 1947/48.

The last match between Salernitana and Atalanta was in Serie B in 2003/04: 1-3 at Salerno, 0-0 at Bergamo; overall, Atalanta were unbeaten in their eight games in Serie B against Salernitana (W5, D3).

Salernitana (three defeats in Serie A this campaign) have never lost each of their first four Serie A games to start a season in their history (this is their third season in the Italian top-flight).

Atalanta's last two games have ended in draw and defeat; the last time the Bergamaschi went three Serie A matches without a win was in November 2020 (D2, L1 in that occasion).

Atalanta have picked up 12 wins and three draws in their last 15 Serie A games against newly-promoted sides: their last such defeat was in November 2018 (3-2 at Empoli).

Salernitana have conceded 11 goals in Serie A this season; since Serie A returned to 20 teams (2004/05), only three sides have conceded at least 12 goals in their first four matches of a season: Benevento (12 in 2020/21), Sassuolo (15 in 2013/14) and Livorno (12 in 2007/08).

Salernitana are, alongside Bologna and Sassuolo, one of three teams whose matches have seen goals scored in the opening 30 minutes so far this season.

Nwankwo Simy scored his first Serie A goal against Atalanta in September 2016: the Nigerian striker found the net in both matches against the Bergamaschi last season (with Crotone).

Duván Zapata has scored 97 goals in Serie A and he could become the first Colombian to reach 100 goals in the Italian top-flight.

Matteo Pessina's first goal in Italy's top two divisions came against Salernitana in Serie B in February 2018 while playing for Spezia.

19/09/2021 12:30 - CARLO CASTELLANI



EMPOLI

Vs

SAMPDORIA



Empoli won their last match against Sampdoria in Serie A (2-1 in Genoa in May 2019), after four draws and five defeats in the previous nine matches against the Blucerchiati in the top-flight.

The last time Empoli won against Sampdoria at home in a Serie A match was in January 2007 (2-0 thanks to Saudati and Matteini goals, when Luigi Cagni was the manager): there have been two draws and three defeats for the Tuscans in their last five games against the Ligurians at the Castellani Stadium.

Empoli have lost two of their first three league games this season: only once before have they opened a top-flight campaign with three defeats from their first four matches - in 2005/06.

Sampdoria still have not won a Serie A match this season (D2 L1): the last time they started a season in the Italian top-flight without winning a single game among the first four played was in 2013/14 (D2 L2 in that case).

Roberto D'Aversa has won only one of his last 25 matches as a manager in Serie A (in March against Roma), drawn seven times and losing on 17 occasions. His current 14-game winless streak (D3 L11) is his longest in the Italian top-flight.

Sampdoria are one of only three teams (alongside Milan and Udinese) that have not conceded a single goal in the second half of a 2021/22 Serie A game; they are also one of only three sides (alongside Spezia and Juventus) yet to score in the final half hour of a match.

Empoli and Sampdoria are the two teams that have won the highest number of tackles in the first three 2021/22 Serie A matches (Empoli 35, Sampdoria 34); the Ligurians are also the side that have recorded the High Turnovers (31, alongside Napoli), four more than Empoli.

Francesco Caputo will face Empoli in a Serie A match for the first time as an opponent: in Serie B he played six games against the Tuscan side, scoring in two of the last three games played as a starter (2009/10 season when he played for Salernitana).

Fabio Quagliarella has scored in each of his last two games played against Empoli in Serie A (home and away in 2018/19): if he scores in this match, he will become the only player to score in each of the last 17 Serie A seasons.

No player has completed more dribbles than Nedim Bajrami in Serie A this season (nine); the Empoli attacking midfielder has also registered 10 shots – only Insigne (14) and Joao Pedro (13) have more.

19/09/2021 15:00 - PAOLO MAZZA



VENEZIA

Vs

SPEZIA



Venezia and Spezia have faced 26 times between Serie B and the Coppa Italia (the last meeting was in July 2020 in Serie B, 1-0 for the Veneti): there have been 13 wins for the Lagunari, four for the Liguri and no draws.

Venezia are unbeaten in 18 of their last 19 games between Serie B and the Coppa Italia against Spezia (W9 D9); the Liguri's last win was in 1950: 5-0 in Serie B.

