



INSIGHTS

Matchday 9 Serie A 2021-22
22 - 24 October 2021



22/10/2021 18:30 - OLIMPICO GRANDE TORINO



TORINO

Vs

GENOA



Torino are unbeaten in their last eight league games against Genoa, thanks to six wins and two draws: the Granata are currently only enjoying a longer unbeaten run against Mantova (14).

Since 2012/13, Torino have never lost at home against Genoa in Serie A (W5 D4): during this period, among the teams they have faced at least five times at home, the Rossoblù are the only opponent against which the Granata have never lost to.

Torino have lost their last two league games (against Juventus and Napoli), failing to score: they last lost three Serie A matches in a row in December 2020, whilst they could go three in a row without scoring for the first time since November 2014.

Torino lost their last Serie A home game, against Juventus, and have not lost two home games in a row in the competition since November 2020 (four).

Genoa have won one of their opening eight league games this season (D3 L4): in the three points for a win era, they have only won one of their opening nine matches in a Serie A season twice (2017/18 and 2020/21).

Genoa have won three of their last six Serie A away games (D1 L2), as many away wins as in the previous 18 (D5 L10).

Torino have conceded the fewest shots in Serie A this season, 67 - 8.4 per game on average: last term, they conceded 13.3 per match on average.

Torino's Ivan Juric coached Genoa between 2016 and 2018, 51 games, with nine wins, 14 draws and 28 defeats in the top-flight - as an opponent, he has only won one of his four meetings with the Rossoblù in Serie A (D2 L1).

Torino's Bremer scored his first Serie A goal against Genoa in November 2019: he scored twice in his first two league matches against them, failing to find the net in the following two - against no other side has he scored more in the competition.

Mattia Destro has scored the most headed goals in the Big-5 European Leagues this season, already equalling his highest tally of headed goals in a single Serie A campaign (four) - the Genoa striker has scored in each of his last three league appearances and could net in four in a row for the first time since March 2014.

22/10/2021 20:45 - LUIGI FERRARIS



SAMPDORIA

Vs

SPEZIA



Spezia won one and drew one of their two meetings against Sampdoria last season: they have more unbeaten games in Serie A only against Cagliari (W1 D2).

Sampdoria have drawn their last two Ligurian derbies as hosts and have not drawn three in a row since 1956.

Sampdoria have lost three of their last four league games (D1) conceding 3+ goals in each match during this period: the last side to have concede 3+ goals in five successive Serie A matches was Palermo, back in 2017.

Sampdoria have conceded at least two goals in each of their last three home league games (nine goals in total): only in 2004 and 2006 have Sampdoria conceded 2+ goals in four consecutive home Serie A matches.

Spezia won their last Serie A match against Salernitana and could win back-to-back league games for the first time since last February.

Spezia have only won one of their last 12 Serie A away matches (D3 L8), while in the first 11 away games played in this competition, they had achieved four wins (D3 L4).

Spezia have used the youngest players on average in Serie A this season (24 years, 170 days – subs included), whilst Sampdoria have had the second oldest average (28yy 338dd), only younger than Lazio.

Spezia coach Thiago Motta, as a player, with Genoa, faced Sampdoria twice in Serie A, winning both meetings, while as a coach he lost his only Ligurian Derby (0-1 in December 2019).

Spezia are one of the three sides against which Sampdoria's Francesco Caputo scored in both the league meetings last season: the former Sassuolo striker also found the net in both games against Bologna and Crotone last term.

Last time out, Viktor Kovalenko both scored and assisted a goal, becoming just the second Spezia player to do so in a Serie A game after Martin Erlic last April – the last player to find the net in successive league matches for the club was Daniele Verde, last April.

23/10/2021 15:00 - ARECHI



SALERNITANA

Vs

EMPOLI



Empoli are one of the seven teams against which Salernitana have never lost to in Serie A (W1 D1); of those sides, the only team they have played more than twice is Bari (four).

Salernitana have lost only one of their five home games against Tuscan teams in Serie A (2-4 against Livorno in 1948): two home wins and two draws in the last two.

Salernitana have lost six of their eight Serie A games this season (W1 D1): four of the last five sides to have lost at least six of their opening eight Serie A matches in a season have been relegated (Sampdoria being the only side during this period to avoid the drop in 2019/20).

Salernitana have gained just four points from their first four home games this season, while a win in this game would not be enough to reach the results obtained after five home games in their previous two Serie A seasons: 13 in 1947/48 (considering three points per win) and 10 in 1998/99.

Empoli have lost their last two league games and could lose three such matches in a row for the first time since December 2018, under Giuseppe Iachini (four back then).

