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A Note from the Editor



Tiziana Pace

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Dear readers,

As we follow our beloved team we've cultivated some beautiful memories. Many of us have traveled, made new friends and lived new experiences, all while walking astride *La Vecchia Signora*. Like many of you, I cannot imagine my life without Juventus. Many of the memories that I have are anchored in the players that traveled the road with me, those who have filled my soccer life with anticipation, excitement and insurmountable joy. While I'm sad that Buffon is leaving, I am happy that I can look back, reflect upon and appreci-

ate the times we've had together. With Juventus, we will go forward and continue making memories with new players because that has always been the fate of Juventus and its fans: to reach once impossible heights and to attain immeasurable joys. In this issue, we thank Gigi Buffon for all the times that he's shared with us. There have been good times and bad times. The important thing was that we lived them together, so that we could both bask in the glory that we shared as well as hold each other up with encouragement when needed. In the meantime, I thank Juventus for the memories that have passed, those that we are making today and those that we will strive for together in the future. #finoallafine

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UB NEWS

WHAT'S CHANGED

It is with open arms that we welcome our newest addition to the foremost post in the Executive Committee. Joe Martelli is the new club President. Though this edition of our magazine is new, this news



is not. Joe has been working diligently as the head of our club for many months already. In the meantime, he has made connections with head brass in Torino during his trip to see Juventus in March (p.26), he has appeared on Juventus TV; he has facilitated the trips of many members to see Juventus and, most recently, he helped to organize - in only a week and a half - the first stop in Juventus' 2018 Trophy Tour: Toronto (p.15). But worry not, dear members, former President Vince Carlucci is not gone - he's just repositioned himself on the Board as a Councillor.

WHAT'S NEW

The Juventus Official Fan Club Toronto's Membership Campaign for the 2018-2019 season is now open! And - as if you need a reason other than your love for Juventus to join us - we've made it easier than ever to get your membership our new webpage: on www.jofctoronto.com. Download your membership form, fill it out, email it in and pay - all online! You can even join us "old-school" if you'd like: print out your form and mail it in with your payment. While you're at our site, check out our club news, information, galleries and back-issues of zeb. In the meantime, we send out a round of applause to Joe Ciraco, Tiziana Pace and Rocco Fasano for their combined efforts in making the new webreality! а

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The President's Address

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"Alla Juventus, vincere non e' importante, e' l'unica cosa che conta" - Giampiero Boniperti

Carissimi Amici Bianconeri,

Come tutti ben sapete quest'anno c'e' stato il cambio di Presidenza alla guida dello Juventus Official Fan Club Toronto. Sono onorato ed orgoglioso di esserne il nuovo Presidente.

Quest'anno la nostra Amata Juve ci ha fatto gioire tanto e soffrire; abbiamo vinto la QUARTA Coppa Italia di fila, CAMPIONI D'ITALIA per la SETTIMA volta in sette anni; purtroppo il sogno di arrivare a Kiev ed alzare "La Coppa dalle Grandi Orecchie" dopo la bellezza di 22 anni, si e' infranto al Santiago Bernabeu dopo una rimonta incredibile da parte dei nostri ragazzi, dei nostri Campioni.

Questo numero di Zeb e' dedicato al Nostro Capitano e Leggenda, Gianluigi Buffon, che dal 2001 difende la porta della nostra Juventus; esordi' con la maglia

bianconera il 26 Agosto 2001 contro il Venezia e quest'anno ha terminato la sua gloriosa carriera tra i pali della Vecchia Signora; e` stato un giorno molto triste per noi tifosi bianconeri e per tutto il calcio, vedere la Nostra Leggenda salutarci;. Cosa dire caro Giai, grazie per aver onorato la maglia bianconera fino alla fine, grazie per essere rimasto con la Juve anche in Serie B mentre le piu' importanti squadre d'Europa e d'Italia ti cercavano e tu dicevi " ...ma me ne devo andare per forza?". Grazie Superman, ci manchera' la tua presenza allo Stadium, ci mancherai immensamente Gigi.

Con grande soddisfazione vedo che tante persone, anche dopo aver visto il mio viaggio nel Mondo Juve nel mese di Marzo attraverso i social media, mi mandano email e mi chiamano, chiedendomi che vogliono far parte del nostro Juventus Official Fan

Club. Le porte del JOFC sono sempre aperte.

