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#### Cagliari - Genoa



- This will be the 50<sup>th</sup> match between Cagliari and Genoa in Serie A, the head-to-head so far stands at 17 Sardinian victories, 19 Ligurian wins, and 13 draws.
- After the 2-2 draw in the reverse fixture, Cagliari and Genoa could draw both meetings in a season in the Italian topflight for the first time in the three points for a win era (since 1994/95). In general, only twice before have there been multiple draws in a row between these two teams in Serie A, a run of three between May 1991 and April 1992, and two matches in 1993/94.
- 14 of Cagliari's 17 victories over Genoa in Serie A (82%) have come in home matches. They boast a home success rate of 58% against Grifone in the tournament (14/24 D4 L6); among teams they have faced more than 10 times in front of their own fans in the Italian top-flight, only against Vicenza do their have a better rate (71% 10/14).
- Cagliari have lost both of their last two league games, but have not yet recorded three defeats in a row in Serie A in 2025. Overall in the current Serie A campaign, since the start of the new calendar year, the Sardinians have won almost half a point per game more on average (+0.44) compared to what they did in 2024 (1.22 points per game since the beginning of January, compared to 0.78 in the first 18 matchdays).
- Patrick Vieira made his debut as Genoa coach in Serie A in the 13<sup>th</sup> MD of this campaign against Cagliari and, since then, Genoa have won 68% of their total points in the current season (21/31). By percentage, only Roma (70% – 30/43) have obtained more points than Grifone in this period of the top-flight.
- With 21 points in 15 league games as Genoa manager, Patrick Vieira boasts the best average in the three points per win era in Serie A of any manager with the club (since 1994/95) at 1.40 points per game.
- Only Monza (112) have recorded fewer high turnovers than Cagliari (132) in Serie A this campaign. On the other hand, among teams occupying the bottom half of the table, none have recorded more than Genoa (179 high turnovers, level with Empoli).
- Genoa have scored the highest ratio of their goals from inside the penalty area in the current Serie A campaign (96% 24/25); on the other hand, only Venezia (23% 5/22) have scored a higher proportion from distance than Cagliari (19% 5/27) in the current championship.
- Roberto Piccoli is Cagliari's top scorer in Serie A this season with seven goals in 27 appearances; if he scores against Genoa, he will equal his overall tally of goals in the three previous seasons in the tournament combined (eight in 74 matches between 2021/22 and 2023/24). Furthermore, after his goal against Bologna in the last MD, Piccoli could score in two matches in a row in the league for the first time since last November (against Genoa and Hellas Verona).
- Two of the four goals scored by Morten Frendrup in Serie A have come against Cagliari. The 2001 born player has made the most recoveries (146) and the most tackles (87) of any outfielder in the competition this term, as well as having won 143 duels (the most of any midfielder).













