



INSIGHTS - MATCHDAY 4

SERIE A - 2025/2026



LECCE



CAGLIARI

In Salento, the two teams have faced each other 20 times: the Giallorossi have won 11 times, there have been five draws, and the Sardinians have won four times.

Cagliari have won once in their last 10 games in Salento: on October 2, 2011 (2-0, goals from Biondini and an own goal from Brivio). The remaining results are five wins for the Giallorossi and four draws.

Cagliari had not earned four points in the first three games of a Serie A season since 2018/19. At the end of the season, the Sardinians finished 14th with 41 points, level with Fiorentina and Parma.

This will be the first meeting between Eusebio Di Francesco and Fabio Pisacane as coaches.

Eusebio Di Francesco, **Cagliari coach in 2020/21**, is the former player of the day: 26 official games with a record of 5 wins, 6 draws, and 15 defeats.

Fabio Pisacane played under Di Francesco at Cagliari in 2020/21 until January, when Pisacane moved to Lecce, making seven appearances under the Pescara-born coach.

As a player, **Fabio Pisacane** made 10 appearances without scoring **in official matches for Lecce** between January and June 2021.

Yerry Mina scored his fourth goal in Serie A last weekend, **again at home and again in the first half**, one of which was against Lecce, today's opponents, in the match on May 5, 2024, which ended 1-1 at the Domus.

Mattia Felici scored his first goal in Serie A. **The striker, born in 2001, has now scored in all three professional categories of Italian football.**



BOLOGNA



GENOA

There have been **58 official previous meetings between the two teams in Emilia**, with a record of 27 Bologna victories, 21 draws, and 10 Genoa successes.

In the last **6 matches in Bologna, the Grifone are undefeated, with 3 wins and 3 draws**. In these games, the ligurian rossoblù have always scored, for a total of 12 goals (an average of 2 goals per match).

Bologna's last victory over Genoa at the Dall'Ara stadium dates back to February **2018**, a 2-0 win with goals from Destro and Falletti.

Vincenzo Italiano played for Genoa from February to June 2005, making 9 official appearances without scoring.

The **only previous meeting between Vincenzo Italiano and Patrick Vieira** was Bologna vs. Genoa, which **ended 1-3 on the final day of the last Serie A season**.

In the 2024/25 Serie A season, **Riccardo Orsolini** scored **against Genoa in both the first leg** at Marassi (a 2-2 draw) and the **return leg** in Bologna (a 1-3 victory for the Ligurian side).

Riccardo Orsolini has reached double figures in goals for three consecutive Serie A Enilive seasons: he scored 11 goals in the 2022/23 tournament, 10 in the 2023/24 season, and 15 last year.

Lorenzo Venturino, a Genoa forward born in 2006, **scored a brace in Bologna on the final day of the 2024/25 Serie A season**. These were his first goals in the top flight, making **him one of the three youngest players to score at least two goals in Europe's top five leagues in the 2024/25 season**, a podium that also includes Lamine Yamal (Barcelona) and George Ilenikhena (Monaco).

HELLAS VERONA FC



VERONA



JUVENTUS

There have been 39 previous official matches in Verona: 13 wins for the Gialloblù, 15 draws, and 11 wins for the Bianconeri.

The Bianconeri have scored in 13 official matches at Verona, with a total of 21 goals; their last defeat came on April 30, 2000, in Serie A, when Verona beat Juventus 2-0 with a brace from Fabrizio Cammarata.

Verona made their Serie A debut against Juventus in Turin on September 8, 1957, losing 2-3. The goals came in the following order: Boniperti and Sivori put the Bianconeri 2-0 up, then Maccacaro made it 2-1 (scoring Verona's first ever goal in the top flight), followed by Charles making it 3-1 and Bassetti making it 3-2. In the final minutes, Stivanello missed a penalty for the Bianconeri.

In 1985, Verona-Juventus was the first all-Italian match in the history of the European Cup. The first leg in Verona ended 0-0, while the return leg in Turin saw the Bianconeri win 2-0 thanks to goals from Platini (penalty) and Serena. Stefano Pioli, now coach of Fiorentina, also played for Juventus in Turin, coming on in the 89th minute to replace Massimo Mauro.

The last four goals scored by Verona in Serie A (old and new season) and Coppa Italia **were scored by Serdar and Bradaric** (two each).

Juventus have nine points after three Serie A games: this has not happened since the 2018/19 season, when they won the eighth of their nine consecutive league titles.