Voglio concludere ringraziando affettuosamente il Presidente uscente, Vince Carlucci per il lavoro svolto e la passione che ha messo in questi anni nel portare avanti il nostro JOFC; ringrazio tutti gli sponsor e Tiziana Pace



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Il vostro Presidente, Joe Martelli



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2017/2018 Final Soccer Results



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Real Madrid vs Juventus 1-3 (2nd leg)

An outstanding comeback wasn't enough for the bianconeri. An injury-time penalty transformed by Cristiano Ronaldo tipped the scales back in the favour of the Spanish side as Real Madrid advanced to the next stage on aggregate. Some say that Madrid displayed a much stronger midfield than Juventus who couldn't seem to connect their defence to their strikers due to the constant

Juventus vs Real Madrid 0-3 (1st leg)

It was what everyone was talking about after the first leg: Ronaldo's epic bicycle kick goal for Real Madrid. It even earned applause from the Juventus fans. Like him or hate him, CR7 has got the skills to take and keep his team among the European elite.



pressure put on Khedira and Pjanic. Others watched the Spanish team dominate the second-half with relentless attacking. Still, others saw the added-time penalty as a gift to Real Madrid. Certainly Buffon did, as his protests resulted in him being red-carded from the game and his post-game comments eventually earning him a 3 game ban in Champions League play. But regardless of your view, both teams played a hard-fought, determined and, oftentimes, exhausting game that saw two championship caliber teams go head to head. Real Madrid won. Juventus didn't. But we left with our heads held high.

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Coppa Italia May 9, 2018

Juventus lifted the Italian Cup for a fourth consecutive year after beating Milan on 4-0 in Rome. "Juve always do something special, it's not the first time. We have a winning mentality," said Benatia. Coach Allegri added, "The lads had an extraordinary game and deserved this win."





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Domestic League Glory May 13, 2018

It has been one of the best title races in recent seasons in Serie A and, once again, Juventus have proved a cut above the rest. The *bianconeri* have extended their record streak to seven Serie A titles after its 0-0 draw against Roma was enough to secure the trophy with a match to spare. There was even more reason for the team to celebrate as coach Massimiliano Allegri, who has now won four successive league and cup doubles at Juventus, suggested he'd remain in charge next season despite reported interest from other teams.

"We have to congratulate Napoli, which kept pace with a great Juventus. It's hard to see these four years being repeated." - Allegri

The end of the season had seen several twists. Five weeks before the season end Juventus saw a six point lead get slashed to a point in the space of a week. But one of the merits of a great team is to know when to keep cool and recognize that in soccer - as in life - things can change in a minute. The *bianconeri* were able to advance one step at a time, without being overwhelmed. Juventus has a winning mentality that has been built over the years and has guided them even through difficult times.

"I congratulate everyone who works for Juventus and the fans but the most credit goes to the players. With a team like this, with these men and these players, it's easier to achieve your targets." - Allegri





2018 International Champions Cup Summer 2018

Juventus goes back to the US for it's second straight year to play in the International Champions Cup.* Here is the schedule awaiting our bianconeri:

Juventus vs Bayern Munich Juventus vs Benfica Juventus vs MLS Allstars Juventus vs Real Madrid Wednesday, July 25, 2018 Saturday, July 28, 2018 Wednesday, August 1, 2018 Saturday, August 4, 2018 Lincoln Financial Field (Philadelphia) Red Bull Arena (New York/Jersey) Mercedes-Benz Stadium (Atlanta) Fedex Field (Washington)

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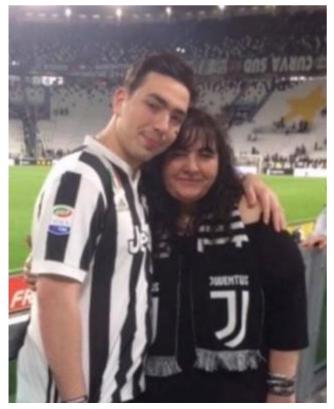
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Doug Wilson and Sophie are dressed up in Juve swag to head out for their daily walk.



Marco and Donna Spinelli visiting the Allianz Stadium in Torino in May 2018.

Juventus fans are always bursting with pride. Can you blame them? Here they are displaying their enthusiasm by showing off their team's colours.



Club Treasurer, Jack Giannone, shows what it means to dress in the Stile Juve.

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Our Club Events

Like our beloved team, when we stick together, we are stronger. So in case you missed something, this is what we've been up to in the last few months.

Christmas Party December 2017

The Christmas season saw another successful Christmas Party at the lovely Via Mercanti *Ristorante* in Vaughan. It's a great excuse to catch up with friends and the holiday spirit puts us in the mood to make new ones. Where there's food and wine, there are always smiles all around.





