

ITALIAN FAMOUS PEOPLE IN SPORT

FOOTBALL

FRANCESCO TOTTI. He is an Italian footballer who plays as striker for A.S. Roma, in which he's the captain. He retired from the Italian National team in 2007 due to his physical injuries after winning with Italy the World Cup in 2006. In 2010, he won the 8th edition of the Golden Foot. He is considered one of the most important footballers in the history of Italian football.



ANDREA PIRLO



He has played as a midfielder for Juventus F.C. since 2011 and in the Italian National team. He started his career in Brescia, then he joined Inter Milan, Reggiana for one year on loan and A.C. Milan in which he became famous.

GIANLUIGI BUFFON



He plays as a goalkeeper and he is the captain of Juventus F.C. and the Italian National team. He began his career playing for Parma and then he joined Juventus becoming captain in 2013 after Alessandro Del Piero's departure.

TENNIS

SARA ERRANI



She is a professional tennis player from Italy. She has won seven career singles titles, and 23 career doubles titles. She is ranked no. 1 in doubles.

FLAVIA PENNETTA



She became the first Italian tennis player to be ranked no. 1 in doubles on 28 February 2011. Pennetta has won ten career WTA singles titles.

FRANCESCA SCHIAVONE



She won the 2010 French Open single title, becoming the first Italian woman to win a Grand Slam event. Her career ranking is World No. 4.

VOLLEYBALL

FRANCESCA PICCININI



She is a female volleyball player who has represented Italy four times at the Summer Olympics. She was a member of the Women's National Team that won the gold medal at the 2002 World Championship in Germany. She is the greatest volleyball player and she is the captain of the Italian National Team.

SWIMMING

FEDERICA PELLEGRINI



In 2004 she won a gold medal at the Olympic Games, becoming the youngest Italian athlete to get on the Olympic podium. In 2010 in the Europeans of Budapest, she won a gold medal in the 200 meters freestyle, then in 2011 other gold medals came: the occasion is the World Swimming Championships in Shanghai. Then in the Europeans of Berlin in 2014, she celebrated

the last fraction of a 4x200 freestyle relay, which brought Italy to win the gold medal.

ALESSIA FILIPPI



In 2000 she got in the national team. Internationally she emerged at the Mediterranean Games in 2005, winning a gold medal in 400 medley and a gold medal in the 200 backstroke. After four months, she participated in the Europeans of Budapest and here she won another gold medal, becoming the first Italian woman to win the gold medal in a European Championship. In 2008 she set the new European record in the 1500 meters freestyle at the Italian Championships.

FENCING

VALENTINA VEZZALI



She is an Italian fencer and the first one in Olympic history to have won three Individual Foil gold medals at three consecutive Olympics. She also won fourteen gold medals at the World Fencing Championships, plus four silver medals (individual and with the Italian team) and three bronze medals. In European championships, she won nine gold medals (individual and with team), three silver medals and two bronze medals.

ARIANNA ERRIGO



She is an Italian foil fencer who won the Fencing World Cup in seasons 2008-2009, 2011-2012, 2012-2013-2013-2014. In July 2012, she won the silver medal in the female individual foil competition at the Olympic Games. Then, in August 2012, with the Italian National team, she won the gold medal, after defeating the Russian team in the final.

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