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Look for updates of upcoming events on our website, via email and through our Facebook and Twitter accounts.

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Let's get together and watch the Juventus games at our Game Day Home:
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As soon as the membership cards are in our hands, they are in yours. Look to our social media sites for the announcement of their arrival and when you can come pick up your black and white treasures.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

The club's Christmas dinners are always a thing of joy. Put aside time to socialize with your fellow *juventini* and find yourself in a wonderful world of new friendships and lasting bonds.

Stand by for information.

POKER TOURNAMENT

The Juventus Official Fan Club TORONTO's Poker Tournament gathers as much excitement as it does poker chips.

Details for this year's spring event will be released as it becomes available.

TRIP TO ITALY

Join us on one of our annual trips to Italy to see Juventus!
Game at the stadium, Headquarters Tour and City Tour
are just some of the many events planned.
Stay tuned for details.



ANNUAL PICNIC

Celebrate Juventus' end of season successes with our Annual Picnic in June at the Azzurri Sports Village. Come out and enjoy the sun, the food and the friendships!



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Jamie Paolinetti

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A Note from the Editor



Tiziana Pace

Editor in Chief Principal Writer Copy Writer

Dear readers,

Another year has come and gone, Juventus has added more trophies to its esteemed shelf and I couldn't be prouder. Though the disappointment of the Champions League Final still stings, it is times like these that allow the team to reflect, grow and come back even stronger.

I'm excited about this new season, as I am every season, because watching Juventus brings me such joy. But it's not just the team that's important here but all the things that the team promotes in my life; it takes me to places that I've never visited before; it puts me in touch with new people; it helps me to have new experiences and it has promoted deeper feelings in me. Among all of this, we enjoy together, we laugh together and sometimes we cry together. But how else would we be able to fully appreciate the highs without also feeling the lows. The camaraderie that comes from loving the same team extends beyond the field of play. It stays with us long after the final whistle has blown.

Some of our members had the opportunity to travel to Cardiff to see Juventus vs Real Madrid. Hearing them describe their emotions (see pages 24-26) sent shivers across my arms and made me feel like I was there with them. Now, coupled with the fantastic games that led Juventus to the final, I will forever remember Jack Giannone returning from his trip and telling us about both his physical and emotional journey with such elation and fervor that his eyes glistened with tears. I thank him for sharing that experience with me and, thus, making me a part of it.

THAT is how memories are made!

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e President's Addres



Carissimi amici Juventini,

Vi abbraccio tutti con affetto e stima.

Con questo nuovo zeb vi portiamo a conoscenza di tantissimi avvenimenti del nostro club, ma sopratutto per ricordare il grande Gaetano Scirea che ha fatto la storia della Juventus e della Nazionale negli anni 1974 -1988. Moltissimi di voi Juventini di una certa eta' lo ricorderanno molto bene, ma tra i giovani Juventini forse pochi avranno sentito di Scirea, se non attraverso i parenti. Ecco, con questo zeb vogliamo far loro conoscere chi era Gaetano Scirea grande Campione nel rettangolo di giuoco come nella vita.

lo personalmente voglio ricordare alcuni dei miei momenti di quegli anni: ogni volta che ero in Italia, partivo da casa (Casalbordino), tante volte da solo. Ero giovane e c'era tanta voglia di vedere la Juve. In quegli anni i giocatori che mi avevano colpito di piu' erano Zoff, Scirea e Bettega. Poi` in quella Juve c'erano tanti altri giocatori forti. Ricordiamo nel 1978 al mondiale dell'Argentina un gruppo notevole di Juventini che fecero parte di quella

Nazionale. E poi nel 1982 la conquista della Coppa del Mondo a Madrid con la partecipazione di 6 Juventini: dovevano essere 7 se Bettega non si fosse infortunato.

Dopo il mondiale il grande Presidente Boniperti riporta la Juve a Toronto, questa volta al completo con tutti i nazionali piu` Platini e Boniek. Ricordo insieme ad alcuni amici di aver speso due giorni interi con i giocatori della Juventus, facendo foto con tutti. Ad un certo punto ecco l'incontro con Gaetano Scirea. Gentilmente lo avvicinai e ali chiesi se potevo avere una foto insieme a lui. Rispose di si` e poi giro` la testa verso la finestra. Per un'attimo rimasi col ma lui mi disse, fiato sospeso. "andiamo fuori che c'e` il sole cosi la

foto viene meglio." Carissimi amici juventini, rimasi folgorato da tanta disponibilita' da parte di Gaetano Scirea. Il cuore mi batteva forte ed ero pieno di gioia. Avevo conosciuto un signore di persona oltre al grande aiocatore.

Per concludere, voglio ringraziare tutte quelle persone che hanno contribuito alla realizzazione di auesto zeb magazine, cominciando dagli sponsor, alla gentilissima Sig. Mariella Scirea, al Sig. Roberto Bettega, al lavoro di Tiziana Pace, Mario Rossi ed

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GUB NEWS

WHAT'S CHANGED

Our beloved Juventus has introduced a new logo! So it stands to reason that our logo has changed too. Furthermore, to bring the worldwide Juventus family together, the officially recognized clubs are no longer called "CLUB DOCs" but "Official Fan Clubs." Hence, it is with great pride and enthusi-

JUVENTUS OFFICIAL FAN CLUB TORONTO

asm that together we embark on this journey as *The Juventus Official Fan Club TORONTO*. But fear not: while the name has changed, none of the membership benefits have.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors has had a couple changes since our last issue. Counselors Jack Giannone and Enrico Iafolla have been added to the fold. We welcome them to our insanity!

Leaving the Board are Tony Ciamarra, who served as our club's Vice President for many years, and Rocco Fasano, who continues to be spectacular and engaging on our social media. We wish them both the best with their new endeavors. As an interim Vice President, the Board unanimously voted in Gina Pace.

But don't get too comfortable with this set-up. The club's Annual General Meeting comes up at the beginning of October and it is an election year. We may still see some changes in the Board but the desire to give you a quality experience as members of our club will never change.