We never miss an opportunity to spread cheer. So Christmas was no different. We got together, hammed it up a bit and laughed the night away. When you're in good company it always turns out right.

Photos: Courtesy of Tony Pavia



Juventus Trophy Tour 2018 June 2, 2018

The first stop of the Juventus Trophy Tour 2018 was Toronto. With Juventus Legends Mauro Camoranesi and Fabrizio Ravanelli in tow, the evening proved to be a great success as the players made themselves available to the evening's participants. Members asked questions, took photos, obtained autographs and mingled with their heroes. Don't fret, our heroes will do their best to make sure that this won't be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.



Scenes from the festivities at Lanterna Ristorante in Vaughan where the first stop of the Trophy Tour began. Below right (at center) venue proprietor and restaurateur extraordinaire, Tony Triumbari, poses with our cake and our even sweeter Legends.



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Our Legends were in good humour as they greeted and posed with members and their families.

GIANLUIGI BUFFON Says Goodbye To Juventus



Buffon Leaves Juventus and a Void in Our Hearts

Gianluigi Buffon will be remembered as man who provided us with passion, glory, unforgettable moments. He was our captain, our leader and a symbol of both Juventus and the Italian National Team. Buffon stands apart from other players, not just because of his longevity, his sporting achievements and loyalty to our colours: he stands for someone who gave all of himself both on and off the field, for club and country, something that is increasingly rare in soccer these days. He transcends the sport.

"Juventus will remain beyond any player, always! We will continue to write important pages in its book, which I think and imagine will be endless. Because this club has a unique DNA that cannot be equaled. It cannot be repeated and it is magnificent."

"Juve are a family. My family. I will never stop loving it, thanking it and calling it 'home.' Because it gave me so much. Everything. Certainly more than I gave to it."

Juventus will try to move on without him and it will, as all great teams do. But it will be a long time before we can watch another Juve goalkeeper take in a goal without thinking to ourselves, "Buffon would never have let that one in."

Dear Captain, it was an honour for us to watch you play and call you one of our own. Thank you for all the memories. You will be missed.

Fans and Gigi Buffon saying goodbye to each other after his last Juventus game in May. The tears shed by both are a sentiment to the passion, love and admiration that continuously flows between them.















The journey began....



Buffon began his career with the Parma youth system in **1991**, at the age of 13.

The pitch is the most beautiful part of the game; it gives you emotions which bring meaning to life.



He was promoted to the senior squad in 1995 and, at 17 years of age, he made his debut in Serie A.

> I believe in doing the right things; that is my character and personality.

In October **1997**, Buffon was awarded his first cap for the Italian National Team: he was 19.

No record belongs to just one person, and there are no number ones outside of a group.

Buffon transferred from Parma to Juventus in July of **2001** and made his debut for the bianconeri in the season opener.



Buffon then went on to win his first of many titles with Juventus.

In football, you win as a group, you lose as a group; you divide the credit and the blame.

In the summer of **2006**, Juventus was relegated to Serie B for alleged "unsportmanlike conduct". Buffon, and many other players, elected to remain with the Juventus, a choice that further concretized the bianconeri fan's love for him.

> I have not lost an awful lot in my life, but the defeats have taught me more than the victories.

In 2006 the Italian national soccer team, with Buffon onboard, won the FIFA World Cup.

In his career with the national team, Buffon represented his country a record 176 times and is the most capped player in Italian history. He has represented Italy at all youth levels, from the under-16 side to the under-23 side, as well as the Olympic side in 1996.

> I took what I've been given, and I got where I did on the basis of something that is often undervalued - merit.

Buffon announced his retirement from the national team in Nov **2017** after Italy's failed qualification for the 2018 World Cup.

Early in **2018**, he announced that his time with Juventus had come to an end.