Juventus have not won their first four Serie A games since 2018/19.

It was since 2020/21 that the Bianconeri had not scored seven goals in their first three games.

Including the Club World Cup, all of Juventus' goals in 2025/26 were scored by foreign players. The last goal scored by an Italian player was in the 3-2 win against Venezia in the last game of the 2024/25 season, with Manuel Locatelli scoring from the penalty spot. The same player scored the last Italian goal for the Bianconeri on April 6 in the league against Roma at the Olimpico.

Juventus had not scored four goals in a league match since February 2, 2025: Juventus-Empoli 4-1.

HELLAS VERONA FC



VERONA



JUVENTUS

Paolo Zanetti and Igor Tudor have met twice before, with the current Bianconeri coach winning both matches in the 2021/22 Serie A doubleheader between Venezia and Verona.

Tudor's former team: the Croatian coached Verona in the 2021/22 season, racking up 36 official appearances with a record of 14 wins, 11 draws, and 11 losses, totaling 53 points in the league and finishing ninth in the standings. After Tudor left, the Verona team finished their Serie A championships with lower scores and final positions.

Since joining Juventus, Michele Di Gregorio had conceded only three goals in Turin on one occasion: Juventus 0-4 Atalanta on March 9, 2025. In just a few days, he conceded seven, including three against Inter in Serie A and four in his Champions League debut against Borussia Dortmund.

Vasilije Adzic scored his first goal for Juventus in Serie A, becoming the youngest foreign player to score for the Bianconeri in a match against Inter in Serie A history (19 years and 124 days).

Lloyd Kelly is the fourth English player to score in Juventus history after Jordan (5 goals), Platt (4 goals), and Iling Junior (2).

Kenan Yildiz has scored 10 goals this calendar year (including 8 in the first half): 5 in Serie A, 1 in the Champions League, 3 in the Club World Cup, and 1 in the Italian Super Cup. He is the most prolific Bianconeri player from January to date. Vlahovic and Kolo Muani follow with 9 goals.



UDINESE



MILAN

There have been **52 official previous meetings between the two teams in Friuli**, with a record of 15 Udinese victories, 19 draws, and 18 Milan successes.

Milan has scored 7 goals in the last two matches played in Udine. Last year, the 0-4 result in Udinese vs. Milan was the largest away victory of the 2024/25 season for the rossoneri (goals by Leao, Pavlovic, Theo Hernandez, and Reijnders).

Udinese made their Serie A debut against Milan, losing 2-6 at San Siro on September 10, 1950. The goalscorers for the rossoneri were Liedholm, Annovazzi, Santagostino (brace), Renosto, and Nordahl, while for the Friulian team, Perissinotto (the first in bianconera history in the top division) and Rinaldi scored.

On May 16, 2009, the 2-1 result of Udinese vs. Milan secured the scudetto for Inter, the fourth consecutive title of the nerazzurri's five-year winning streak from 2006 to 2010.

Udinese has 7 points after 3 matches, the same as last year, and still with Runjaic as coach.

This is the first managerial encounter between Kosta Runjaic and Massimiliano Allegri.

Massimiliano Allegri faced Udinese 5 times as a player with a record of 1 win for the Tuscan coach (2-1 when he played for Perugia, scoring one of the two Umbrian goals), 2 draws (2-2 when he was at Pescara and 1-1 when he played for Napoli), and 2 defeats (1-2 with Pescara, 0-1 with Cagliari).

Iker Bravo, born on January 13, 2005, **has scored his 4th goal in official matches since playing in Italy** and is the third youngest player to have scored, both in the last round of the championship and in the first 3 rounds of the 2025/26 Serie A. The first is Vasilije Adzic (date of birth May 12, 2006), followed by Yildiz (born May 4, 2005).

Luka Modric is in **sixth place overall in the ranking of the oldest goalscorers in Serie A, from 1929/30 to the present day**. In the top two positions are two other former Milan players: Zlatan Ibrahimovic, who scored in March 2023 at 41 years, 5 months, and 15 days, and Alessandro Costacurta, who scored in May 2007 at 41 years and 25 days.

Luka Modric has also become the **oldest midfielder to score a goal in the history of Serie A** (40 years and 5 days), surpassing the record of Nils Liedholm (38 years and 169 days) who scored for the rossoneri against Inter.