OUR CLUB ON THE RADIO

You just can't keep our Club President, Vince Carlucci from talking about Juventus. But why should we? There's so much to talk about! His raves keep us out there in the news and keep people talking about us. Great job, Mr. President!!

SOCIAL MEDIA

UPDATES

The Juventus Official Fan Club TORONTO would like to remind you that you can stay updated and engaged with the happenings of our club by visiting our website, joining our Facebook group or subscribing to our Twitter account. We are just a click away.

CLUB EVENTS

We always have our hands in something! Between picnics, dinners, game days, poker tournaments and other special events, it's no wonder that we are such a wonderfully growing family. Keep track of what's coming up on our social media sites so you never miss out on our exclusive member events.



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IN MEMORIAM

Lo Juventus Fan Club Ufficiale TORONTO ha perso un membro caro. Dani Boni era sempre vicino a noi e la sua mancanza si sentira` profondamente.



Danny Boni e` venuto a mancare nella mattina di domenica 2 aprile, 2017. Danny era nato a Supino nel Lazio nel maggio del 1952. All'eta` di 14 anni era emigrato con la madre in

Canada. Fin da giovane si era fatto conoscere ed apprezzare nell'ambito della comunita` Laziale ed italiana. Virtuoso del sassofono aveva creato la New





Image Band, complesso musicale molto noto nell'ambiente della communita`. Successivamente si era dedicato ai viaggi con la sua agenzia Tempo Travel. Poi, negli ultimo 14 anni,

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So many events, so much fun! But in case you missed any of them, here's a rundown of what we've been up to this past year. These are the ways that we keep our Juventus family strong.

Christmas Party December 2016

Last year the club had its Annual Christmas Party at the lovely Via Mercanti Ristorante in Vaughan. With the holiday spirits high, it's always fun times for all as we eat, reminisce, enjoy each other's company and even listen to a live band play all of our Italian favourites. Good times for all!









Above, members enjoying a fabulous Christmas meal together. Once the wine started flowing, some very memorable stories emerged.

Game Days Throughout the year

Game days at our Azzurri Sports Village headquarters are a blast! We make sure that we're there and our President makes sure that we are hydrated and fed. All that's left is to watch our team go!









Scenes of our members catching the game, hanging out and posing with their favourite banner.

Trip to Italy May 2017

It's part of our annual scheduling to put together a trip to Italy to see a Juventus game and attend some exclusive club member events. This year, members were able to go to Torino in May to see both Juventus vs Torino (Serie A) and Juventus vs Monaco (Champions League). The bianconeri always bring us together.











Our members spread across the city:
(above) Club Board Member and
Membership Coordinator Steve Venere
showing us what it means to be a fan;
(top center) an interior shot of the
Juventus Stadium; (top left) Antonio
Pirrone, Steve and Club President Vince
Carlucci getting psyched for the games;
(side left) Vince and Steve holding the
game day scarf; (at left) Vince posing
with the President of the Juventus
Centro Co-Ordinamento Mariella Scirea.



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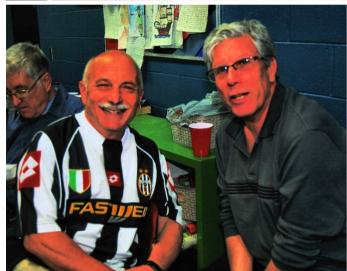


Champions League Final June 3, 2017

It was a day that started with much excitement and anticipation. Though the result didn't go our way, that didn't stop us from accepting the constant hospitality of The Azzurri Sports Village. We mingled, did some internet interviews, had some deep discussions and then comforted each other.









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Our members standing together for the big game. We watched the game, supported each other and then consoled each other. The important thing is that we were there together.

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Annual Picnic June 2017

Don't think for a minute that we let the torrential rain ruin our picnic day. We just moved the festivities inside! That's what happens when your picnic is at the Azzurri Soccer Village! They are always accommodating and we always have fun.







Having a great time: (top left, from left) Daniele Pirillo, his son Daniele Jr. and Sonia Martel; (top right) Maria Fernandez and husband and Club Board Member Jack Giannone striking a pose with our team flag.









Visions of satisfaction: (top left) Daniele Pirillo with his dog (it was a picnic, after all!); (top right) a much-deserved "cheers" for our beloved Juventus; (bottom right) Board Member Steve Venere with his wife Teresa working hard at carving our Porchetta. They are amazing! They do this every year!; (bottom left) the delicious Juventus cake made for us by Rustic Bakery.







At the top, a panoramic shot of our picnic group; (bottom left) visitors from Italy who swung by to celebrate with us; (bottom right) Board Members (from left) Lina Tullo, Gina Pace (Vice President) and Franco Luciani, sporting their end of season shirts, a gift to the Board from Gina.

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Juventus Invades the US

This summer was the perfect time to be a member of the Juventus Official Fan Club TORONTO. Whether in Italy or around the world, membership always has its benefits. During Juventus' participation in the International Champions Cup this summer, club members were able to travel to the US to watch the team, attend practices, Meet & Greets and other exciting events - all because of their membership to our club.

Juventus vs Barcelona in New York July 22, 2017

So off they all went to an adventure in New York which would see Juventus pitted against Barcelona. Though we lost 1-2, the memories that we all made are irreplaceable.









The excitement at the New York event: (top left) the line-ups being presented at the Metlife Stadium; (top center, from left) Donna Spinelli and Angela Spadafora; (top right, from left) Marco Spinelli and Anthony Spadafora; (side left, from left) at a field-side Meet & Greet, Club Secretary Tiziana Pace and Christina Salvino: (below from left) Tiziana posina with Pirlo and then the unforgettable Davids; Christina with Buffon and Rincon.







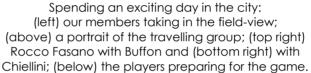


Juventus vs Roma in Boston July 29, 2017

Another group of ours went on their own adventure to see Juventus vs Roma in Boston. They were lucky enough to have an extended game: after the 1-1 tie, Juventus won on penalty kicks.