With Parma: <u>Coppa Italia:</u> 1998–99 <u>Supercoppa Italiana:</u> 1999 <u>UEFA Cup:</u> 1998–99

With Juventus:

<u>Serie A:</u> 2001–02, 2002–03, 2004–05*, 2005–06*, 2011–12, 2012–13, 2013–14, 2014–15, 2015–16, 2016–17, 2017–18 <u>Serie B:</u> 2006–07 <u>Coppa Italia:</u> 2014–15, 2015–16, 2016–17, 2017–18 <u>Supercoppa Italiana:</u> 2002, 2003, 2012, 2013, 2015

With Italy:

Senior Team: FIFA World Cup: 2006 U21: UEFA Under-21 European Championship: 1996 Mediterranean Games: 1997

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"He is an exceptional goalkeeper. I'm lucky to have played with him since we were 15. For me, he's unique, and perhaps the best goalkeeper ever." A. Pirlo

> "Gigi makes the difficult things look simple." G. Chiellini

"Approximately 30% of our trophies bear your name. You deserve a huge round of applause." A. Agnelli





"Buffon is someone who is an extraordinary goalkeeper, perhaps the best ever in the history of soccer. He never fails." Max Allegri

"Gigi's a natural-born leader, an incredible soccer player, but also a wonderful person." Z. Zidane

"In goal, Buffon is the wall." Z. Ibrahimovic





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Top 10 Vittorie all'Ultimo Secondo

10. Juventus-Catania 1-0 (10 marzo 2013) Il pupillo di Antonio Conte, Emanuele Giaccherini, sempre prezioso quando chiamato in campo, con un quizzo al minuto 91 spezza il catenaccio del Catania e mette a segno quello che in seguito verrà considerato il aol del 31° scudetto. A dieci aiornate dalla fine, sale a nove punti il vantaggio della Juve sul Napoli secondo in classifica.

9. Juventus-Deportivo La Coruna 3-2 (12 marzo 2003) Il croato Igor nell'ultimo minuto di Tudor, recupero, risolve una partita senza respiro, che decide il passaggio ai quarti di Champions. Il suo sinistro al volo dal limite dell'area al 93' completa la rimonta avviata da Trezeauet e mette ko gli spagnoli. Dopo aver toccato con mano l'eliminazione, Juve può finalmente la festeggiare.

8. Lazio-Juventus 0-1 (3 marzo 2018) Paulo Dybala regala alla sua squadra una vittoria fondamentale per lo scudetto numero 36, sbloccando una brutta partita, destinata ad un pareggio senza reti, nel terzo dei tre minuti di recupero. La Joya fa un tunnel a Luiz Felipe, resiste alla trattenuta prolungata di Parolo e cadendo riesce di sinistro a piazzare il pallone all'incrocio dei pali.

7. Juventus-Torino 2-1 (30 novembre 2014) A 4 secondi dal fischio finale, quando ormai il pareggio sembra scritto, il derby della Mole d'andata viene deciso da una prodezza di Andrea Pirlo. Il Maestro esplode un diagonale rasoterra da 25 metri, che si insacca implacabile alla destra del portiere granata. Mentre Allegri se la ride, per i giocatori in campo e i tifosi sugli spalti è il delirio.

6. Juventus-Torino 2-1 (31 ottobre 2015) Dopo un anno, ancora un derby deciso all'ultimo respiro. Non è un bel periodo per la Juve, molto indietro in classifica, ma la vittoria arriva al 93' grazie ad una scivolata di Juan Cuadrado su cross dal fondo di Alex Sandro. Un'iniezione di fiducia fondamentale, che dà il via ad una straordinaria, storica rimonta verso la conquista del 34° scudetto.

5. Piacenza-Juventus 0-1 (21 aprile 2002) Un gioiello di Nedved di controbalzo da fuori area, al termine di una partita giocata male, permette alla Vecchia Signora di continuare a sognare lo scudetto. A due minuti dalla fine l'Inter è a +5, ma il gol della furia ceca e il pareggio del Chievo con i nerazzurri accorciano il distacco a +1. Il 5 maggio successivo ricordiamo tutti come andò a finire.

4. Juventus-Psg 2-1 (6 aprile 1993) Semifinale di andata di Coppa Uefa al "Delle Alpi". Parigini in vantaggio al 22' con Weah, il pareggio arriva al 55' grazie a Roberto Baggio. Ma il Divin Codino non si accontenta e al 90' si incarica di battere una punizione dal limite. La parabola è perfetta e il pallone si infila all'incrocio dei pali, facendo esplodere lo stadio. Al ritorno sarà ancora vittoria per 1-0, con Baggio nuovamente a segno.

3. Juventus-Fiorentina 3-2 (4 dicembre 1994) Sotto di due reti dopo il primo tempo, la Juve rientra in campo determinata, ma non riesce a segnare. Al 73' Vialli rompe l'incantesimo, tre minuti dopo segna anche il pareggio. La rimonta si completa a 3 minuti dal novantesimo, con una magia al volo di Alessandro Del Piero, all'epoca ventenne, rimasta nella storia e negli occhi dei tifosi.