LAZIO



ROMA

There have been 92 official derbies hosted by Lazio since the inception of the single round-robin format in 1929/30, with a record of **32 wins for the Biancocelesti, 30 draws, and 30 victories for the Giallorossi**.

Since Roma's most recent win away to Lazio—2–0 in Serie A in December 2016 (goals by Strootman and Nainggolan)—**ten city derbies have been played: six won by Lazio and four ending in draws**.

Across those ten winless derbies, Roma have scored four goals; **in seven of the ten, they failed to find the net**.

The Derby della Capitale **had not been played in September since 2021, when Lazio won 3–2**: Milinković-Savić, Pedro, and Felipe Anderson scored for Lazio; Ibañez and Veretout (pen.) for Roma.

On 7 September 1969, during a Coppa Italia derby at Lazio's home ground, **Roma were awarded a win by forfeit** after a power outage in the area around the Stadio Olimpico in the 87th minute. The match was not resumed and the sports judge awarded the victory to Roma. Fabio Capello—then a Roma player—was on the pitch that day.

In the first three matchdays of the 2025/26 Serie A season, **Roma have gone in at half-time at 0–0 each time**. Three goals have been recorded so far—two scored (Wesley 53', Soulé 55') and one conceded (Simeone 59')—all within the first 15 minutes of the second half.

Roma have lost only once in their last 12 away league matches across last season and this: Atalanta–Roma 2–1 on 12 May. The remainder is eight wins and three draws for the Giallorossi.

Facing off are **the two oldest head coaches** among the 20 in Serie A 2025/26: Gasperini (born 1958) and Sarri (1959).

Maurizio Sarri leads Gian Piero Gasperini seven wins to six, with eight draws, across their 21 previous meetings.

Mattia Zaccagni has scored two career goals against Roma, both decisive for Lazio: 1–0 in Serie A on 19 March 2023, and 1–0 in the Coppa Italia on 10 January 2024 (pen.).

Among the current squads, the player with the most goals in Roma–Lazio derbies is **Lorenzo Pellegrini, with three—one** each in 2018/19, 2021/22, and last season.



CREMONESE



PARMA

In Cremona, there have been 24 matches between the two teams: 9 victories for the grigiorossi (Cremonese), 10 draws, and 5 successes for the Emilian side (Parma).

The two teams had not faced each other in Serie A since November 1995, a 2-0 victory for Parma at the Zini stadium with goals from Fabio Cannavaro and Zola (from a direct free-kick).

Cremonese has 7 points in the standings. **A newly promoted team had not accumulated such a score after the first 270 minutes of a Serie A season since the 2010/11 tournament.** In the interim, only Sampdoria in 2012/13 performed better, with 8 points (3 wins in 3 matches, but with a 1-point penalty). At that time, it was Cesena, who was first in the standings, level with Inter.

Parma has 1 point in 3 matches and is without a win, **similar to the 2018/19 season**, when they avoided relegation with 41 points and a final fourteenth-place finish, level with Fiorentina and Cagliari.

This is **the first meeting** between coaches Davide Nicola and Carlos Cuesta.

Emil Audero had not kept a clean sheet in Serie A since April 1, 2024, in Inter vs. Empoli 2-0 (when he was playing for the nerazzurri).

Zion Suzuki has conceded a goal in 4 consecutive Serie A matches (7 total goals conceded). His last clean sheet dates back to May 18, 2025: Parma vs. Napoli 0-0.

The 5 Parma players who have been on the field for the entire duration of the first 3 Serie A matches, playing 270 out of 270 minutes, are: **Circati, Delprato, Pellegrino, Suzuki, and Valeri.**

**TORINO****ATALANTA**

There have been 64 official matches between the two teams in Turin, with Torino winning 32, drawing 20, and Inter winning 12.

On two occasions in Serie A—one win apiece—the matches between the two teams in Turin have seen unusual scores: 9-1 for Torino in 1941/42 (**still Atalanta's heaviest defeat in Serie A in a single round**) and 7-0 for Bergamo in 2019/20 (hat-trick by Ilicic, brace by Muriel, goals by Gosens and Zapata).

In the last seven meetings in Turin, there has never been a draw between the two teams (Serie A matches only): Torino have won three and Atalanta four. The last draw was 1-1 on December 2, 2017 (goals from Nkoulou for the hosts and Ilicic for the visitors).