Empoli have gained six points from their three away Serie A games this season - after their first four away matches in a Serie A campaign, they have only done better in 2002/03, earning 12 points.

Salernitana have faced 16.8 shots per game on average in Serie A this season - only Granada (16.9) and Leeds (17) are posting a higher such average across the Big-5 European Leagues this campaign.

Empoli are the side against which Salernitana coach Stefano Colantuono has managed the most Serie A games without ever winning: three draws and three defeats.

Salernitana striker Simy scored in his last league game, against Spezia: he could find the net in two successive Serie A matches for the first time since last April, with a streak of seven in a row.

Empoli's Federico Di Francesco has scored two goals this season, equalling his tally for both 2019/20 and 2018/19 - only in May 2017 has he scored in consecutive top-flight appearances.

23/10/2021 18:00 - MAPEI STADIUM - CITTA' DEL TRICOLORE



SASSUOLO

Vs

VENEZIA



Sassuolo and Venezia have never met between Serie A, Serie B and the Coppa Italia.

Sassuolo have achieved four wins in their last five home games against newly promoted teams in Serie A (L1), as many as in the previous 13 (D6 L3).

Sassuolo have lost four of their last six Serie A games (W1 D1), as many defeats as they had in the previous 19 (W10 D5).

Sassuolo have lost two of their first four home games in this Serie A season (W1 D1): this is the same number of home defeats recorded in the previous 12 games at Mapei Stadium (W5 D5).

Venezia have won at least two of their first games in an Italian top-flight season for the first time since the 1962/63 campaign: Applying three points for a win, the last time they collected at least 11 points from their first nine matchdays in a season came back in 1941/42 (17 points in that case).

Should they win this game, Venezia would already exceed the number of away wins they had obtained in the previous two Serie A seasons (W1 D6 L27).

Sassuolo have both failed to score in the opening 15 minutes of play and have scored the fewest goals in the last 30 minutes of play in Serie A this season (only one, Hamed Traore against Verona).

Sassuolo and Venezia are two of the five Serie A teams to have scored the fewest second half goals this season (four each, alongside Empoli, Salernitana and Juventus).

Sassuolo's Domenico Berardi has been involved in eight goals in his last seven Serie A meetings against newly promoted sides (six goals, two assists); he had scored only one goal and delivered only one assist in his previous eight such matches.

Among the players in their debut Serie A season, only Roma striker Tammy Abraham (four) has been directly involved in more goals than Venezia's Thomas Henry (three; one goal and two assists) this term.

23/10/2021 20:45 - RENATO DALL'ARA



BOLOGNA

Vs

MILAN



Bologna have only gained one point from their last 11 games against Milan in Serie A: the Rossoblù only have a longer ongoing streak of games without a win against Fiorentina (14) and Juventus (18).

Bologna have not won at home against Milan in Serie A since 2001/02 (D4 L11): since then, the Rossoblù have only suffered more home losses against Inter (12) than against the Rossoneri (11).

Bologna haven't repeated the same result in consecutive matches across their last 12 Serie A matches: they have recorded three wins, five draws and four defeats in the process – drawing against Udinese last time out.

Bologna are unbeaten in their last four Serie A home games (W3 D1) - the last time they went on a longer such run in a single season came back in May 2019 (a streak of seven wins).

22 points from the opening eight Serie A MD's is a record for AC Milan in the three points for a win era – only in the 1954/55 campaign have they won eight of their first nine matches in a season, winning the title on that occasion.

Away in 2021, AC Milan have 13 wins, one draw and two defeats in Serie A: the Rossoneri have achieved more away wins in a single calendar year only in 1964 (14).

AC Milan have taken (14) and scored (11) the most penalties in 2021 across the Big-5 European Leagues – furthermore, Franck Kessié has scored nine of them, no player has netted more from the spot than him during this period.

Stefano Pioli coached Bologna for 89 Serie A games (W27 D28 L34): the Rossoblù are the team with which the current AC Milan coach has the most games in the top-flight.

Bologna's Musa Barrow has been involved in five goals in his last three Serie A games (three goals, two assists), after having only assisted one goal in the previous 10 (no goals) – he has found the net in each of these matches, and he could score in four in a row for the first time since 2020 (his personal best run).

Zlatan Ibrahimovic has scored five Serie A goals for AC Milan against Bologna: for the Rossoneri he has scored more league goals only against Cagliari, Inter and AS Roma (six) – considering also the assists, he has been involved in seven goals in six top-flight matches against the Rossoblu with his current team.