# Parma - Torino

8 March 2025



- This match will be the 36<sup>th</sup> between Parma and Torino in Serie A: the Emilians (15) have won more than double of these compared to Torino (7). Of teams they have faced more than 20 times in the top-flight, the Granata are the Gialloblù's second-lowest for loss percentage in the tournament (20%, above only 12% against Lecce).
- Parma have not won against Torino in Serie A in their last four meetings (D2 L2 their last success against the Granata
  was in September 2019, 3-2 at home), while they have not scored in any of the last three; only once in their history have
  the Ducali failed to score in more consecutive matches against this opponent in the competition, doing so in their first
  five encounters between December 1990 and September 1992 (D4 L1).
- After a run of five consecutive defeats away against Parma, Torino have lost just one of their last four games at the Tardini in Serie A (W2 D1); indeed, after their 3-0 success in January 2021, the Granata could win two matches in a row at the Ducali's home in the top-flight for the first time in their history.
- In the first eight games of the second half of this Serie A season, Parma have achieved just one victory (D1 L6), while Torino have suffered just one defeat (W3 D4).
- After their home success in the Emilian derby against Bologna in February (2-0 with goals from Bonny and Sohm),
   Parma could win consecutive home games in the top-flight for the first time since January 2020 (2-0 against both Lecce and Udinese).
- After victories against Milan (2-1 at home) and Monza (2-0 away), Torino could win three games in a row in a single Serie A season for the first time since February-March 2019.
- Only Milan (70) have made more direct attacks than Parma (56) in Serie A this term. On the other hand, only Hellas Verona (3396) have made fewer forward passes than Torino (3490) in the current campaign.
- Torino have the slowest direct speed on average of any side in Serie A this season; the Granata advance on average 1.54 meters per second during their sequences in open play in the league. On the other hand, only Cagliari (2.03 m/s) have a faster average than Parma (1.99 m/s).
- With five league goals so far, Ange-Yoan Bonny is one of the only four players born from 2003 onwards to have scored 5+ goals in Serie A this season, along with Assane Diao (5 goals, born 2005), Nico Paz (6 goals, 2004), and Santiago Castro (7 goals, 2004). The only French player to have scored more than five goals in the Italian top-flight before turning 22 was Paul Pogba, who scored his sixth goal in the tournament in September 2013 against Torino, at the age of 20 years and 198 days.
- After his goals against Bologna and Monza, Eljif Elmas could score in three consecutive away games for the first time
  in the big-five European Leagues. Since his debut for the Granata in February, he is the only Torino player to have scored
  more than one goal (2), while no one has created more chances than him among his teammates (5, level with Nikola
  Vlasic).



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#### Como - Venezia



- Como have never lost in their three previous meetings with Venezia in Serie A, with one win and two draws. Among the teams against whom Como are yet to lose against in the top-flight, only versus Lecce have they played more matches (5 - W4 D1).
- Over the last 30 years (since the start of 1995), Como and Venezia have faced each other 12 times in the league across Serie A, Serie B, and Serie C: the head-to-head record of these meetings is equal, with four wins each and four draws.
- After the 2-2 draw in the reverse fixture, Como and Venezia could draw both league meetings of a season for the first time across Serie A, Serie B and Serie C in the era of three points for a win. Overall in this period, the two clubs have never repeated the same result in the two seasonal meetings in any of these divisions.
- Como have won each of their last four home matches in Serie A, Serie B and Serie C against Venezia, with an overall score of 8-1; indeed, since 2013/14, Venezia are the team against which the Lombards boast their highest number of home wins in professional leagues.
- If they win, Como (28 points in 27 games so far) would record their best record after 28 games played over their last five seasons played in Serie A, having amassed 30 points in 1986-87, 27 in 1987-88, 26 in 1988-89 and 20 in 2002-03 (considering three points for a win all-time).
- Since the start of November, Venezia have won only one of their 17 games played in Serie A (D7 L9); no team has won fewer in the big-five European League in this period (one win each for Heidenheim, Monza and Reims). Furthermore, Venezia have not scored in four matches in a row, last failing to score in more consecutive games in the top-flight between September and October 1998 (a run of five).
- Como have won 28 points in Serie A this term, 10 fewer than they should have won according to the Expected Points model (38); only Monza (-12) have a higher such difference in the Italian top-flight this season.
- Como have won possession in the final third of the pitch the most of any side in Serie A this term (121), while Venezia have seen their opponents win possession in their defensive third more than any other side in the division in 2024/25 (131).
- Assane Diao (born in 2005) is the youngest player to have scored at least five goals since the start of 2025 across each of the big-five European Leagues and their second tiers; he has scored five goals in nine appearances in Serie A with Como since the start of this calendar year, including four in home matches.
- After having scored just one goal in total in his previous three seasons in the top-flight, Hans Nicolussi Caviglia has already scored four goals in this Serie A campaign. Three of these have been from outside the box (including one against Como in the 2-2 draw in the reverse fixture in December), a joint-high for goals from distance in the competition this term, along with with Danilo Cataldi and Davide Zappacosta.