Torino have not scored at home in Serie A for 283 minutes, with their last goal coming from Vlasic's penalty in the 77th minute of Torino 1-1 Venezia on May 2, 2025, followed by two 0-2 defeats against Inter and Roma and a 0-0 draw against Fiorentina.

Atalanta **have lost just one of their last 17 away games in Serie A** between last season and this season, with 12 wins and four draws. Their defeat came on March 30, 2025, when Fiorentina beat Atalanta 1-0.

Marco Baroni and Ivan Juric have faced each other six times, with the Granata coach yet to win: the record stands at one draw and five wins for the Atalanta coach.

Ivan Juric is the former player of the day at the Olimpico Grande Torino: for him in Granata colors, the record is 44 wins, 37 draws, and 41 losses in 122 official matches from 2021/22 to 2023/24.

Giovanni Simeone scored his first official goal in the 2025 calendar year. **His previous goal was in Lazio vs. Napoli** on December 5, 2024, in the Coppa Italia; in Serie A, he had not scored since August 25, 2024, in Napoli vs. Bologna.

Charles De Ketelere scored his **eighth brace in official matches with Italian clubs on the last day** (all with Atalanta), his 29th goal between Milan and Atalanta.

Nicola Zalewski scored his fourth goal in Serie A against Lecce. **His last goal was scored against Torino (at the Olimpico)** on May 11, 2025, while playing for Inter.



FIORENTINA



COMO

There have been 20 previous meetings between the two sides in Tuscany: Fiorentina have won 12, there have been three draws, and Como have won five.

Fiorentina had not collected two points in the first three games since 2019/20: in that season, the Viola had one point.

Como have won once by default in Florence: on April 4, 1976, in Serie A, Como lost 1-4 on the pitch, but the result was changed to 2-0 for Como following the serious injury of goalkeeper Rigamonti, who was forced to leave the field after being hit by a bolt thrown from the stands. The goalkeeper was replaced by Tortora at half-time with Como leading 1-0 (goal by Pozzato), then Fiorentina scored four goals in the second half (Desolati double, own goal by Renzo Rossi and Bresciani). The coach of that Como team was Osvaldo Bagnoli, who won the Scudetto with Verona in 1984/85.

This is **the first meeting** between Stefano Pioli and Cesc Fabregas as coaches.

Pioli had not collected two points in three games since the 2013/14 season, when he was in charge of Bologna.

After last week's 3-1 defeat, **David De Gea had not conceded three goals in a Serie A match since last season's first leg against Napoli** at the Franchi (3-0 last January).

Luca Ranieri has scored three goals in his last 11 official matches in a purple shirt: in Seville in the Conference League against Betis, at home against Polyssia, also in the Conference League, and last Saturday against Napoli in Serie A. The Viola have scored eight goals in the 2025/26 season, and the defender, with his two goals, is the top scorer.

Nico Paz scored his second goal of the season in Serie A and his eighth overall in our league. **Last year, he scored six times, the last of which was at the Franchi against Fiorentina** (2-0 in favor of the Lombards).

Nico Paz is the youngest player in Serie A 2025/26 to have scored two goals in the first three matchdays.



INTER



SASSUOLO

In Milan, there have been 11 official matches between the two teams: the Neroverdi lead with five wins to the Nerazzurri's four, with two draws completing the tally.

It was back in 2020/21, the year of the Nerazzurri's Scudetto win with Conte at the helm, **that Inter last conceded six goals in their first three Serie A matches.**

After three matchdays, **Inter have both the best attack** (nine goals scored) **and the worst defense** (six goals conceded, along with Lecce).

Inter had not started the season with three points after three games and six points behind the leaders since the 2011/12 season, when the Lombards had collected one point after three games and were six points behind Genoa, Juventus, and Udinese, all on seven points.

Emiliani have scored in five consecutive games at Inter: 10 goals in total, an average of two per game.

In the 2021/22 season, Sassuolo equaled a record: the Neroverdi won away at Juventus (1-2), Milan (1-3), and Inter (1-2), a feat achieved by only three other teams in Serie A: Torino and Vicenza in 1946/47, and Fiorentina in 1955/56.

Sassuolo's heaviest defeats in their history are three 0-7 losses, two of which were against Inter: one in Emilia in September 2013 and the other at San Siro in September 2014. The third 0-7 defeat came in February 2018, in Turin against Juventus.

Sassuolo scored three times in Serie A 2025/26, always in the middle of the second half, between the 61st and 75th minutes.