2. Juventus-Napoli 1-0 (13 febbraio 2016) Simone Zaza da Policoro risolve il big match della stagione con un gol da fuori area a due minuti dalla fine. Il 7 bianconero riceve palla tra le linee azzurre, alza la testa e capisce che può sparare come piace a lui. Il sinistro è potente e la deviazione di Albiol mette fuori causa il portiere napoletano Reina. Si compie così il sorpasso in classifica.

1. Inter-Juventus 2-3 (28 aprile 2018) Girandola di emozioni nel derby d'Italia: bianconeri avanti al 13' con Douglas Costa, ma nel secondo tempo l'Inter segna due reti. Sembra finita per la squadra di Allegri, poi nel giro di tre minuti tutto cambia. Prima Cuadrado riapre i giochi all'87', poi Higuain mette a segno di testa il gol vittoria all'89'. Intanto, in un albergo di Firenze, il Napoli smarrisce lo scudetto.



MEMBER EXPERIENCES Living the Dream By Joe Martelli Life is a matter of Black and White

Questo e' stato il mio viaggio a Torino con mia moglie a Marzo, un sogno che e' diventato realta' quello di vivere il Mondo Juventus al 100%. Prima della partita Juventus - Udianche lui si e' avvicinato a noi con un sorriso pronto per le foto.

Dopo la partita, siamo saliti al 2º livello dello Stadium dove si teneva il Terzo Tempo organizAgnelli con il Direttore Marotta che pranzavano; ecco avvicinarsi a me il Direttore che mi fa' " Salve Presidente", ci siamo scambiati qualche parola, un saluto.

sotto nese. pioggia una tipica di Torino. abbiamo fatto il Walk About. vedere ali spogliatoi con le maglie dei nostri beniamini gia' li', pronte per essere indossate e giocare un'altra partita vincente: essere bordo a campo e vedere gli ultimi preparativi



siamo torn ati all'Alianz Stadium per il recupero Juventus Atalanta. ma prima di vedere la partita c'eraltre ano sorprese; sono stato intervistato dal responsabile del profilo Instaaram della Juventus dove ho

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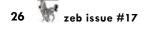
Joe and Sonia Martelli with a "Giant Buffon" (left) and Nana` (Allianz Stadium announcer).

prima della partita e poi aspettare lei, la Nostra Vecchia Sianora, la nostra Juve con i suoi Campioni pronti per un'altro big match; mister Allegri e' stato il primo a scendere dall'autobus, poi man mano i Nostri Ragazzi; ed ecco che vedo scendere Lui, il nostro Capitano, il Condottiero di tante battaglie, la nostra Leggenda, il nostro Gigi che quest'anno ci salutera'; un sorriso, un "5" e poi via, attraversando il "Corridoio dei Capitani" per dirigersi negli spogliatoi. Tutti aspettavano Dybala ed eccolo scendere dall'autobus,

zato per i tesserati Juventus Official Fan Clubs dal Centro Coordinamento Club. A prendere la parola e' stata la Signora Mariella Scirea, la auale e' Presidente di tutti i Juventus Offocial Fan Club; poi sono arrivati Pessotto, Pjanic ad infine tutti si chiedevano chi era il terzo giocatore. Ed ecco spuntare il nos-#10, Paulo tro Dybala; un'emozione indescrivibile vedere questo campione dal vivo.

Il giorno dopo, io e la mia consorte, siamo stati invitati per pranzo presso la sede della Juventus, alla Continassa, vicino allo Stadium; una volta entrati nella sala, vedo il Presidente fatto una "Instagram story" in inglese; ho fatto delle miniinterviste e poi sono stati pubblicati sul profilo ufficiale Instagram della Juventus. Ed ecco arrivare l'appuntamento "clou" del pomeriggio bianconero; l'intervista live negli studi di Juventus Channel accolto dalla splendida Monica Somma e dal direttore Claudio Zuliani.

Seduto vicino a Moreno Torricelli, abbiamo parlato dei suoi trascorsi alla Juve e dell'emozione di alzare al cielo di Roma la "Coppa dei Campioni " vinta contro l'Ajax e della notte magica di Tokio nel 1996 nella quale vincemmo la Coppa Intercontinentale contro il River





Joe and Sonia Martelli with Paulo Dybala (above left); Joe on Juventus TV (above right); the Presidential couple with Mariella Scirea (bottom left); Joe with Gianluca Pessotto (bottom center); Joe with Miralem Pjanic (bottom right).

Plate con un gol di Alessandro "Pinturicchio" Del Piero.

