



# INSIGHTS

**Matchday 27 Serie A 2021-22**  
**25 - 28 February 2022**



25/02/2022 18:45 - GIUSEPPE MEAZZA



**MILAN**

**Vs**

**UDINESE**



AC Milan and Udinese drew their last Serie A meeting, and could draw home and away in a single campaign in the competition for the first time since 2010/11 (4-4 and 0-0).

AC Milan have gone unbeaten in their four Serie A meetings with Udinese under Stefano Pioli: the last AC Milan manager to have avoided defeat in each of his first five such matches was Alberto Zaccheroni, back in 1998-2000.

AC Milan have lost only one of their last 14 Serie A home matches against Udinese (1-0 in September 2016, thanks to Stipe Perica's strike - W8 D5).

After their draw against Salernitana the last time out, AC Milan could fail to win in two Serie A matches in a row against teams starting the day in the bottom five of the table for the first time since December 2020 (v Parma and Genoa back then).

AC Milan have kept a clean sheet in their last two Serie A home games (0-0 v Juventus and 1-0 v Sampdoria) – they last managed to do this in three in a row in October 2020, which is the only previous instance under Stefano Pioli.

Since the beginning of 2022, Udinese have won only five Serie A points (W1 D2 L3) - only Empoli and Bologna (four each) have had fewer, while Udinese have also conceded 13 goals in the process, more than only Empoli (16).

Udinese have made the fewest open play crosses in Serie A this season: 187, at least 50 fewer than any other side so far – they have indeed scored the fewest goals following a cross in the competition so far (two), with AC Milan netting four times via this method themselves.

AC Milan's Ante Rebic scored his first Serie A brace against Udinese at the Meazza in January 2020. He has scored each of his last six league goals away from home (including one in the last game, against Salernitana), with his last goal at the San Siro Stadium coming in April 2021, against Genoa.

Theo Hernández (3144) and Rafael Leão (2625) are the two players who have covered the most distance (in metres) with progressive carries in Serie A this season – the Portuguese has also had the most carries ending with a shot in the competition so far (24).

Rodrigo Becão is the Udinese outfield player with the most minutes played in Serie A so far (1965) – he has scored two goals in his Serie A career, both against AC Milan: in August 2019 (his debut in the competition) and in March 2021 at the Meazza.

25/02/2022 21:00 - LUIGI FERRARIS



**GENOA**

**Vs**

**INTER**



Inter have won each of their last seven Serie A games against Genoa (25-0 on aggregate in this period) – only three times has a team won more consecutive games without conceding a goal against a single opponent in Serie A history: Napoli vs Como (eight in 1984), Juventus vs Piacenza (nine in 2003) and Juventus vs Palermo (nine in 2016).

Inter are on a streak of 25 goals scored since they last conceded themselves against Genoa in Serie A: the only longer streak in the history of the competition is 26 goals scored without conceding, again for Inter, against Reggina (ended in 2008).

In the last 13 Serie A games between Genoa and Inter played at Ferraris, there was only one draw (0-0 in May 2013) - five Rossoblu and seven Nerazzurri wins (including the last three) complete the set.

Alexander Blessin could become the second manager in the three points for a win era to draw each of his first five games in Serie A (after Sinisa Mihajlovic in 2008) – the last time Genoa drew five games in a row in the top-flight was in May 1993.

After a 0-2 defeat in the last matchday, Inter could lose two Serie A games in a row for the first time since February 2019: three in that streak, which began exactly against Sassuolo.

Inter have collected only one point in their last three league matches (D1 L2): the last time in which the Nerazzurri failed to win more consecutive Serie A matches dates back to February 2018 (eight in that case).

Inter have scored the most headed goals in the current Serie A campaign (14), while on the other hand, Genoa have conceded the most in this fashion (13, including their last against Venezia).

If he scores in this game, Mattia Destro will reach double-figure for goals for the fifth time in a single Serie A season, but for the first time in his career in consecutive campaigns (11 goals in 2020/21). The Genoa forward has scored only one goal in 12 matches against Inter in Serie A (in 2016 for Bologna): among sides he has faced more than 10 times in the competition, only against Juventus (zero) has he scored fewer.