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SIDE KICK:

"Too many of us are not living our dreams because we are living our fears." Les Brown

2017/2018 Soccer Results

Current Serie A Standings

18 Napoli	8 Bologna
18 Juventus	7 Fiorentina
16 Inter	6 Cagliari
13 Lazio	4 Spal
12 Roma	4 Sassuolo
12 Milan	4 Crotone
11 Sampdoria	3 Udinese
11 Torino	2 Genoa
8 Atalanta	2 Verona
8 Chievo	0 Benevento

As of September 29, 2017

Juventus Games Played

July 22	1-2 Juventus v Barcelona	ICC
July 27	2-3 Paris Saint-Germain v Juventus	ICC
July 30	1-1 Roma v Juventus (Juve 5-4 on pen)	ICC
Aug 19	3-0 Juventus v Cagliari	Serie A
Aug 26	2-4 Genoa v Juventus	Serie A
Sept 9	3-0 Juventus v Chievo	Serie A
Sept 12	3-0 Barcelona v Juventus	CL
Sept 17	1-3 Sassuolo 1 3 Juventus	Serie A
Sept 20	1-0 Juventus v Fiorentina	Serie A
Sept 23	4-0 Juventus v Torino	Serie A
Sept 27	2-0 Juventus v Olympiakos	CL

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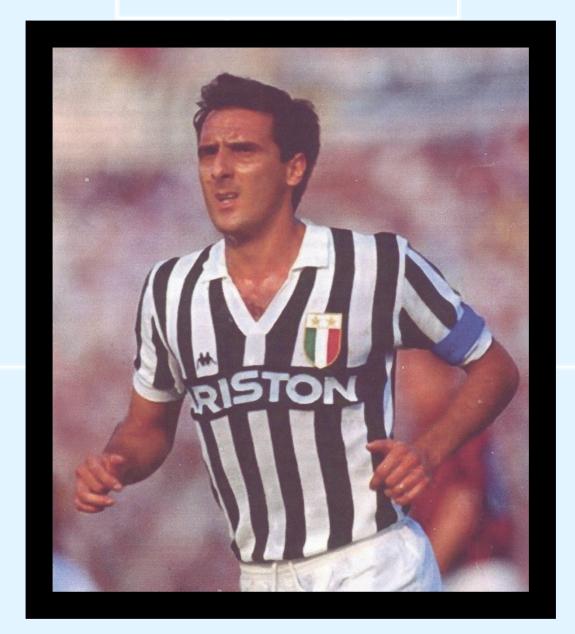
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"Every great story on the planet happened when someone decided not to give up but kept going no matter what." Spryte Lorianno



The Unforgettable Gaetano Scirea



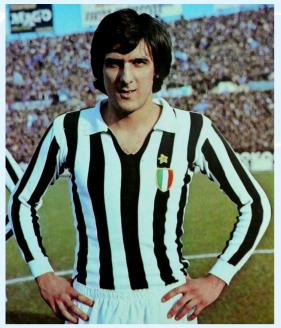


Considered by many as one of the greatest defenders of all time, Gaetano Scirea's story is one rich with both excitement and sophistication.

Let's take a walk along the path of the life of Scirea, one that took him from Carnusco sul Naviglio in Milano, to the heights of soccer royalty, with an elegance of character that was felt both on and off the field.















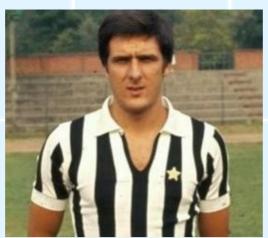


Gaetano Scirea was born on May 25, 1953 in Carnusco sul Naviglio in the province of Milan. He began training with Atalanta in the early 1970s and played his debut Seria A game against Cagliari in September 1972. He remained with Atalanta for two years until his move to Juventus where he would play the rest of his career.

Though he began as a midfielder, he played the majority of his career as a sweeper. He was able to help defend as well as give his input to the attacking potential of the team, even sometimes scoring himself. Though, later on in his career he moved back to play predominantly in his defensive position.











"La Juve e` qualcosa di piu` di una squadra, non so dire cosa, ma sono orgoglioso di farne parte." Gaetano Scirea

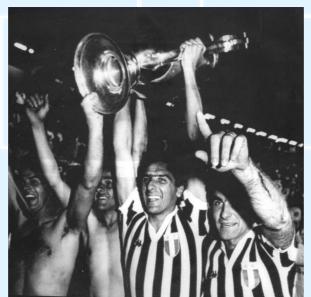


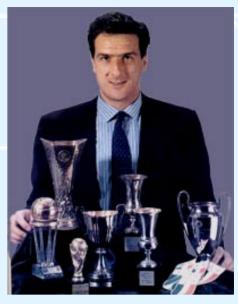
People would often comment on his poise and elegance on the field. His moves were well-paced and often mesmerizing: it seemed as though he read his opponents and anticipated their moves with his swift counteractions. His style was tactically sophisticated as he displayed boldness during play that was not accompanied by the usual roughness of other players in his position. In fact, in his entire career, Scirea never earned a red card.

Aside from his on-field play, it was his personality that won Gaetano so many fans. He was calm, contemplative and decisive. He has been described by many as a true gentleman, treating people with kindness and respect, leading them to exalt him even more.











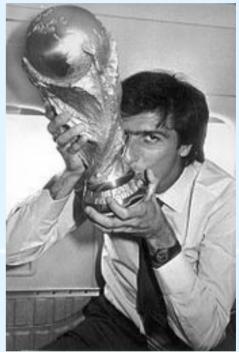


Throughout his career Scirea played alongside greats such as Antonio Cabrini, Claudio Gentile and Dino Zoff. His leadership abilities were paramount as he led as captain of both Juventus and the Italian National Team. With him, Juventus dominated the domestic Italian soccer scene. With Juventus, Scirea went on to win every UEFA and domestic cup. In fact, he is one of only 5 players to have ever won all international club trophies recognized by UEFA and FIFA.









His international debut with the Italian National Team came in December of 1975 against Greece. He would be called for the team for over a decade. Along with his Juventus teammates, Scirea made up one of the strongest Italian defences ever seen. It is not surprising then that, even after a slow start to the tournament, in 1982, he went on to win the World Cup with the Italians.