Dopo l'intervista, ci siamo diretti verso il campo; si, quel campo che ha visto tante vittorie, quel campo dove i nostri Eroi danno battaglia, quel campo dove abbiamo battuto ogni record; la mia prima impressione e' stata "WOW"; ho fatto il tour dello Stadium altre volte ma vederlo cosi' riempirsi con tifosi e giornalisti, vivere l'atmosfera dello Stadium e' qualcosa di incredibile; io ero li' con mia moglie a due passi dal tappeto verde e vedere le squadre cosi' da vicino entrare in campo, beh sono rimasto senza parole ed il cuore batteva a mille all'ora; poi abbiamo conosciuto e scambiato qualche parola con Nana', lo speaker dell' Allianz Stadium, persona super simpatica; una volta visti i giocatori entrare in campo ed iniziare il riscaldamento ci siamo diretti verso i nostri posti per seguire la partita. Per concludere, voglio ringraziare il Centro Coordinamento Club di Torino ed in modo particolare Fiammetta, Federica, e Gabriele per avermi dato l'opportunita' di viveve il Mondo Juve in modo cosi' intenso ed aver rappresentato tutti Voi, miei cari tesserati ed amici del Juventus Official Fan Club of Toronto.

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Il nostro corrispondente estero, Francesco Mastrorizzi, ci dà notizie sui giocatori che hanno lasciato la nostra squadra ma non i nostri cuori

Carlos Tevez: dall'Argentina alla Cina e ritorno

Il primo calciatore ad aver avuto l'onore di indossare la maglia numero 10 della Juventus dopo l'addio di Del Piero è stato Carlos Tevez, che, pur militando in bianconero per sole due stagioni (dal 2013 al 2015), ha saputo lasciare un segno indelebile nel cuore dei tifosi iuventini. Preceduto al suo arrivo a Torino dalla cattiva fama di "bad boy", affibbiatagli dalla stampa inglese durante gli anni a Manchester, al contrario l'attaccante argentino si è sempre distinto come uno dei leader del gruppo e come un trascinatore della squadra nelle vittorie in Italia e nei arandi match giocati in Europa.

Durante il suo primo anno in bianconero mette a segno 21 reti, 19 delle quali in campionato, risultando l'uomo simbolo del terzo scudetto consecutivo della Juve di Antonio Conte. La successiva, sotto la stagione guida di Allegri, il suo peso si fa sentire anche in Champions League, dove segna sette gol: tre, tra andata e ritorno, aali svedesi del Malmoe nella fase a gironi, altri tre contro il Borussia Dortmund nelle due partite degli ottavi e, infine, un rigore nella semifinale di andata contro il Real Madrid. Per lui si tratta di un record personale nella manifestazione. totale In l'argentino in maglia bianconera segna la cifra tonda di 50 gol in partite disputate, con 96 prestazioni quasi sempre eccellenti. Dopo aver messo in bacheca la doppietta scudetto-Coppa Italia e aver giocato la sua terza finale di Champions contro League, persa il

Barcellona, al termine della stagione Tevez lascia Torino, a nove anni dal suo arrivo in



Europa.

Nell'estate del 2015 la Juventus viene incontro alle richieste di Tevez, desideroso di far ritorno in Argentina per la parte conclusiva della sua carriera, cedendolo al Boca Juniors. L'Apache torna così a vestire, dopo undici anni, la maglia della sua squadra del cuore. Viene presentato ufficialmente il 13 luglio e cinque giorni dopo fa il suo secondo esordio in gialloblù. Con 5 reti in 10 presenze contribuisce a riportare, dopo tre anni, il Boca alla vittoria della Primera División. Arriva, inoltre, la conquista della Copa Argentina, vinta battendo in finale il Rosario Central. L'anno successivo il Boca non riesce a ripetersi in campionato e per Tevez sfuma anche il sogno di rivincere la Copa Libertadores con la maglia azul y oro. Infatti gli Xeneizes si fermano in semifinale, incassando una doppia sconfitta per mano degli ecuadoriani dell'Independiente Del Valle.

Dopo aver collezionato 56 partite e 25 gol in un anno e mezzo, contraddicendo le precedenti affermazioni di voler chiudere la carriera in Argentina, il 29 dicembre 2016 Tevez decide a sorpresa di lasciare il suo Boca e trasferirsi in Cina, per accettare un'offerta dello Shanahai Shenhua. Con un contratto di 40 milioni all'anno (per 2 anni), diventa, al momento del tesseramento, il calciatore più paaato al mondo. Ma l'esperienza cinese si rivela avara di soddisfazioni per l'Apache e le sue prestazioni deludono le aspettative del nuovo club, tant'è che, dopo un solo anno a Shanghai (in cui disputa 20 partite, segnando 4 reti), a gennaio del 2018 fa ritorno per la terza volta in carriera al Boca Juniors, con cui firma un contratto biennale.