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### Lecce - Milan



- AC Milan have lost only two of their 37 games against Lecce in Serie A (W22 D13); among the teams they have faced at least 30 times in the top-flight, only against SPAL (97%) do the Rossoneri post a higher percentage of matches without defeat than against Leece (95%).
- Lecce have won only one home game against AC Milan in Serie A (April 2006 under Roberto Rizzo). In addition, at Lecce's home, the Rossoneri have won the only game in their history in the top-flight after trailing by three goals: from 3-0 to 3-4 in October 2011.
- Lecce have not scored in their last four Serie A games and could fail to score five matches in a row in a single Serie A campaign for the first time since April 2023. However, Milan have lost by conceding two or more goals in each of their last three league games and only three times in their history have recorded more defeats in a row in the competition with 2+ goals conceded (the last being a run of five, between March and April 1974).
- Only Monza (-22) have a worse points difference than AC Milan after the first 27 games played in Serie A compared to the last edition of the competition: the Rossoneri have won just 41 points in Serie A this season, having accumualted 56 in the first 27 games played in 2023/24, with a negative difference of -15.
- AC Milan are averaging 1.52 points per game in Serie A this season. The last time they recorded a lower average in Serie A was in 2015/16, when the Rossoneri finished the season in seventh place, with 57 points from 38 games (exactly 1.50 points per game).
- Sérgio Conceição has averaged 1.40 points per game as AC Milan manager in Serie A this season. The previous coach to have averaged less than 1.50 per game with the Rossoneri in Serie A was current Lecce coach Marco Giampaolo (1.29 in 2019/20).
- According to the Expected Goals model, Lecce and AC Milan are two of the three teams that have the worst difference between goals scored and xG recorded in Serie A this season: -6.6 for the Salento side (24.6 xG and 18 goals) and -5.2 for the Rossoneri (44.2 xG, 39 goals) – among them Cagliari with -5.9.
- AC Milan have collected 16 red cards in all competitions in the last two seasons, at least two more than any other Serie A team in this period (followed by Hellas Verona on 14). Notably, four of these red cards have come in 2025: Yunus Musah against Dinamo Zagreb and Theo Hernández against Feyenoord in the UEFA Champions League, Fikayo Tomori against Empoli and Strahinja Pavlovic in the last round against Lazio in Serie A.
- AC Milan are the team with which Ante Rebic has played the most games (100) and scored the most goals (27) in his career in the five major European leagues. Against the Rossoneri, he has recorded one win (in April 2016 with Hellas Verona) and one defeat (in the reverse fixture this season) in two previous Serie A matches, without scoring a goal.
- Since his Serie A debut (on 8 February against Empoli), no AC Milan player has completed more dribbles (10, level with Rafael Leão), has won more fouls in the final third (three) and attempted more shots (15) than João Félix in Serie A. Furthermore, excluding defenders, only Youssouf Fofana (15) has regained possession on more occasions than the Portuguese among Milan players during this period (14, level with Yunus Musah and Tijjani Reijnders, but among these three he has played the fewest minutes - 356 minutes).





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#### Inter - Monza 8 March 2025



- This will be the sixth meeting between Inter and Monza in Serie A, with the Nerazzurri winning two of the previous five Lombard derbies (D2 L1).
- Monza's only victory in four previous visits to the San Siro (vs Inter & Milan L3) came in their first Serie A game at the Meazza, against Inter: 1-0 in April 2023, thanks to Luca Caldirola's goal in the 78th minute.
- Inter (1st 58 points) will begin MD28 six points clear of fourth (Juventus 52 points): in the era of three points for a win, this is the smallest gap between 1st and 4th position in Serie A after the first 27 matchdays.
- Inter have failed to win four of their last six games in Serie A (D2 L2): as many matches without a win as those recorded in their previous 17 league matches (D3 L1). Indeed, after their 1-1 draw with Napoli last time out, the Nerazzurri could draw two games in a row in the league for the first time in 2024-25 (this last happened in a single league season in the last two matchdays of the last Serie A campaign, v Lazio and Verona).
- Inter have won each of their last three home games in Serie A and could record four consecutive home wins for the first time in this edition of the tournament; the last precedent dates back to the series of nine consecutive league wins at the Meazza recorded between October 2023 and March 2024.
- Two of the three teams that have won fewer points than at this stage last season will face each other: -22 for Monza (14 points so far, 36 in the last league season) and -14 for Inter (58 points in 2024-25, 72 in 2023-24) between them Milan (-15).
- Monza have won 14 points in Serie A this term compared to their 26 Expected Points value, for a difference of -12; only Alavés in LaLiga (-13) have a higher such difference in the five major European Leagues 2024-25.
- This game will see Serie A's best attack take on the leagues third worst defence this season: 60 goals scored by Inter, 45 goals conceded by Monza (only less than the 56 conceded by Hellas Verona and the 46 conceded by Parma).
   Furthermore, the Nerazzurri (12) are second only to Juventus (14) for clean sheets, while only Lecce (18) have scored fewer goals than Monza this term (21).
- Lautaro Martínez has scored five goals in five appearances against Monza in Serie A; among the teams against which
  he has played at least 180 minutes in the competitions, only against Salernitana does he boast a better minutes/goal
  ratio than against the Biancorossi: one goal every 33' against Salernitana, one every 67' against the Brianza team.
- Keita Baldé who scored five goals in 24 appearances for the Nerazzurri in Serie A in 2018/19 has already scored
  three goals against Inter in the Italian top-flight (less only than the four he has scored against Fiorentina and Empoli):
  two with Sampdoria and one with Lazio. The Nerazzurri could become the first team against which he would score with
  three different clubs in the top-5 European Leagues.