Between Serie B and the Coppa Italia, Venezia are unbeaten in home matches against Spezia (W10 D3), keeping a clean sheet in each of their last three.

Venezia could win consecutive Serie A games for the first time since April 1999 under Walter Novellino (vs Cagliari and Piacenza).

Spezia have won two of their four Serie A games against neo-promoted sides (D1, L1): 3-0 away from home against Benevento in November 2020 and 3-2 at home against Crotone in April 2021.

Spezia have lost their last two league games; only once in Serie A have they lost three games in a row: in January 2020 against Inter, Genoa and Verona.

Venezia have picked up the most yellow cards (15) in Serie A this campaign: in the Italian top-flight in 2020/21 no side had collected more than 10 after their first three matches (Lazio, 10 in that case).

David Okereke - 10 goals and 10 assists in 2018/19 with Spezia – was the last player to reach double figures in both goals and assists in a single Serie B season.

Both Thomas Henry and David Okereke scored last time out; the last foreign Veneti player to score in consecutive Serie A matches was Igor Budan in April 2000.

Only João Pedro (9) has registered more shots on target than Daniele Verde (6) in Serie A this campaign; four of those came in the last match against Udinese.

19/09/2021 18:00 - MARCANTONIO BENTEGODI



HELLAS VERONA

Vs

ROMA



Roma have lost only two of their last 30 Serie A games against Verona (W19 D9): 2-1 in October 1996 and awarded 3-0 to the opposition in September 2020.

Excluding the 3-0 awarded to Verona in the last meeting, the last time the Veneti have won at home against Roma in Serie A was in October 1996 (2-1). The Giallorossi had collected four wins and four draws at Bentegodi before the awarded game last season.

Verona have lost both their first two home league matches; they could lose their first three Serie A home seasonal matches for the first time in their Italian top-flight history.

Verona are winless in their last 10 league games at Bentegodi (D4, L6): only twice have they had a longer such streak in Serie A: 12 in both 2016 and 1973.

Roma have won their first three games in Serie A this campaign. In their previous 60 Serie A seasons only twice have they picked up four wins in the first four games, doing so in 2013-14 and 2014-15 under Rudi Garcia, and finishing second both times.

Roma could win two league away games in a row for the first time since August 2020 (four in that case); in the last Serie A season, the Giallorossi never won two consecutive matches on the road.

Roma have the highest tackles won percentage (74%) in Serie A this season; Verona are 11th with 58% in this ranking.

Roma's Stephan El Shaarawy has been directly involved in seven goals (6 goals, 1 assist) in his last eight league games against Verona sides (Chievo or Hellas): he has never lost in the period (W6 D2).

Verona's Gianluca Caprari made his debut in Serie A with Roma (in May 2011 against Milan); he has scored three goals against the Giallorossi in Serie A: only against Fiorentina has he found the net more times (4) in the competition.

Roma's Jordan Veretout scored the first of his 32 Serie A goals at Bentegodi against Verona (September 2017); since then only Josip Ilicic (44) has found the net more times than the French player among midfielders in the Italian top-flight.

19/09/2021 18:00 - OLIMPICO



LAZIO

Vs

CAGLIARI



Lazio are unbeaten in their last 14 Serie A matches against Cagliari (W12 D2), averaging 2.3 goals per match and winning each of their last six league games.

Lazio have won each of their last 10 Serie A home games against Cagliari; only against Triestina between 1935 and 1954 have they had a longer such streak (16) against a single opponent in the competition.

Lazio have won 13 of their last 14 league home games (D1), scoring 35 goals (2.5 per match) and keeping seven clean sheets in the period.

Cagliari could be winless in the first four Serie A seasonal games for the first time since 2014/15; that was also the last time in which the Rossoblù have lost three of the first four.

Cagliari are winless in their last 15 Serie A games in the first half of the season (D5 L10); the last time they had a longer such streak was in 2008 (19 in that case).

Only Salernitana (5.1) have a higher negative difference between goals conceded and expected goals against than Cagliari (4.2) in Serie A this campaign - the Sardi have conceded nine goals compared to the 4.8 that they should have conceded according to the xG against.