Chivu has been on the Inter bench for seven official matches (eight after the Champions League match between Ajax and Inter), including four at the Club World Cup and three in Serie A. **Eight players have featured in every game:** Barella, Bastoni, Carlos Augusto, Dimarco, Lautaro Martinez, Mkhitaryan, Sommer, and Sucic, but only the goalkeeper has remained on the pitch for the entire 630 minutes plus stoppage time. Lautaro Martinez and Thuram lead the scoring charts with three goals each.

This will be the first meeting between Cristian Chivu and Fabio Grosso as coaches.

Fabio Grosso played for Inter in the 2006/07 season, making 35 appearances and scoring 3 goals, when the Nerazzurri won Serie A and the Italian Super Cup.



INTER



SASSUOLO

As players, Chivu and Grosso faced each other nine times, with four wins apiece and one draw. They met twice in finals: in August 2006 in the Italian Super Cup (Inter 4-3 Roma) and in May 2007 in the Coppa Italia (Roma 6-2 Inter).

Hakan Calhanoglu, with 52 goals in Serie A, is the most prolific Turkish player in the history of the top flight. His strike against Juventus was his third brace in the competition.

Before Marcus and Khephren Thuram, the last two brothers to score in the same Serie A match were the Insignes in Benevento 1-2 Napoli on October 25, 2020.

Domenico Berardi has scored four goals at San Siro against Inter in the 2015/16, 2017/18, 2019/20, and 2023/24 seasons. In total, he has scored eight goals in his career against the Nerazzurri (four goals in Emilia).

Alieu Fadera scored his second Serie A goal in the previous round, almost a year after his first, which came on September 24, 2024, in Atalanta vs. Como while playing for the Larians.



NAPOLI



PISA

There have been 14 previous official games between the two teams in Naples: 10 wins for Napoli, 3 draws, and 1 win for the Tuscan side.

The last match in Naples dates back to August 2007 in the Coppa Italia, with a 3-1 win for the Azzurri in extra time thanks to a hat-trick by Lavezzi, after Kutuzov had given the visitors the lead.

Pisa won 1-0 in Naples in Serie A in January 1986, with Berggreen scoring the decisive goal. The coaches were Ottavio Bianchi for the home team and Vincenzo Guerini for the Tuscan side.

Napoli had not won the first three games of Serie A since the 2021/22 season, when they were on nine points, along with Roma and Milan. At the end of the season, the Azzurri finished third.

If Napoli win against Pisa, it would be the first time the Azzurri win their first four Serie A matchdays since 2021/22.

After three matchdays, Napoli have the best defense in Serie A, along with Roma (both conceding one goal).

Pisa are still looking for a goal from one of their own players in the 2025/26 season: they failed to score in the Coppa Italia in Cesena and in two out of three Serie A games. The Nerazzurri's only goal was scored in Bergamo on the first day of Serie A, an own goal by Hien.

Pisa have not won in Serie A for 12,552 days: their last victory was on May 12, 1991, when Pisa beat Bari 1-0.

Antonio Conte, in 41 Italian league games as a coach, has lost only once in September (September 2006 in Serie B, Arezzo-Bari 0-1), with 24 wins and 16 draws. Considering only Serie A, he is unbeaten in 26 games played in September, with 19 wins and 7 draws.

Among the 20 Serie A coaches, Antonio Conte is the coach with the highest points average in the Italian professional leagues: 2.06. In this ranking, Massimiliano Allegri is in second place (1.87) and Fabio Grosso is in third place (1.72).

In September, Gilardino's teams have an average of 0.90 points, the result of 4 wins, 6 draws, and 10 losses in 20 Italian league matches.



NAPOLI



PISA

First clash between Antonio Conte and Alberto Gilardino as coaches.

Second goal in three Serie A games for Kevin De Bruyne. **So far, nine Belgian players have scored more than 10 goals in Serie A.** The top scorer is former Napoli player Dries Mertens with 113 goals, followed by Lukaku (84) and Oliveira (72). The first player in double figures that De Bruyne could catch up with is Cyril Ngonge, with 10 goals.

It took Rasmus Hojlund 14 minutes to score his first goal in Serie A 2025/26. He has scored 10 goals in Italy's top flight, none of which were penalties. **The Dane had never scored so early in Serie A in terms of minutes played.** Until now, he had scored one goal in the first half (in the 41st minute against Salernitana) and eight in the second half.