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#### Hellas Verona - Bologna



- Hellas Verona will be looking to do the league double over Bologna for the first time in Serie A; In general, the last time they won two games in a row against the Rossoblu in the competition came back in December 1978.
- Hellas Verona are unbeaten in their last five games at the Bentegodi against Bologna in Serie A (W2 D3), the last away win for the Rossoblu came in November 2017 (3-2 with Roberto Donadoni as coach).
- Hellas Verona won their last home Serie A match against Fiorentina 1-0, and the Scaligeri could win two consecutive home games for the first time in Serie A this season; in addition, the Gialloblù have not recorded two clean sheets in a row at the Bentegodi since January 2023.
- Bologna have won their last two Serie A matches (against AC Milan and Cagliari), the Rossoblù have only once won three in a row in Serie A this season: between October and November (against Cagliari, Lecce and Roma).
- Bologna have won only one of their last seven away Serie A games (D4 L2): 2-0 against Torino in December. The Rossoblu have failed to score in their last two away matches in the top-flight and have not recorded three consecutive away games without a goal in the competition since January 2021.
- Only Roma (18) have scored more goals than Bologna (17) in 2025 in Serie A, while Hellas Verona are the team that has scored the fewest goals (three in nine games) since the turn of the year.
- Bologna have scored 42 goals in Serie A this season, the last season in which the Rossoblù scored more after 27 Serie A games of the season dates to 1996/97 (43) – last season at this stage, the Rossoblù had scored 41 goals.
- Bologna have won the most points from losing position in Serie A this season: 16, as many as they had collected in the entirety of last season.
- Only Bochum's Maximilian Wittek (67 33+34) has been involved in more shots without scoring or providing an assist (adding total shots and chances created for his teammates) than Tomás Suslov (53 - 29 shots and 24 chances created) in five major European leagues this season.
- Riccardo Orsolini (nine goals in Serie A this season) could become only the third Bologna player to reach 10+ goals in three different seasons in Serie A since 1994/95, after Marco Di Vaio (four in a row between 2008/09 and 2011/12) and Giuseppe Signori (four between 1998/99 and 2002/03).