Due gli obiettivi dichiarati di questa nuova avventura: ricevere la convocazione per il mondiale in Russia e vincere la Libertadores. A maggio il Boca si laurea campione d'Argentina per la seconda volta consecutiva, ma risulta quasi irrilevante il contributo di Tevez, il quale non riesce a ripetere le prestazioni del passato, tanto da sentirsi in dovere di scusarsi con i propri tifosi in occasione dei festeggiamenti per la vittoria. Di conseguenza viene anche meno la possibilità di disputare il suo ultimo mondiale all'età di 34 anni. A Carlitos resta così solo un obiettivo, prima di chiudere la carriera nel 2019: lanciare l'assalto a quella Copa Libertadores che manca ormai dalla bacheca del Boca Juniors dal 2007.

On The Sidelines

Record-Breaking TFC Takes MLS Title for the First Time

December 9, 2017

By beating the Seattle Sounders, Toronto FC became the first Canadian team to win the MLS Cup.

The tables have certainly turned. Back in 2012, TFC set a league record by losing nine games straight to open the season. In 2016, Seattle beat Toronto in the final on penalty kicks. But in 2017, Toronto FC enjoyed a recordbreaking season. That strength, desire and perseverance accompanied the players and fans throughout the season, culminated in a win at the final. At Nathan Phillips Square, Captain Michael Bradley told the crowd, "This has been our dream, our obsession for the



last year...to lift that trophy in this city in front of our fans, to give everybody a day like this...this is why every single one of us is here." Added Jose Altidore: "Baby, I'm TFC until I die!"

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Zlatan Ibrahimovic, Making the Unreal a Reality

March 31, 2018

He holds himself in high esteem. He likens himself to a lion. He places a full page ad in the LA times telling Galaxy fans "You're Welcome" for the grace of his arrival.

You can think what you want about Zlatan Ibrahimovic, but he has the distinct ability to backup his talk with actions. In his debut with the LA Galaxy in March, Ibrahimovic scored a wondergoal from 40 yards out.

Then he does the rounds of talk-shows speaking about soccer, the ability to play at a



distinctly higher level than most and his desire to now "conquer the US". They find him funny. We know he's serious. But the end result is that, in a country where soccer gets only a fraction of the attention that it deserves, people are talking about him. And when people talk, they often also want to watch.

By the time he makes his debut in the 71st minute of his first LA match, the crowd is already chanting, "We want Zlatan!" And two minutes later he gives them their goal. Then, almost as an afterthought, he goes on to score LA's winning goal in extra time. Some people shake their heads and say he's unreal. But he always seems to make what's unreal a reality.



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TFC Lose CONCACAF Champions League Final In a Heartbreaker

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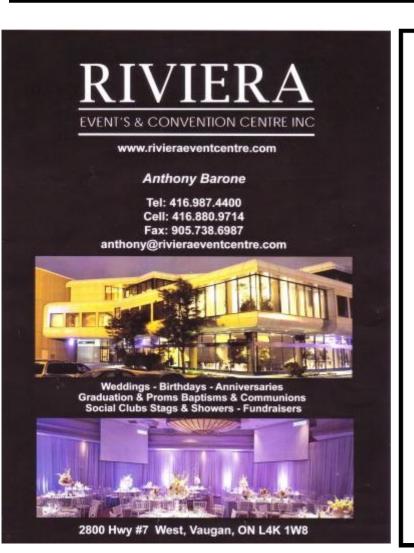
Though Toronto TFC played one of the best games ever in franchise history, it still wasn't enough to beat Chivas in the second leg of the CONCA-CAF Champions League final.

After losing the first leg of the final 2-1 at home, the MLS Cup champions, with an extraordinary display of grit, tied the two-game series 3-3 on aggregate by taking a 2-1 lead after 90 minutes of regulation. This forced the final into a penalty shoot-out which the Canadians ultimately lost. We were so close.

"We're gutted. We thought we were good enough to win it...Today it didn't go our way," said goalkeeper Alex Bono."This is the way the game



goes. It's unjust sometimes. It feels like our hearts have been ripped for our chests."