During this time, aside from his soccer families, Gaetano married Mariella with whom he had a son, Riccardo.

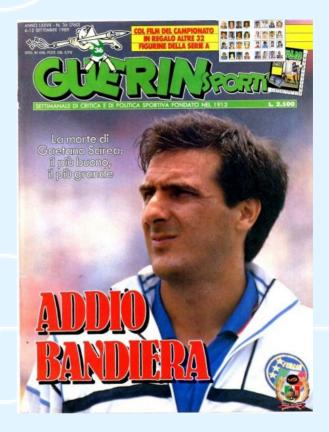
Though he retired from the game in 1988, he later took on the role of Juventus scout.



Il mondo sportivo sconvolto dalla tragica fine del calciatore

ADDIO CAPITAN SCIREA!





In the summer of 1989, while returning from Poland where he had scouted Juventus' upcoming UEFA Cup rival, Scirea was involved in a head-on collision with a truck that took his life. To say that his death was a tragedy is an understatement. But let's not fall in the trap of allowing how he died to eclipse how he lived.

"Nessuno e` stato grande come Gaetano. Perche` gli altri, compresi i sommi Beckenbauer e Baresi, erano difensori che avanzavano. Lui era difensore in difesa, centrocampista vero a centrocampo, attacante vero in attacco. Era Unico." Gianni Crimella



RICORDI DI GAETANO... MIO MARITO

Molti mi dicono: "Sono trascorsi già vent'anni". Eh già: 28 anni...

Ricordo la sua partenza per Loodz.

Erano le quattro del mattino del 2 settembre 1989, portava un abito blu con una camicia bianca e con il suo sguardo triste.

Anche se "Gai" non riteneva opportuno ritornare in Polonia a rivisionare lo ZABRE, una squadra di prima divisione (il suo commento), che la Juventus avrebbe incontrato la settimana successiva allo stadio Comunale di Torino per la Coppa UEFA.

Dicevo uno sguardo triste ma tanti progetti, sogni che probabilmente sarebbero diventati presto realtà se una maledetta FIAT 125 di colore scuro non avesse perso il controllo andandosi a schiantare contro un furgoncino. Uno schianto e poi fiamme e tanto fumo nero che hanno soffocato vite umane, anche le nostre. Il papà Stefano, mamma Giuditta con i figli che hanno perso un tassello importante della loro splendida famiglia ed io e Riccardo, un dolore che ci portiamo ancora oggi nel cuore, sempre più forte.

Quante volte ho creduto di essere la protagonista di un brutto sogno, e mi svegliavo con la certezza di avere ancora "Gai" al mio fianco per far crescere Riccardo.

Costruire insieme quel progetto di famiglia a lui tanto caro.

È vero, sono trascorsi 28 anni, ma il ricordo è sempre presente. lo sono rimasta ferma alle 4 di quel mattino di settembre dell'89 e lo vivo ancora oggi con malinconia per quello che è successo ma anche con entusiasmo per quello che mi ha insegnato Gaetano. Ci ha lasciato, ma io ho ricevuto un grande dono. Riccardo ormai è un uomo e crescendo assomiglia sempre di più a suo padre, nelle fattezze fisiche ma soprattutto caratteriali, facendo suoi i valori di "Gai": correttezza, onestà, umiltà. Grazie Gaetano.

Mariella Scirea





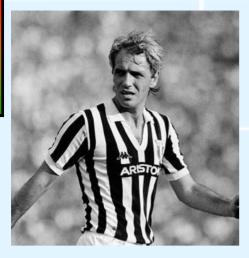
The strength of his game and his character have resulted in an extensive legacy for Gaetano Scirea. The curva sud in the Juventus Stadium (as well as that of the former Stadio delle Alpi) is known as Curva Scirea. His name has been attached to various youth tournaments encouraging the growth of tenacity and skill, as well as sportsmanship awards to those demonstrating excellence on the field.

Statistiche 397 presense In Serie A

78 presense in nazionale

- 7 scudetti Serie A
- 2 Coppa Italia
- 1 Coppa UEFA
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Roberto Bettega, intervistato da Vince Carlucci telefonicamente a Torino per zeb, ricorda Gaetano Scirea, compagno di mille battaglie e amico personale. Con un po di commozione, "Bobby Gol" inizia a raccontarmi la storia del suo compagno e amico scomparso in un incidente stradale in Polonia il 3 settembre, 1989.

"Gaetano quando arrivò alla Juve era giovane, e gli fu assegnata la camera insieme a me. Sai, la società l'aveva portato alla Juve per rimpiazzare Salvadore che aveva saputo dare alla Juve una grande impronta nel ruolo di libero. Era una grande responsabilità e Gaetano era giovane e timido."

"All'inizio," continua Bettega, "era un po' timoroso. Non gli sembrava vero di giocare nella Juve. Pero', dopo un po' di tempo cominciò a giocare molto bene e in breve diventò il leader della difesa davanti al grande Zoff."

"Oltre ad essere un collega, è nata con Gaetano una vera amicizia. Nel ruolo di libero Gaetano. con la sua classe limpida e con eleganza riusciva a giocare in quasiasi zona del campo sempre pronto ad aiutare il compagno di squadra. In difesa sbrogliava le situazioni più difficili con molta semplicità e correttezza. Basta ricordare il suo curriculum: mai espulso in 14 anni nella Juve. Era forte in difesa, lo stesso quando era a centrocampo e in attacco. Lo dimostrano le 32 reti segnate come attaccante. Tante volte partiva dalla difesa, percorreva tutto il campo con una facilita' ed eleganza nella sua corsa."

"Uno dei ricordi piu' belli fu la conquista della Coppa UEFA a Bilbao. Era così contento e pieno di gioia per la vittoria. Poi arrivò anche la conquista dello scudetto. Tutti ricorderete che in quella JUVE eravamo tutti giocatori Italiani."