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### Napoli - Fiorentina



- Both sides have earned two wins each in the last six Serie A meetings between Napoli and Fiorentina (2 draws). After a 3-0 win in the reverse fixture, the Partenopei could win both league games against the Viola for the first time since 2020/21.
- Napoli and Fiorentina have alternated between a win each in the last six Serie A matches played in Naples, with the Viola winning 3-1 in October 2023 in their most recent meeting. The Tuscans could win two Serie A away games in a row against the Partenopei for the first time since between 1994 and 1995 under Claudio Ranieri.
- For the first time ever an Antonio Conte managed team have gone five consecutive matches without a win in the big-5 European leagues (D4 L1). Napoli's last win in Serie A came back in January against Juventus.
- Napoli have drawn their last two league games at the Maradona stadium (1-1 against Udinese and Inter) and the Partenopei could draw three Serie A home games in a row for the first time since doing so between January and February 2010 under Walter Mazzarri (four).
- Fiorentina have conceded in each of their last six away league games (W1 D1 L4), after keeping a clean sheet in each of their previous five away games in Serie A (W4 D1).
- After defeats against Inter and Hellas Verona, Fiorentina could lose three away games in a row in Serie A for the first time since January/February 2024.
- Napoli have conceded the joint-most goals from outside the box in Serie A this season (8 level with Hellas Verona), while only Atalanta (9) and Roma (7) have scored more goals from outside the box than Fiorentina (6 level with Como and Udinese).
- Romelu Lukaku (9 goals currently) could score 10+ goals in a season for the 12th different time in the big-5 European leagues; since he first scored in such competitions with West Bromwich Albion in 2012/13, only Robert Lewandowski (13) has netted double figures in more different campaigns.
- Matteo Politano has scored four goals against Fiorentina in Serie A (2 for Sassuolo, 1 for Inter and 1 for Napoli) and only against AC Milan and Genoa has he netted more times in the top-flight (5 vs both).
- Robin Gosens has scored the most goals in the big-5 European leagues since his debut in such competitions in 2017/18
  (37), among full-backs. After his goal against Lecce last time out, he could score in back-to-back Serie A games for the
  first time since March 2021 (3 in a row, the first of which came against Napoli).







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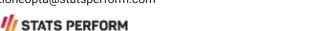
# **Empoli - Roma**



- Empoli have won their last two league games against Roma (2-1 in May and August 2024), after winning just three of their previous 31 Serie A games against the Giallorossi (D5 L23).
- Four of Empoli's five Serie A wins against Roma have come at Castellani stadium. The Azzurri could win two consecutive home games against the Giallorossi for only the second time in the top-flight, also doing so between October 2005 and February 2007.
- Empoli have won a smaller proportion of their total Serie A points this season in home games than any other side (36% 8/22).
- Roma have won their last four league games and the Giallorossi could win five consecutive Serie A matches for the first time since November 2017 under Eusebio Di Francesco.
- Empoli have scored the fewest home goals (5 in 13 games) in the big-5 European leagues this season and only two teams in Serie A history have netted fewer goals after 13 home games in a single season: Sampdoria in 2022/23 (3) and Mantova in 1967/68 (3).
- After keeping back-to-back clean sheets in away games at Venezia and Parma, Roma could keep three clean sheets in a row away from home in Serie A for the first time since September/October 2019.
- Only Bayern Munich (25) have picked up more points than Roma (23 in nine games) in 2025 in the big-5 European leagues. The Giallorossi have also scored the most goals (18) in Serie A this calendar year and have conceded the joint-fewest goals in 2025 (6 - level with Atalanta and Juventus).
- Lorenzo Colombo has been involved in seven goals (five goals, two assists) in 27 Serie A appearances this season: with
  a goal or assist, he would set his personal record in a single season in the competition (also 7 in 2022/23 with Lecce in
  33 games). In addition, Roma are one of three sides, along with Atalanta and Sampdoria, against which he has both
  scored and provided an assist in Serie A.
- Only Mateo Retegui (10) and Mattia Zaccagni (7) have been involved in more Serie A goals than Alexis Saelemaekers (6 - four goals and two assists) in 2025 (Randal Kolo Muani and Romelu Lukaku - also six). The Belgian winger has also this season set his personal record for goal involvements in a single season across the big-10 European leagues (8 six goals and two assists.
- Artem Dovbyk (nine goals in 2024-25) could become the third Roma player to score 10+ goals in his debut Serie A campaign since 2000, after Tammy Abraham (17 goals in 2021/22) and Borja Mayoral (10 goals in 2020/21).