Despite winning all four Serie A matches against Genoa, Lautaro Martínez has never scored in 302 league minutes against the rossoblu - the Inter forward has failed to score in his last seven league appearances, his joint-longest streak without scoring in the competition (level with one between April and August 2019).

Genoa are one of two teams (along with Hoffenheim) that Edin Dzeko has been directly involved in the most goals in the top five European leagues: the Inter forward has scored four goals and made six assists in 10 Serie A matches against the Grifone (including three goals and three assists in the last four apps).

26/02/2022 15:00 - ARECHI



**SALERNITANA**

**Vs**

**BOLOGNA**



This is the sixth match in Serie A between Salernitana and Bologna, with both sides sharing two victories apiece and one draw.

Bologna won their first (January 1948) and last (August 2021) match against Salernitana in Serie A: indeed, the Rossoblu could win home and away in a single campaign against them for the first time in the competition.

Salernitana have hosted Bologna twice previously in Serie A, winning both matches against them - the Rossoblu could, in fact, become the first opponent they manage to win three consecutive home games against in the top-flight.

Bologna are goalless in their last two games against newly promoted sides in Serie A (0-1 vs Venezia and 0-0 vs Empoli) – the last season where they had a longer such streak (four in that case) was in 2004/05.

For the first time in their Serie A history, Salernitana have drawn three consecutive games - only once have they remained unbeaten for more games in a row in the top-flight: five between April and May 1999 (the fourth against Bologna).

After winning against Spezia in their last match, Bologna could win consecutive Serie A games for the first time since last December: on that occasion the first win came against Spezia (the second against Roma).

Bologna and Salernitana are two of the three teams to have scored the fewest goals in the first half hour of Serie A games this season (four each) - in fact, only Genoa (55') have scored their first goal in games at a later time on average than the Rossoblu (50') and the Granata (45').

Federico Bonazzoli has scored in three consecutive matches for the second time in Serie A (also in July 2020 for Sampdoria), and could do so in four in a row for the first time - the Salernitana striker has scored two goals in three previous games against Bologna, including one in this season's reverse fixture.

Salernitana's Simone Verdi scored his most goals in Serie A for Bologna: 16 in 62 appearances, at least four more than for any other club. Against his former side, he has been directly involved in two goals in his last three games in Serie A (one goal and one assist, both for Torino).

Marko Arnautovic's first Serie A goal was scored earlier this season against Salernitana - the Bologna striker has won 10 points from his eight goals scored this season, with only Dusan Vlahovic (15) and Giovanni Simeone (11) earning more through their goals.

26/02/2022 18:00 - CARLO CASTELLANI



**EMPOLI**

**Vs**

**JUVENTUS**



After the 1-0 win in the reverse fixture, Empoli could remain unbeaten in two successive Serie A meetings against Juventus for the second time, after the 1998/99 campaign (W1 D1) - Juventus last lost both seasonal matches against a promoted side in 2012/13 (v Sampdoria).

Empoli have scored only four goals in their last 13 Serie A meetings against Juventus, never scoring more than once in game - they last scored at least two goals in a single such match in January 2004 (3-3 back then).

Juventus have won each of their last four Serie A away games against Empoli, after having won four of the previous eight (D2 L2) – Empoli's last win at home against them was back in April 1999, winning 1-0 thanks to Stefano Bianconi's goal.

Empoli are winless in their last nine Serie A games, their longest such run since November 2018 (10 under Andreazzoli) – they could fail to score in two top-flight matches in a row for the first time since December 2018.

Juventus are unbeaten in their last 12 Serie A games, equalling their longest such run under previous coach Andrea Pirlo – indeed, they are only two games away from equalling the longest run under Sarri in 2019/20 (14).

Empoli have conceded the most shots on target in Serie A this season (150), whilst only Torino (72) have allowed fewer than Juventus (79) – Empoli have also shipped the joint-most goals in the opening 15 minutes of play (11) and in the first half overall (26 – both alongside Salernitana).

Empoli have conceded the most goals following high turnovers in Serie A this season (eight) – opposition sequences that begin within 40 metres of their own goal - whilst Juventus are one of the two sides yet to concede a goal in this manner in the competition so far (level with Torino).

Andrea Pinamonti (nine goals) could become the ninth Empoli player to score 10+ goals in a single Serie A campaign, and the youngest to reach this milestone – the striker has played only one home league match against Juventus, but scored in it for Genoa at the Ferraris in June 2020.