"Prima delle partite in ritiro si

doveva essere concentrati alla partita del giorno dopo. Gaetano non parlava troppo, con i suoi sguardi ti faceva capire. Ricordo con il passare del tempo era nato una forte amicizia anche con le nostre famiglie. Tante volte si andava insieme anche in villeggiatura, come quando siamo andati a Venezia e visitato i posti più belli. Gaetano era molto felice."



"Voglio concludere ricordando che Gaetano amava moltissimo la sua famiglia, sua moglie Mariella e suo figlio Riccardo."

Though it has been 28 years since his passing, Gaetano Scirea is remembered as one of the strongest defenders to set foot on the field and one of the gentlest souls off it. It is with great pleasure that we remember and applaud the greatness of our Juventus comrade.

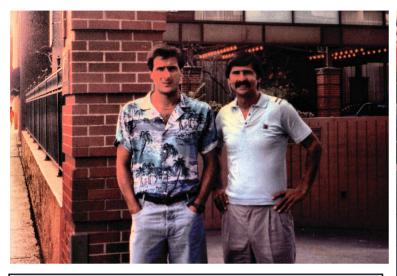
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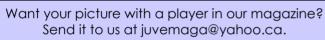
Roberto Bettega





This is the spot where you send us your pictures with your favourite Juventus personalities and the rest of us gush over them and say how lucky you are. Sounds like fun, no?









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Beautiful memories in honour of this issue's special insert; (top left) Club President Vince Carlucci poses with Gaetano Scirea outside the Park Plaza Hotel in Toronto in 1983; (top right) Vince and Gaetano inside Varsity Stadium; (above) Joe Bonavota and his daughter Maria getting an autograph from in Washington in 1982.

Our Members Were There

Champions League Final: Juventus vs Real Madrid

When we say that following Juventus brings us immense joy and emotion, were aren't just talking.

Some of our members were able to fly to Cardiff and watch the final live.

To describe it as unforgettable would be an understatement.

But why try to tell you how it was when we can let their words speak for themselves.

Jack Giannone - his personal account

Never in a million years would I have believed I would be in *curva* with fellow Juventini - in a Champions League final against Real Madrid to boot! Well ladies and gentleman, it happened! And let me tell you that, except for the final score, I loved every minute of it.

Once I got wind of the opportunity to purchase tickets, I jumped on it. I immediately called Rocco Fasano and the conversation went something like this:

Me: I need to go!

Rocco: You need my permission to ao where?

Me: Dude I need to go to the final.

Rocco: I made a request for a ticket.

Me: Yes, I know. We are the first ones.

Thanks to the Juventus Club DOC of Toronto, our memberships, and the help of Vince, Steve, Dino and Tiziana, we were able to secure one ticket each.

Once I arrived in London and settled in, I went to Rocco and Dom Coppola's hotel. I hadn't seen Dom in years. (Those were great times Mino!) We had some dinner and then I went for a quick stroll. In

my travels I saw the Jubilee Bridge, the London Eye, Big Ben and Buckingham Palace. It was nice and all but.....I wanted tomorrow to come so badly! I called it a night and went back to my room and prayed to the soccer gods for a win.

The next morning, as From left, soon as we arrived at Paddington station, we could tell that something special was happening. There were thousands of people there with the same purpose: to watch Spanish royalty against La Vecchia Signora of Italy. The anticipation grew stronger and stronger with every stop. After two hours and 20 minutes of a beautiful scenic train ride, we finally arrived at our destination: CARDIFF!!!

It wasn't until we went to pick up our tickets that I realized that it wasn't just me; there were thousands of die-hard Juventini like myself who traveled thousands of kilometers to stand in unison in our colours, supporting our team. With tickets firmly in my hands we walked the streets of Cardiff towards the stadium.

As we approached the Millennium Stadium we could feel the passion in the air. The butterfly's in my stomach grew stronger and stronger. After our third security check we were in the stadium. Once I sat in my seat I was relieved. The seats were second level, third row, between the



From left, Jack Giannone with Rocco Fasano

corner flag and the start of the eighteen yard box. FANTASTIC SEATS! The buzz in the air was unreal I had goosebumps everywhere. With the opening ceremonies completed, the players took their formation. The referee blew the whistle to start the game.

Watching with intensity, my heart was beating at 98 beats per minute - ask Rocco, we checked on my Fitbit. We exchanged very few words during the game, but what I did say was:

At Real Madrid's 1-0: Rocco don't worry.

At 1-1: Holy SH@T, what a goal!

At 2-1: Rocco, I'm not worried.

At 3-1: Ok Rocco, whenever you are ready.

At 4-1: WOW

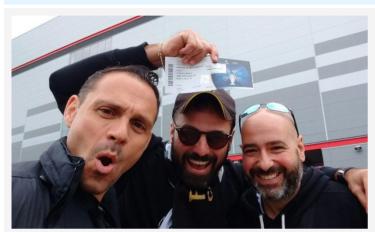
I was unapproachable for at least an hour: so disappointed, so upset. All that was running through my mind was that I couldn't believe that we lost. This was our year. The soccer gods thought differently.

To take a trip abroad and go support my team in a Champions League final was surreal. A dream of mine for a as long as I can remember and thanks to the Juventus Club DOC Toronto it came true. I only hope I can relive this again to support my team, my colours, my crest.

Sempre Juve.. Fino alla fine!!!



From left: Rocco Fasano, Lucho, Jack Giannone, Dom Coppola



From left: Rocco Fasano, Lucho, Jack Giannone

cided to go.

In that phone call, Jack told me that we had both made separate requests for a single ticket to the Juventus Club DOC Toronto. My membership (\$65/season) enabled me to gain access to a ticket at face value for the big match. Membership has its benefits!

to go to Cardiff. Juventus played a decent (but not excellent) first half. Alas for my bianconeri, the first half was paired with a second that left wanting in terms of physical intensity. An emphatic loss to put an unsightly dent in a wonderful trip. Despite the disheartening loss, I will look back on the positive aspects of the weekend: I had some delicious food in the company of some pretty cool people, who were my acquaintances before this trip and I now consider friends.

Rocco Fasano - as reported on catenaciona.blogspot.ca

On my commute home one cool evening in May I feel my phone buzzing in my jacket's pocket. I pick up.