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#### **Juventus - Atalanta**



- Juventus haven't lost in 38 of their last 40 matches against Atalanta in Serie A (W25 D13), the only two wins for the Dea
  in this period against the Bianconeri arrived in 2021 (between April and November).
- Since Gian Piero Gasperini arrived in Bergamo (since 2016-17), Juventus against Atalanta is the fixture with the most draws in Serie A: 11 in 17 games (four wins for the Bianconeri and two wins for the Dea).
- The last three league matches between Juventus and Atalanta have ended in a draw, only once have they recorded more consecutive draws in Serie A (5 between March 1964 and January 1966).
- Juventus' last win against Atalanta at the Allianz Stadium in Serie A was back in March 2018 (2-0 with goals by Higuaín and Matuidi); since then, in six league games at the Allianz Stadium between the two sides there have been five draws and one win for Atalanta.
- Juventus have won each of their last five league games, the last time they achieved at least six consecutive wins in Serie A was between October 2022 and January 2023 (8).
- Atalanta have kept a clean sheet in four consecutive Serie A matches for the first time since 2000; overall, only three
  times in their history in the top-flight have they recorded at least five clean sheets in a row (6 between December 1996
  and January 1997, 5 between October and November 1985 and 5 between January and February 1967).
- Gian Piero Gasperini has managed Atalanta in 331 league games; with the next match equalling Nils Liedholm with Roma (332) as the coach with the second-most matches with a single team in the history of Serie A, with only Giovanni Trapattoni ahead of them (402 with Juventus).
- Atalanta have scored the most goals from open play (45) in Serie A this season, while Juventus have conceded the fewest goals from open play (12).
- Khéphren Thuram has already set his record for the most goal involvements in a season in the big five European leagues (7 3 goals, 4 assists), he had reached six in 2021-22 and 2022-23 with Nice. In addition, only Dusan Vlahovic (10 9 goals, 1 assist) has been involved in more goals than the French midfielder among Juventus players in the current league season (Timothy Weah also on 7 5 goals and 2 assists).
- Marten de Roon (260 league appearances so far with Gian Piero Gasperini) is close to equalling Sebastien Frey with Cesare Prandelli (261) as the player with the most games played with a single manager in Serie A in the three points for a win era (since 1994-95).









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#### Lazio - Udinese

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- Udinese have won their last two league matches against Lazio (both 2-1), in March and August 2024; the Friulians could win three games in a row against the Biancocelesti in Serie A for the first time since between December 2004 and October 2005.
- There have been three wins each and four draws in the last 10 league matches between Lazio and Udinese, after the Biancocelesti had won nine of the 10 previous matches between these two teams in Serie A (D1).
- Udinese are unbeaten in their last four away league matches against Lazio (D2 D2), only once have the Friulians gone five away matches in a row without defeat against the Biancocelesti in Serie A, doing so between 1961 and 1990 (W2 D3).
- Lazio have won just one of their last six home league games (D3 L2), against Monza in February, after having recorded six wins and a draw in their first seven home games in Serie A this season.
- Udinese have won their last three league games without conceding goal, the Friulians could win four consecutive games in Serie A for the first time since between August and October 2022 (6), while the last time they recorded four clean sheets in a row in the competition was between April and May 2012, which was also the last time they recorded four successive wins with a clean sheet in each.
- Udinese have the largest positive difference between the points obtained in the current league season compared to those earned in the last Serie A season after 27 games (+15, 39 in 2024-25 and 24 in 2023-24), Lazio are third with +10 (50 in 2024-25 and 40 in 2023-24), with Napoli second (+14).
- Lazio have scored the most goals in the last 15 minutes of play (18) in Serie A this season, six of which in injury time, also the most.
- Mattia Zaccagni has been involved in seven goals in his last seven league matches (4 goals, 3 assists), only Mateo Retequi (10) has been involved in more goals than the Lazio captain (7) in 2025 in Serie A.
- Only Alexander Sørloth (6) has scored more goals than Pedro (5) as a substitute in the big five European leagues in 2024-25. Overall, this is his best season in terms of minutes/goal in the big five European leagues, averaging one goal every 118 minutes.
- Florian Thauvin has been involved in three goals against Lazio in Serie A (1 goal, 2 assists), a joint-record for him in the competition (3 also against Parma). Overall, he has netted seven goals in Serie A this season, the last season he scored more in the big five European leagues was back on 2020-21 with Marseille (8 goals).



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