After having failed to score or assist a single goal in his first 12 Serie A meetings against promoted sides, Juventus' Dusan Vlahovic has been directly involved in nine goals in his last seven such games, thanks to eight goals and one assist.

Juventus striker Dusan Vlahovic scored at the Castellani against Empoli earlier this season for Fiorentina - only one player in the history of the competition has scored for two different sides against Empoli in a single campaign, Krzysztof Piatek in 2018/19 (Genoa and Milan), while it hasn't previously been done in two away games.

26/02/2022 20:45 - MAPEI STADIUM - CITTA' DEL TRICOLORE



**SASSUOLO**

**Vs**

**FIorentina**



Sassuolo have lost only one of their last eight matches against Fiorentina in Serie A (1-2 in October 2019), winning four and drawing the other three.

After a 2-2 draw earlier this season, Sassuolo and Fiorentina could draw two consecutive Serie A matches for the first time – this fixture hasn't had repeated results in consecutive games since 2016 (two Viola wins on that occasion).

Sassuolo's 2-0 win over Inter ended a streak of 19 games without a clean sheet in Serie A - the Neroverdi have not recorded two clean sheets in a row in the competition since December 2020 (vs Roma and Benevento).

Sassuolo are winless in their last four Serie A home games (D2 L2): the Neroverdi haven't had a longer such streak at Mapei Stadium since December 2018 (seven on that occasion).

Fiorentina have gained 42 points in Serie A this season, already two more than they did in the whole of last season (40) - the Viola are also only three goals away (currently 44) from equalling their season total from 2020-21 (47).

Fiorentina are the only team in Serie A yet to score after the 90th minute this season - on the other hand, Sassuolo have conceded six goals in added time; the joint-most along with Venezia.

Fiorentina (57.3%) and Sassuolo (55.9%) are two of the four teams with the highest average possession in Serie A - for Viola in particular, this is their highest average in a single season since 2016/17 (57.9%).

Sassuolo's Domenico Berardi is the player who has been involved in the most sequences of play ending in shots in Serie A this season (158) – he has scored eight times against Fiorentina, while only against Milan (10) and Lazio (nine) has he netted more often in Serie A.

Sassuolo-Fiorentina will be the fixture between the three players who have provoked the most opposition yellow cards in Serie A this season: Nicolás González (16), Davide Frattesi (13) and Domenico Berardi (12) – furthermore, only João Pedro (65) has won more fouls than González (61) and Berardi (56) this term.

Fiorentina striker Krzysztof Piatek has scored in his last two Serie A games: he last found the net in more league games in a row within the big five European leagues in February 2019 (four in a row for AC Milan back then).



27/02/2022 12:30 - OLIMPICO GRANDE TORINO



**TORINO**

**Vs**

**CAGLIARI**



Torino are unbeaten in 12 of their last 14 matches (W7 D5) against Cagliari in Serie A, scoring 27 goals in the process (1.9 per match on average).

There have been three wins each and three draws in the last nine meetings between the Granata and Cagliari in Turin. The Rossoblù, however, won the last of these meetings while only in 2012 have they won two away games in a row against Torino in the competition.

Torino have not won any of the last four league games (D2 L2): with Ivan Juric, they have never recorded five matches in a row without a victory in Serie A.

Cagliari have gained 12 points (W3 D3 L1) in their seven Serie A matches in 2022: two more than in the entire first half of the season (10 in 19 games). Since last January, only Napoli (15), Milan (14), Juventus and Verona (both 13) have earned more points than the Rossoblù (12) in the top-flight.

Torino have conceded, on average, the 1st goal of the game in Serie A this season later than any other side (54th minute).

Cagliari have conceded the most goals (20) from set-piece situations in Serie A this season, while Torino have scored the fewest (only three goals) from these situations.

Torino's best season in Serie A, in the era of three points per win (since 1994/95), dates back to 2018/19 with Walter Mazzarri: 63 points (W16 D15 L7) - 7th place at the end.

Andrea Belotti has been involved in 11 goals (six goals and five assists) in 11 matches against Cagliari in Serie A: only against Sassuolo (12) he has been involved in more in the competition. The Torino forward has scored three goals in the league this season, never ending a Serie A campaign with fewer than six.