"Hey, man, listen. I've got to tell you something: I've got to go", my friend Jack says.

"And you need my permission?" I reply jokingly.

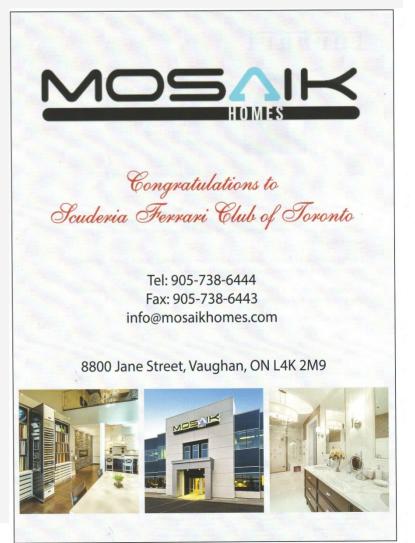
"No, dude, I have to go to the final".

With these words, Jack opened a door for me to complete the dream of a lifetime: to watch Juventus play and - let's not kid anyone - win a Champions League Final.

Another acquaintance of mine, Dom, had already planted a little bug in my ear, suggesting that we meet in Cardiff for the final before Juve's second semifinal against Monaco, generously offering to split his accommodations with me if I de-

With logistics set, the long anticipated departure date ame. Our WhatsApp silly group appropriately named "Ce ne andiamo a Cardiff" ("We to are aoina Cardiff", after the chant that Juventus players sang in change room after seeing off Monaco) is buzzing with excitement and becomes populated with pictures of boarding passes, links on the match, videos. and

Before we knew it, Saturday snuck up on us and it was time



Dom Coppola - his personal account -

I have been a Juventus supporter for as long as I can remember. It is something that has been part of my family since my great grandfather (according to my mom and dad), but was fully instilled in me by my father, who was one of the greatest "sportivi" I have ever known, but was first and foremost a die-hard "Juventino". With that in mind yours truly became "addicted" to the colours and

I have never looked back.

It's February 2017 and I convince my wife that if Juventus makes it to the finals of the Champions League I will be making every effort to be there to support the lads - and hopefully watch the end of a 21 year old drought. Fast forward three months and Juventus beats Monaco on aggregate and my dream to go to Cardiff starts to take place. Flight booked, hotel booked, and with the help of my dear friend (Rob Lisi shameless plug here for you pall who manages to secure me a VIP package to the game with 10 days to go to the finals. With this in mind, my journey to Cardiff begins and it is a tale of friendship (both new and old), laughter, chanting,

It's June 1st. Rocco Fasano and I meet at YYZ and begin this journey together with the same chant that the Juventus players sang in their locker rooms following the Monaco victory, "Ce ne andiamo a Cardiff" ("We are going to Cardiff"). During our short stay in the lounge we continue to hear the same faint sounds being sung around the terminal...We are being surrounded by others who are also on their way to Cardiff to support the boys! We land in London on June 2nd, and it all starts to be-

cheering and disappoint-

ment...



From left: Lucho, Dom Coppola

come palpable. Settled in (shared a room with Rocco). Jack Giannone has made it to London and the trio is now complete (or so I thought!) to make our way to Cardiff!

I didn't know it then, but a chance encounter with a person (a juventino), looking for information on which platform to be on in order to go to Cardiff, has likely become a life long friend from Argentina! Lucho and I ended up spending the entire time together in Cardiff and had a ton in common, including an addiction to coffee! It was Lucho's first Juventus game ever, in the biggest European club game ever!

The day went on and on, with more

chants and partying, all the while never feeling like there would be an issue between the fan bases; the co-existence made the day totally fantastic! Finally Jack and Rooco arrive and they are introduced to Lucho and three became four and new friendships formed!

The rest, as they say, is history, and the result of the game, is certainly not one

we Juventini expected. However, I feel a deep gratitude for the opportunity to have gone to support the team, re-unite with old friends, solidify recent friendships, and make a new one along the way.

It is moments like these which make me appreciate life. I have formed a bond with three other people, through the power of soccer, and the team we all love, which will last a lifetime. An event like this will never be forgotten and neither will the people I spent enjoying the day with. I can only say thanks to Rocco, Jack and Lucho...It wouldn't have been as great as it was if you three weren't part of it.

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Juventus U-17 in Toronto

There was much excitement this summer as Toronto hosted the inaugural International Youth Soccer Cup. As U-17 teams descended on the city for the action-packed tournament, we couldn't help but focus on the Juventus U-17 team – the one that may very well hold the future players of our beloved *bianconeri*. The tournament went down to a dramatic finish as Juventus' U-17 and TFC's U-17 went head to head in the final. The game went to a 1-1 tie and ended

8-7 for TFC on penalty kicks. It warmed our hearts to see such passion among players so young and we look forward to great things from them.



Above, the Juve U-17 Team posing with Sebastian Giovinco; at left, players rejoicing after a hard-fought goal.









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At left, Matteo
D'Addario gives
Juventus the thumbs up!
What can we say?
We guess his father
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son about the
finer things in life.
For that, zeb gives
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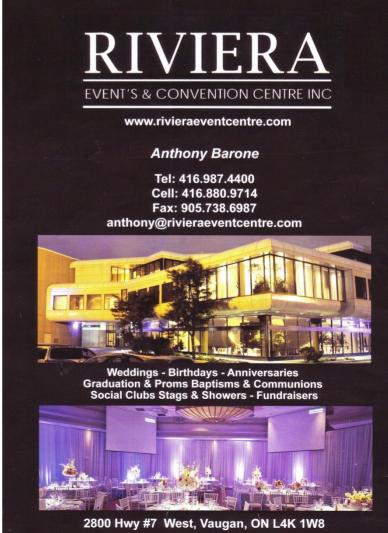
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di Francesco Mastrorizzi