24/10/2021 12:30 - GEVISS STADIUM



ATALANTA

Vs

UDINESE



Atalanta are unbeaten in seven games against Udinese in Serie A, thanks to six wins and one draw. Since 2018 the Bergamo side won more games (7 v 6) and scored more goals (28 v 21) only against Sassuolo.

Atalanta have won their last four home games against Udinese in Serie A, already a record streak against the Bianconeri in the competition: it is the same number of home wins achieved in the previous 19 home meetings (D10 L5).

Atalanta have conceded in each of their last four league games - they last had a longer run in the competition in November 2020 (10 games).

After their streak of seven consecutive home wins, Atalanta have achieved only one win in their last five home games (D1 L3) - if they don't earn any points in this match then the Bergamo side would end up with their worst start in the first five home games since 2004/05 (four points).

Udinese could draw three Serie A games in a row for the first time since March 2020 (four).

Excluding penalties, Atalanta are one of the two sides yet to score from a set-piece situation in Serie A this season, alongside Sassuolo.

Only AS Roma (45) have attempted more shots from outside the box without scoring than Udinese (39) in Serie A this season.

Among the players with at least three Serie A assists so far, only Luis Alberto (130) has a better minutes per assist ratio than Atalanta's Mario Pasalic (134).

Luis Muriel (15 goals in 57 Serie A apps for Udinese) has scored nine goals in 11 league matches against the Bianconeri, eight of them for Atalanta – Udinese are his favourite target in the competition.

Beto has found the net in his last two Serie A matches. The last Udinese player to score in three top-flight appearances in a row was Kevin Lasagna back in July 2020.

24/10/2021 15:00 - ARTEMIO FRANCHI



FIorentina

Vs

CAGLIARI



Fiorentina have kept a clean sheet in their last three Serie A games against Cagliari - never reaching four in a row against the Rossoblù: it is the same number of clean sheets kept by the Viola in their previous 13 games against Cagliari in the top-flight (20 goals conceded).

After 16 home wins in a row against Cagliari in Serie A between 1982 and 2010, Fiorentina have only achieved three wins in their last nine home games against the Rossoblù in the top-flight, with four draws and two defeats.

Fiorentina are the only side to have neither scored nor conceded a goal from outside the box in Serie A this season.

Fiorentina have lost their last two Serie A home games, against Inter and Napoli; the last time the Viola lost three home games in a row in the top-flight was back in 2005, with Dino Zoff in charge.

Cagliari could win two Serie A games in a row for the first time since last April: they last won a Serie A away match against a side beginning the match-day in the top-10 of the table in November 2019 against Atalanta.

Cagliari have conceded at least two goals in their last three Serie A away games (eight goals in total). The last time they reached four away games in a row with at least two goals conceded was in November 2020 with Eusebio Di Francesco as manager.

Fiorentina are one of three teams (Napoli and Roma the others) to have not yet drawn a match in Serie A this season: the Viola have lost three of their last four Serie A matches (W1).

João Pedro has scored six league goals so far this season - the last Cagliari player to have scored 7+ goals in the first nine matchdays of a Serie A campaign was Roberto Muzzi in 1998/99.

Fiorentina's Dusan Vlahovic has scored three Serie A goals against Cagliari, including his very first in the competition in November 2019; only against Atalanta and Sampdoria (four each) has he scored more in the Italian top-flight.

Cagliari striker Keita Baldé has scored four Serie A goals against Fiorentina - against no other side has he had more in the competition: two of those goals have been scored at the Artemio Franchi.

24/10/2021 15:00 - MARCANTONIO BENTEGODI



HELLAS VERONA

Vs

LAZIO



After winning four of their first six games of the 2000s against Lazio in Serie A, Verona have achieved only one win in their last 11 against the Biancocelesti in the top-flight, with three draws and seven defeats to round out the fixture.

Verona have lost their last four Serie A home games against Lazio: in the top-flight the Gialloblù have suffered more consecutive home defeats only against Fiorentina and Torino (five against both).

Verona have netted at least two goals in five consecutive Serie A games for the first time since May 2014: they could score 2+ goals in five or more matches in a row in the competition for the first time since November 2013 (seven in that case).

After a run of 10 unsuccessful home games in Serie A (D4 L6), Verona have won their two most recent home games. The last time they reached three wins in a row was before this negative streak, with Ivan Juric in charge.

Lazio have conceded at least once in every league game this season: the last time they failed to keep a clean sheet in the first nine Serie A games was back in 1954/55.

Lazio have failed to score in five of their last seven away league games, the same number of goalless games recorded in their previous 39 Serie A away games.