Two of Bremer's 10 Serie A goals have been scored against Cagliari: against no other team has he scored more (two also against Genoa). He has registered the most interceptions (80) this season in the big five European leagues.

João Pedro has been involved in four goals (three goals and one assist) in his last four games against Torino in Serie A, after not scoring or assisting in any of the previous seven against them. Moreover, Torino could become the first opponent he scores against in both meetings in a season in the competition.

27/02/2022 15:00 - MARCANTONIO BENTEGODI



## HELLAS VERONA

### Vs

## VENEZIA



Hellas Verona are unbeaten in their previous five Serie A games (W4 D1) against Venezia: only against Catania have the Gialloblù played more matches (six) in the competition without losing.

Hellas Verona have won both home matches against Venezia in Serie A via a score of 1-0: in December 1999 (goal by Adailton) and in January 2002 (goal by Massimo Oddo).

The host team has remained unbeaten in five of the last six Veneto derbies (W3 D2) in Serie A; however, the only defeat came in the first game between Venezia and Hellas Verona, at Penzo - a match won 4-3 by the Gialloblù, after trailing by three goals.

Only Napoli (15) and Milan (14) have won more points than Hellas Verona (13: W4 D1 L2) in 2022 in Serie A; only Bologna and Empoli (both four) have picked up fewer points than Venezia (five: W1 D2 L3) in 2022 in the league.

Venezia have won three away games in Serie A this season (D3 L6): in their Serie A history, only in 1942/43 have they achieved more wins (four) away from home in a single season.

Hellas Verona have scored the most goals (15 in seven games) in 2022 in Serie A while they have also registered the most touches in the opposition box (223).

Only Atalanta and Lazio (both 41) have scored more goals from open play than Hellas Verona (39) in Serie A this season; on the other hand, Venezia (17) are third from bottom in this ranking, behind only Genoa (13) and Salernitana (10).

Giovanni Simeone hasn't scored in his last eight league games after scoring 12 goals in his previous 12 Serie A games, including his last brace in the tournament: against Venezia last December.

Gianluca Caprari, who has scored nine goals in this league, could reach double figures for the first time in his career in a single Serie A season; only Rafael Leão (61) has completed more dribbles than the Hellas Verona striker (47) in the current Serie A season.

Venezia boast three players with at least five goals each in a Serie A campaign for the first time since the 1962/63 season, via Thomas Henry, Mattia Aramu and David Okereke (5 each).

27/02/2022 18:00 - ALBERTO PICCO



## SPEZIA

### Vs

## ROMA



Roma are unbeaten in their three Serie A matches against Spezia, with two wins at the Olimpico and one draw at the Picco. In these three games, the two teams have scored 13 goals in total (4.3 per match average).



Spezia have won two of their last three games against teams starting the matchday in the first eight positions in the Serie A table (L1): as many as in their previous 17.

Spezia are enjoying the longest current streak of scoring in games in Serie A this season: nine matches, already a record for the Liguri in the Italian top-flight.

Roma have drawn their last three league games - the last time they had more in a row was in March 2015 (four). Indeed, only once has José Mourinho drawn more consecutive league matches (five in 2007 with Chelsea).

Only Empoli (16) have conceded more goals than Roma (13 in 7 matches) in 2022 in Serie A. Overall, only Genoa (-11) have registered a bigger negative points difference than Roma (-9) compared to the same number of games played in Serie A last season.

Roma have scored the most goals from corners in Serie A this campaign: 10, including each of their last three.

Roma and Spezia are two of the three teams yet to concede a goal after 90th in Serie A this season (also Napoli). Overall, only the Partenopei have conceded fewer goals (one) than the Giallorossi (three) in the last 15 minutes of play.

Roma (three) and Spezia (two) are the only two teams to have at least two scorers born since 2001 in Serie A this season: Volpato, Afena-Gyan and Bove for the the Giallorossi, Antiste and Strelec for the Liguri.

Daniele Verde played his first seven Serie A appearances with Roma in 2015. He has scored two goals against the Giallorossi in the competition: against no other opponent has he managed more. In addition, he is only one goal away from equaling his scoring record in a single Serie A season (5 goals in 2021/22 and 6 in 2020/21).