Top 10 vittorie di Massimiliano Allegri

- 10. Juventus-Lazio 2-0 (8 agosto 2015) Con due gol in quattro minuti nel secondo tempo, i nuovi acquisti dell'attacco bianconero. Mandzukic e Dybala, permettono ad Alleari di alzare la sua prima Supercoppa Italiana in bianconero. A Shanaai, su un terreno di gioco indegno, il croato va a segno di testa, l'argentino chiude i conti con un bel sinistro.
- 9. Juventus-Lazio 2-1 (20 maggio 2015) La Juventus conquista all'Olimpico la sua decima Coppa Italia. La Lazio parte forte, passando in vantaggio con Radu dopo 4 minuti, ma Chiellini pareggia quasi subito. Nel secondo tempo non nessuno si va seana е supplementari, dove decide Matri al 97' con un piatto di destro vincente.
- 8. Milan-Juventus 0-1 (21 maggio 2016) La squadra di Allegri bissa per la seconda volta di fila, prima nella l'accoppiata Scudettostoria. Coppa Italia. Risolve la sfida Morata al 110', a due minuti dal suo ingresso in campo e al primo pallone destro toccato. con un controbalzo. I meriti della vittoria vanno anche alla difesa, sorretta dai soliti, straordinari Chiellini e Barzagli.
- 7. Juventus-Lazio 2-0 (17 maggio 2017) La Juventus si toglie la soddisfazione di diventare la prima squadra a conquistare tre Coppa Italia di fila. Bastano 24 minuti per imporre la legge del più forte. Dopo un pericoloso contropiede di Keita al (palo colpito da posizione angolata), decidono la partita le reti di due difensori: Dani Alves e Bonucci.

6. Fiorenting-Juventus 0-3 (7 aprile 2015) Sconfitta all'andata (1-2), la sauadra Allegri, nonostante le assenze importanti (Poaba, Pirlo, Tevez, Lichtsteiner), riesce a ribaltare il risultato con il prezioso contributo delle seconde linee (Padoin tutti). SU conquistando

l'accesso alla finale di

Coppa Italia. In gol Matri e Pereyra nel primo tempo, Bonucci nella ripresa.

- Juventus-Olympiacos 3-2 (4 novembre 2014) È la partita che scaccia via i fantasmi del passato, aettando le basi per un futuro più europeo. Il vantaggio di Pirlo viene subito annullato dai greci, che nella passano addirittura vantaggio. Ma la squadra reagisce di forza e ribalta il risultato con Llorente e Pogba, trovando tre punti fondamentali per la qualificazione.
- 4. Monaco-Juventus 0-2 (3 maggio 2017) Una dimostrazione di forza, solidità, intelligenza, sicurezza, nella semifinale d'andata di Champions. Decisiva la doppietta di Higuain, che sblocca la sfida al 29' sfruttando un assist di tacco di Dani Alves, dopo una bellissima azione corale. Il bis arriva nella ripresa, quando il Pipita supera il portiere avversario con un sinistro al volo.
- 3. Borussia Dortmund-Juventus 0-3 (18 marzo 2015) La partita di ritorno degli ottavi di Germania Champions, dopo il 2-1 dell'andata a Torino, viene dominata dalla



Momenti storici della nostra Vecchia Signora

Juventus, grazie soprattutto alle prodezze del trascinatore Tevez. Suoi sono il primo gol dopo soli 3 minuti con un bolide di destro da fuori area, l'assist per il raddoppio facile di Morata e la rete finale.

- 2. Juventus-Real Madrid 2-1 (5 2015) maggio Una Juve impressionante per maturità piega il Real campione in carica nella semifinale di andata di Champions. Nel primo tempo rete di Morata e pareggio momentaneo di Cristiano Ronaldo, nel secondo arriva il vantaggio di Tevez su rigore da lui stesso procurato. La finale sarà poi conquistata con l'1-1 del ritorno a Madrid.
- 1. Juventus-Barcellona 3-0 (11 aprile **2017)** Partita perfetta e capolavoro tattico di Allegri, nella notte di Paulo Dybala. La Joya mette a segno una doppietta nel primo tempo, al 7' con un sinistro da fermo a giro sul secondo palo e al 22' con un tiro di prima intenzione a fil di palo su cross basso da sinistra. Nella ripresa il tris di Chiellini su colpo di testa da corner. Grande protagonista anche Buffon, con due parate incredibili su Iniesta e Suarez.

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Alex Del Piero - Documentario 1995 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kq2TkALZIAI

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La nuova casa della Juventus: il J | Village https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=45vqYh0E-tl

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La nuova vita di Simone Pepe: da calciatore a procuratore

Nello spogliatoio bianconero era nella prima partita ufficiale soprannominato "er chiacchiera", per la sua inarrestabile parlantina e la sua contagiosa allegria. Ma Simone è stato anche imprescindibile uomo squadra e uno dei trascinatori della prima Juventus di Conte, quella che nel campionato 2011/12 vinse uno scudetto inaspettato senza subire neanche una sconfitta. Alla Juventus lo accomunano lo spirito di sacrificio e la mentalità vincente, che gli hanno consentito di fare breccia nel cuore dei tifosi bianconeri e di rimanerci anche dopo la sua partenza.

Il suo profilo calcistico rappresenta pienamente ciò che viene definito "gavetta": una lunga trafila iniziata dalle serie minori, che, grazie a non pochi sacrifici, gli ha permesso di coronare il suo sogno di diventare un calciatore affermato e di giocare anche in Nazionale (23 le sue presenze in azzurro). Partito dal settore giovanile della Roma, ha poi giocato in serie C e in serie B, fino all'esordio in serie A con la maglia del Palermo nel 2005. Sono poi seguite le esperienze, sempre nel massimo campionato, con il Cagliari e l'Udinese, dove le sue ottime prestazioni lo hanno fatto notare dalla dirigenza della Juventus, che nel giugno del 2010 ne annunciò l'acquisto.