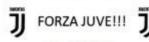






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Iniesta Announces His Exit From Barcelona

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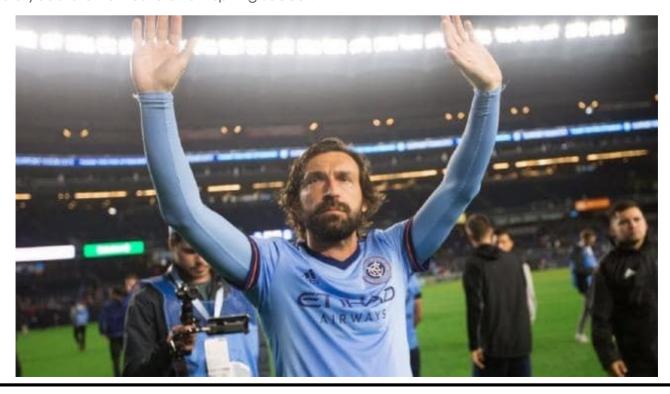


After a 21 year career in major league soccer, 17 of which were with Barcelona, Andres Iniesta confirmed in April that he is leaving the club at the end of the season. He then added a promise to never play against them. "I want to say thank you to the club and La Masia, which made me who I am. I want to thank all my teammates, and my family, especially my wife and my three children, my treasures. Finally, I want to thank the fans, who have been with me through thick and thin." He also hinted that his stint at the 2018 World Cup in Russia would be his last with the Spanish jersey. Iniesta has yet to confirm his rumoured move to China.

Pirlo Retires In A Flurry of Soccer, Splendor and Nostalgia

May 21, 2018

Andrea Pirlo bid farewell to soccer with excitement and class - the same way he lived his soccer career - in a star-studded testimonial tournament in May. Champions and former teammates from all over the world joined the legend (who announced his retirement back in November 2017) for the charity game, filling onlookers with both joy and sadness at the nostalgia evoked. As Pirlo received a standing ovation from over 50,000 fans, he thanked, "My friends and all the people who came to the stadium to enjoy a fantastic evening of entertainment, sport and charity." For those who grew up watching Pirlo and his teammates, it is a glorious ending to a wonderful era. To those who never had the chance to see him, they are missing one of the integral puzzle pieces to a storyboard of fantastic and inspiring soccer.



Real Madrid Solidify Their Place On Top of Europe May 25, 2018



Real Madrid was able to do what only a select few have ever done - win the Champions League Cup three years in a row. There were many contributing factors: Salah's injury and exit, Gareth Bale's breath-taking overhead kick just two minutes after coming into the game and two inexplicable blunders from Liverpool goalkeeper, Loris Karius, both of which led to the Spanish team's goals. This makes it Real Madrid fourth title in five years and thirteenth overall. The team is no longer making history - it's defining an era.





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The Spinellis were lucky enough to win a contest and meet Juventus legend, Gigi Buffon. Marco (at left) and Donna (at right) give this experience the thumbs up.

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- We can only accept membership forms to register with the Juventus Official Fan Club Headquarters up to the end of October. After that, the Club Headquarters in Italy does not allow us to submit anymore names to their database until the following membership campaign opens.

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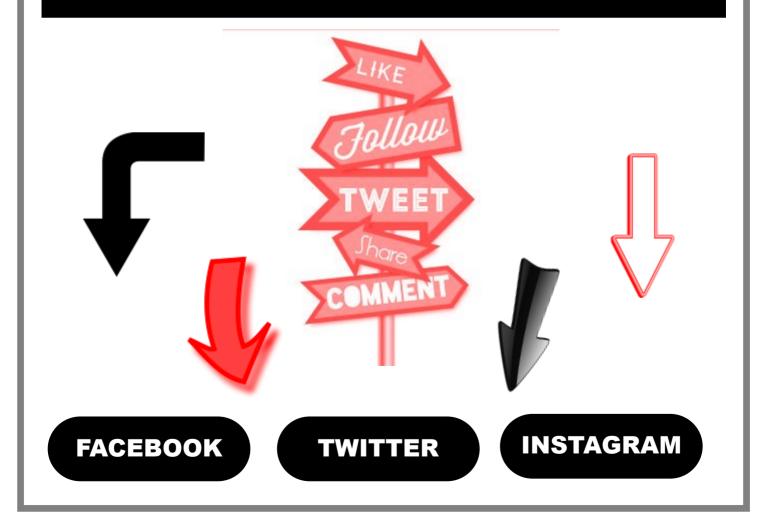
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