Tammy Abraham has scored eight of his 11 Serie A goals away from home. He has found the net in each of his last four games on the road in the Italian top-flight: no Roma player has ever netted in five consecutive Serie A away matches in the three-points per win era (since 1994/95).

**27/02/2022 20:45 - OLIMPICO**



**LAZIO**

**Vs**

**NAPOLI**



Lazio are the team against which Napoli have won the most Serie A matches: 52 wins in 131 games (N41 L38). The Partenopei have enjoyed eight victories in their last 10 league matches (L2) against the Biancocelesti, scoring 27 goals and conceding only 10 in this period.

Lazio have won their last two home Serie A games against Napoli, without conceding, after suffering six home defeats in a row against the Partenopei (2.7 goals on average).

Lazio have only lost one of their last 25 home league games (W19 D5): 0-2, against Juventus in November 2021.

In 2022, Napoli have picked up the most points (15 in 7 games) and conceded the fewest goals (only four) in Serie A.

Napoli have drawn their last two league games (both 1-1) against Inter Milan and Cagliari; the Partenopei could make it three draws in a row in Serie A for the first time since December 2014 (three in total).

Napoli (84%) and Lazio (82%) have posted the highest passing accuracy in the opposition half in Serie A this season.

Maurizio Sarri has won 69% (79/114) of his matches as Napoli's manager in Serie A: a record for a coach in Napoli's history in the Italian top-flight.

Ciro Immobile has been directly involved in nine goals (six goals and three assists) in his last nine league games against Napoli; with 19 goals in 2021/22, he could reach 20 goals for the 6th Serie A different season: only Giuseppe Meazza and Gunnar Nordahl did better (both seven) in Italian top-flight history.

Lorenzo Insigne has scored seven goals against Lazio in Serie A: only against Fiorentina has he found the net more times (nine) in the competition. However, he has failed to score either a goal from open play or a goal on the road in Serie A this season.

Dries Mertens has been directly involved in 13 goals (six goals and seven assists) in his 14 league games against Lazio, including his last brace in Serie A (in November 2021): only against Bologna has he had a hand in more goals (14) in the Italian top-flight.

28/02/2022 20:45 - GEWISS STADIUM



**ATALANTA**

**Vs**

**SAMPDORIA**



Atalanta and Sampdoria will meet for the 100th time in Serie A; the Blucerchiati have won 39 games against the Dea (D31 L29): only against Roma have they enjoyed more victories (40) in the competition.

Atalanta have won four of their last six Serie A matches (D1 L1) against Sampdoria, after winning only one game in their previous six (D1 L4).

Atalanta and Sampdoria have only drawn one of their last 13 Serie A matches played at the Bergamaschi: 0-0 in March 2013; with seven wins for the Dea and five for the Blucerchiati in the period. However, Sampdoria have won three of their last four league away matches (L1) against Atalanta.

After six consecutive league wins, Atalanta have won only one of their last eight Serie A games (D4 L3): 6-2, against Udinese in January; also the Dea could go winless in six consecutive matches (five currently) in the competition for the first time since October 2018 (seven).

**Sampdoria have lost their last three away league games, without scoring: the last time they went on a such longer streak on the road in Serie A was in February 2011 (five).**

**Atalanta (24 v 22) and Sampdoria (18 v 17) are two of the three teams, level with Venezia (12 v 11), to have scored more goals in the first half, compared to the second half, in Serie A this season.**

**Sampdoria (13) and Atalanta (12) have registered most interceptions per game on average in Serie A in this campaign.**

**Jérémie Boga scored the first of his 18 Serie A goals against Sampdoria, in March 2019, with Sassuolo; the Ivorian has failed to find the net in his last 16 league matches: already a record for him in the competition.**

**Fabio Quagliarella has scored 12 goals against Atalanta in Serie A: only against Fiorentina has he done better (13); however, his last away goal in the Italian top-flight came back in May 2021 (v Udinese).**

**Antonio Candreva has been directly involved in four goals (one goal and three assists) in his last three league games. Since his first match with the Blucerchiati in Serie A (2020/21), Candreva has had a hand in the most goals among Sampdoria players in the Italian top-flight: 28 (12 goals and 16 assists).**