Cagliari (10 goals in 12 matches) are one of the three teams against which Lazio's **Ciro Immobile** has scored at least 10 goals in Serie A, along with Sampdoria (12) and Genoa (11). His first goal in the Italian top-flight was against the Sardi, in August 2012 with Genoa.

Lazio's **Francesco Acerbi** has scored three goals against Cagliari in Serie A; only against Sampdoria he has found the net more times (four). His last goal in the competition, however, was in January 2020 (against Roma).

João Pedro could become the first Cagliari player to be involved in at least one goal in each of his first four Serie A seasonal games since 2004/05 (since Opta collect this data): in the current Serie A campaign he has scored three goals and provided one assist.

19/09/2021 20:45 - ALLIANZ STADIUM



JUVENTUS

Vs

MILAN



Milan are the team against which Juventus have both lost the most matches in Serie A (51) and the side against which the Bianconeri have drawn the most games in the competition (54).

Milan have won two of their last three Serie A TIM matches against Juventus, as many as in their previous 17 (D1 L14).

Just one of their last 24 Serie A games between Juventus and Milan has finished level (1-1 in February 2012), with the Bianconeri winning 16 to the Rossoneri's seven.

Juventus could be winless in their first four Serie A seasonal matches for the 4th times in their history, after 1961/62, 1955/56 and 1942/43. In addition, the Bianconeri have never lost three of the first four Serie A seasonal games in the competition.

In the era of three points per win, Milan have won each of their first four Serie A seasonal games only twice: in 1995/96 under Fabio Capello and in 2020/21 under Stefano Pioli.

Since last May, Milan have the most clean sheets in the big five European leagues (7 in 8 matches).

Juventus have conceded goals in each of their last 17 league games – only twice have they conceded in more consecutively in Serie A (19 in 2010 and 21 in 1955) The Bianconeri are the team that have conceded in the most consecutive games (17) in the big five European leagues since March.

Juventus' Paulo Dybala has scored five goals at the Allianz Stadium against Milan in Serie A; against no other team has he found the net more at this venue. Overall, 'Joya' has scored seven goals against the Rossoneri in the Italian top-flight: only netting more against Udinese (9).

Juve's Federico Chiesa has been involved in six goals against Milan in Serie A (3 goals, 3 assists); against no other team has he had a hand in more goals in the competition (6 also against Bologna). In addition, his only brace with Juventus in the Italian top-flight came against the Rossoneri (January 2021).

Milan striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic has failed to score only in two of the 24 stadiums in which he has played more than one match in Serie A: at Allianz Stadium (2 games) and at Bentegodi (4).

20/09/2021 20:45 - DACIA ARENA - STADIO FRIULI



UDINESE

Vs

NAPOLI



Udinese have lost nine of their last 10 Serie A games against Napoli (D1), conceding an average of 2.7 goals per match in this period.

Udinese have lost four of their last five home league games against Napoli (D1), after eight home games without defeat against them in Serie A (W4 D4).

Udinese are unbeaten in the current league (W2 D1) and only twice in their Serie A history have they won three of their first four Serie A seasonal matches: in 2014/15 under Andrea Stramaccioni and in 2000/01 under Luigi De Canio.

Napoli could win each of their first four Serie A seasonal games in two consecutive seasons for the first time in the Italian top-flight.

Napoli have found the net in each of their last 29 league games; the Partenopei could become the third side in Serie A history to score in at least 30 consecutive matches, after Juventus and Milan.

Luciano Spalletti could win each of his first four Serie A seasonal games for the second time in his career, after 2017/18 with Inter.

Only Roma (7) have scored more goals than Udinese and Napoli (both 5) in the second half of games in Serie A this season.

No side have scored more goals (3) with substitutes than Udinese in Serie A this season.

Gerard Deulofeu has scored in his last three home league games; the last Udinese player to find the net in four consecutive Serie A home games was Antonio Di Natale in December 2014. Six of the Spaniard's seven goals in the competition came in home matches, including each of his last four.

Napoli's Lorenzo Insigne has scored five goals in his last eight league games against Udinese (including one goal in both matches last season), after having failed to find the net in each of his previous seven meetings against the Friulani in the competition.