Il suo esordio in bianconero avviene il 29 Iuglio contro lo Shamrock Rovers,

dell'anno, in occasione del terzo turno preliminare di Europa League. A fine stagione colleziona 42 presenze e 6 reti, ma il campionato per la Juventus si chiude con un deludente settimo posto e il conseguente, inevitabile cambio di allenatore, con Antonio Conte che prende il posto di Del Neri. La nuova stagione per Pepe inizia nel migliore dei modi, con un gol all'esordio in campionato allo

Juventus Stadium, nella partita terminata 4-1 contro il Parma. Come tutti ricordiamo, quella stagione si conclude trionfalmente con la vittoria del 30° scudetto e Simone. titolare nella formazione di Conte. disputa probabilmente la sua migliore annata da calciatore dal punto di vista delle prestazioni, mettendo anche a segno 6 gol in campionato.

Di lì in poi la carriera di Simone Pepe diventa un calvario. Una lunga serie di infortuni lo costringe a restare per molto tempo fuori squadra e nelle tre stagioni successive riesce a raccogliere soltanto 20 presenze e 1 gol, passando quasi due anni interi in infermeria per una lesione al muscolo flessore della coscia

sinistra, degenerata in calcificazione. La sfortuna però non gli impedisci di continuare a fare spoaliatoio e di contribuire moralmente alla vittoria di altri tre scudetti. Alla scadenza del

> suo contratto, nel giugno del 2015, rimane

> svincolato, dopo aver totalizzato 95 presenze e 13 aol con la maglia della Juventus.

La stagione successiva si trasferisce al Chievo, dove giocare riesce a con maggiore costanza 22 disputare partite campionato. Nel 2016 avviene



il passaggio al Pescara, squadra neopromossa in serie A. I problemi fisici tornano a tormentarlo e ancora una volta non può dare il suo contributo come vorrebbe. Dopo solo 12 presenze, molte delle quali da subentrato, annuncia il ritiro al termine della stagione, a soli 33 anni, per intraprendere la carriera di dirigente nella società biancazzurra. Il presidente Sebastiani, infatti, gli offre subito un posto da club manager, con il compito di curare i rapporti tra squadra, staff tecnico e società, affiancando il direttore sportivo. Tuttavia, Simone ricopre la carica soltanto per un breve periodo, dalla fine di giugno fino a metà luglio, per poi decidere di tentare una prospettiva di lavoro diversa: quella di talent scout e procuratore calcistico.

Dopo aver calpestato i campi di calcio per vent'anni, non si ritiene adatto ad un lavoro di ufficio. Quindi, assieme ad un amico avvocato, fonda la società SP Group Srl, allo scopo di assistere i

calciatori nei vari aspetti gestionali della loro professione, ma anche di fornire consulenza ai club per la creazione di academy calcistiche. Una nuova avventura che è anche una scommessa, ma siamo sicuri che Simone la affronterà con l'abituale determinazione e sempre con il sorriso sulle labbra.

Trendsetting

Discussing how our bianconeri affect the world around them.



It's not just in winning that Juventus set trends. Dybala can be seen all over our club's Annual Picnic as President Vince Carlucci finds that his little protégées don't need much coaxing in order to get their Dybala-spirit out. Even the emojis are in on it!

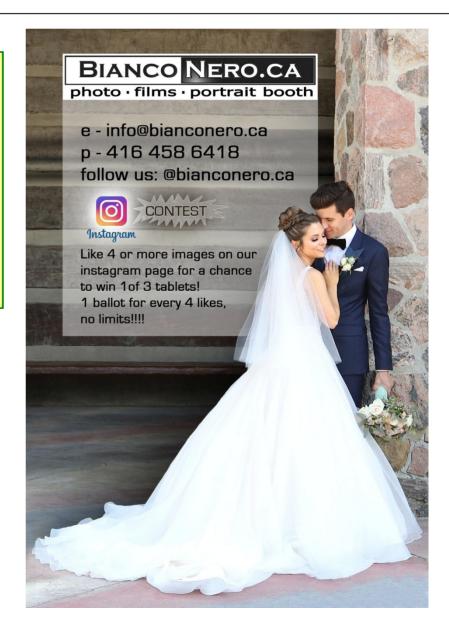


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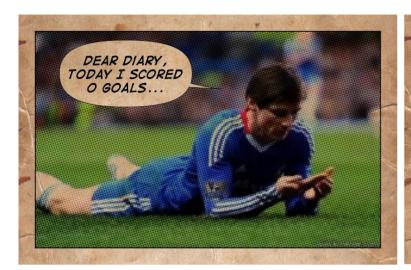
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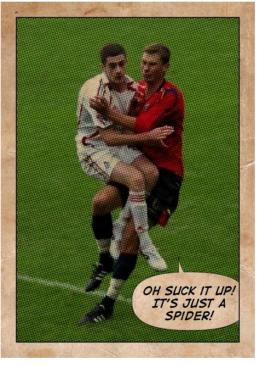
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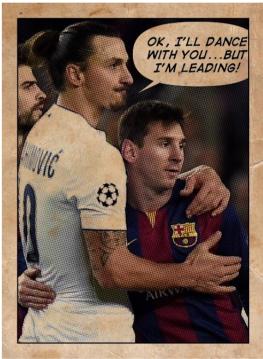
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Humourous comments from the world of athletics



"Fade into Bolivian,
I guess."
Former heavyweight
champ Mike Tyson,
on what he would do
after retiring from
boxing.

"If you're in the penalty area and don't know what to do with the ball, put it in the net and we'll discuss the options later."

Bob Paisley, advising his players.

"I don't want to shoot my mouth in my foot but those are games we can win." Basketball player Sherman Douglas "If you don't believe you can win, there is no point in getting out of bed at the end of the day." Neville Southall, former Welsh soccer international

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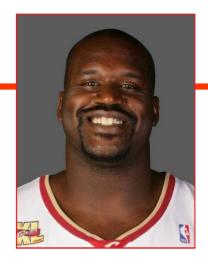
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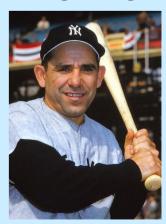
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"I can't really remember the names of the clubs that we went to." Shaquille O'Neal's response to whether or not he had stopped at the Parthenon while in Greece.



"We're not attempting to circumcise the rules." Former Steelers head coach Bill Cowher

"Ninety percent of this game is half mental." Yankees legend, Yogi Berra



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