Verona and Lazio (nine each) are two of the three sides to have scored the most first half goals in Serie A this season, alongside Inter.

Since Igor Tudor joined Verona (September 14th), only Musa Barrow (six) has been involved in more Serie A goals than Gianluca Caprari (five, three goals and two assists).

Lazio's Felipe Anderson has had a hand in three goals in his last three Serie A appearances (two goals and one assist) and found the net in his last league appearance against Verona in February 2016 – he has completed the most dribbles in the competition so far (24).

Since he joined Lazio, Ciro Immobile has scored seven goals in six matches against Verona in Serie A (two braces and a hat-trick) – with Lazio he has netted 2+ goals in more matches only against Sampdoria (four).

24/10/2021 18:00 - OLIMPICO



ROMA

Vs

NAPOLI



Napoli have drawn 50 games against Roma in Serie A (W46 L52) - only against Torino (55) have the Partenopei drawn more top-flight matches.

Napoli have won their last three league games against Roma, as many wins as in the previous 10 meetings (D2 L5); the Partenopei have not reached four wins in a row against the Giallorossi in the competition since 1976.

There hasn't been a draw in the last nine meetings between Roma and Napoli at the Giallorossi's home in Serie A: from 2013 onwards, there have been five home wins and four away wins.

Roma have won each of their last six Serie A home games: the Giallorossi have not gone on a longer run since a streak of 15 that ended in February 2017.

Napoli have never won in their history each of their first nine matches in a single Serie A campaign; the only two Italian teams to reach this milestone are Roma in 2013/14 (10/10 under Rudi Garcia) and Juventus in 2005/06 (9/9).

Napoli have won their last eight Serie A away games, only doing better in 2017, with their own record streak of nine straight away wins.

This is a match between two of the three sides that have attempted the most shots in Serie A this season (Roma 136, Napoli 125, with Atalanta in between on 127) and two of the three clubs that have faced the fewest shots (75 Roma, 71 Napoli, and then Torino with 67).

Among the forwards of the seven Italian sides that play in European competitions in 2021/22, AS Roma's Tammy Abraham has played the most minutes in Serie A (688): in general, only João Pedro, Arnautovic and Gyasi have collected more minutes than Abraham among strikers in the division.

After the international Break in September, only Karim Benzema (seven) and Erling Haaland (six) have scored more goals than Napoli's Victor Osimhen (five) in the big five European Leagues.

Napoli's Lorenzo Insigne has been involved in four goals and three assists in his last eight matches against AS Roma in Serie A, though he hasn't taken part in any goal in his previous eight league games against the Giallorossi.

24/10/2021 20:45 - GIUSEPPE MEAZZA



INTER

Vs

JUVENTUS



Inter are the team that Juventus have beaten the most times in Serie A – they've defeated them 85 times, with 44 draws and 47 wins for the Nerazzurri.

Inter won their last home game against Juventus – they haven't won consecutive home wins against the Bianconeri in the competition since 2010, when José Mourinho was manager.

Inter could lose consecutive Serie A games for the first time since March 2020: curiously, on that occasion the two defeats were against Lazio and Juventus.

Juventus have won their last four league games and have picked up five points more than Inter during this period: the Bianconeri could win five consecutive Serie A matches for the first time since July 2020 (seven in that case under Maurizio Sarri).

Simone Inzaghi has lost more Serie A matches against Juventus (eight) than against any other side as a manager; in addition, Simone Inzaghi has lost each of his three home league games against Massimiliano Allegri.

Inter have scored 78 goals (in 32 games) in the 2021 in Serie A: in the big five European leagues only Bayern Munich have netted more (89 in 29 games) this calendar year; Juventus have scored 64 goals in 33 matches.

This is a match between the team that has netted the most goals in the second half in Serie A this season (Inter, 14) and one of the five clubs that have scored the fewest goals in the same period (Juventus four, alongside Sassuolo, Salernitana, Empoli and Venezia).

Nicoló Barella and Arturo Vidal netted in the last home Serie A match against Juventus: the last Inter midfielder to score in consecutive league seasons against the Bianconeri at San Siro was Lothar Matthäus (in 1989/90 and 1990/91).

Among the 13 teams he has faced at least 10 times in Serie A, Juventus are one of the two against which Inter's Edin Dzeko has been involved in the fewest goals (alongside Torino): only three (two goals and one assist).

Juan Cuadrado has scored more goals against Inter in Serie A (five) than against any other side: the Colombian scored a brace in his last match against the Nerazzurri, in a win for Juventus 3-2 in May 2021.