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FIR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It's a pleasure to begin my tenure as the new President of the Italian Rugby Federation with this welcome message opening the Italian media guide for WXV. I am delighted to do so and I fully appreciate the sense of responsibility that comes with the Presidency of such an important Federation. Therefore, before speaking about WXV, I would like to thank once again the entire rugby community for the trust placed in me and the members elected to the Federal Council.

The 2024-25 season begins with a significant tournament for our Azzurre, who are embarking on a long and demanding season, culminating in the World Cup 2025 to be held in August, in England. However, before this historic event, the Women's National Team will compete in the Six Nations, and even before that, they will travel to South Africa to participate in the second edition of the WXV Division 2.

Last year, we were all left with a stifled cry of joy: we missed winning the trophy in this new competition by just two points. Nevertheless, we - fans and insiders alike, myself included - witnessed the undeniable strength of a team capable of returning from the Southern Hemisphere with three bonus-point victories in as many matches.

The opponents in this year's WXV will present formidable challenges. Wales and Scotland, followed by the hosts, South Africa, will be fierce teams that will truly test us. Our tenacity and style of play will be key: we must give our best to continue improving and climbing the international rankings.

WXV is a competition that pushes the coaching staff to work with a group that blends the unique qualities of the most experienced players with the talents of younger ones. In this regard, the project led by coach Nanni Raineri and his staff has long been aligned with this approach. I was particularly pleased to see that the summer training camps were an opportunity to call up many players to the senior National Team, players who had been key figures in the successful Summer U20 Series, hosted in Parma, where coach Saccà's Azzurrine won all three of their matches.

I would like to conclude this message with a wish: that this WXV marks the beginning of an exciting season; that our Azzurre seize the opportunity to grow both individually and as a team; but most importantly, that this continuous growth continues along the path that has already been laid, with an eye toward the challenges that await us in the future.

Forza Azzurre!

Andrea Duodo

FIR President

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WXV 2024

(all Italian times)

PROMOTION-RELEGATION PLAY-OFFS

TIER 2

29.6.2024 Cardiff Wales - Spain 52-20

TIER 3

16.3.2024 Amsterdam Netherlands - Colombia 33-11

TIER 1

29.9.2024	Vancouver	USA - England	21.30
30.9.2024	Vancouver	Canada - France	0.45
30.9.2024	Vancouver	New Zealand - Ireland	4.00
5.10.2024	Vancouver	USA - France	21.30
6.10.2024	Vancouver	Canada - Ireland	0.45
6.10.2024	Vancouver	New Zealand - England	22.00
11.10.2024	Vancouver	USA - Ireland	21.30
13.10.2024	Vancouver	France - New Zealand	0.45
13.10.2024	Vancouver	Canada - England	4.00

TIER 2

27.9.2024	Cape Town	South Africa - Japan	16.00
28.9.2024	Cape Town	Australia - Wales	12.30
28.9.2024	Cape Town	ITALIA - Scotland	15.00
4.10.2024	Cape Town	Wales - ITALIA	16.00
5.10.2024	Cape Town	Japan - Scotland	14.00
5.10.2024	Cape Town	South Africa - Australia	17.00
11.10.2024	Cape Town	Wales - Japan	16.00
12.10.2024	Cape Town	South Africa - ITALIA	14.00
12.10.2024	Cape Town	Australia - Scotland	17.00

TIER 3

27.9.2024	Dubai	Spain - Madagascar	17.00
28.9.2024	Dubai	Fiji - Hong Kong	16.00
28.9.2024	Dubai	Netherlands - Samoa	18.30
4.10.2024	Dubai	Madagascar - Hong Kong	17.00
5.10.2024	Dubai	Fiji - Samoa	16.00
5.10.2024	Dubai	Netherlands - Spain	18.30
11.10.2024	Dubai	Samoa - Madagascar	17.00
12.10.2024	Dubai	Netherlands - Hong Kong	16.00
12.10.2024	Dubai	Fiji - Spain	18.30



Alessandra Frangipani



Vittoria Ostuni Minuzzi, Veronica Madia and a scrum during last Italy vs Japan at Piacenza

ITALY



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E SI REALIZZA CON UNA META.

Il rispetto delle regole e dell'avversario, lo spirito di sacrificio e di squadra sono i valori fondanti del rugby e del DNA Suzuki.

Grazie ragazzi



Laura Gurioli leads the charge against Japan



ITALY



GOVERNING BODY	FIR
FOUNDED	1928
OLDEST CLUB	Amatori Milano and Lazio (1927)
NATIONAL STADIUM	Stadio Olimpico, Rome (capacity 70.634)
PRESIDENT	Andrea Duodo
HEAD OF COMMUNICATION	Andrea Cimbrico 0039 - 320 - 7877687 andrea.cimbrico@federugby.it
WEBSITE	https://federugby.it/

ITALY WOMEN

HEAD COACH	Giovanni Raineri
WORLD RUGBY RANKING	9th place
FIRST SHIRT	Light Blue
SECOND SHIRT	White
NICKNAME	Azzurre
FIRST TEST-MATCH	Italy - France 0-0 (Riccione, 2.6.1985)
GREATEST WIN	Italy - France 31-12 (Padua, 17.3.2019)
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Il Canto degli Italiani
TEAM PRESS OFFICER	Alessandro Ferri 0039 - 370 - 7029869 alessandro.ferri@federugby.it

LAST 10 TEST-MATCHES

30.9.2023	Parma	Italy - Japan	24-25
13.9.2023	Stellenbosch	Italy - Japan (WXV)	28-15
20.9.2023	Cape Town	South Africa - Italy (WXV)	18-36
28.9.2023	Cape Town	Italy - USA (WXV)	30-8
24.3.2024	Parma	Italy - England (6N)	0-48
31.3.2024	Dublin	Ireland - Italy (6N)	21-27
14.4.2024	Paris	France - Italy (6N)	38-15
20.4.2024	Parma	Italy - Scotland (6N)	10-17
27.4.2024	Cardiff	Wales - Italy (6N)	22-20
14.9.2024	Piacenza	Italy - Japan	24-8

(6N) = Six Nations; (WQ) = RWC qualifier

ITALY WOMEN AT THE RUGBY WORLD CUP

YEAR	ROUND	P	W	D	L	Pf	Pa	Tf	Ta
1991	8th place	4	1	0	3	34	44	4	8
1994	did not participate								
1998	12th place	5	2	0	3	108	81	17	11
2002	12th place	4	1	0	3	45	121	4	19
2006	not invited								
2010	did not qualify								
2014	did not qualify								
2017	9th place	5	2	0	3	75	117	12	19
2021	Quarter finals	4	2	0	2	58	79	8	12
Total		22	8	0	14	320	442	45	69

ITALY WOMEN AT WXV

YEAR	ROUND	P	W	D	L	Pf	Pa	Tf	Ta
2023	Qualifying	1	1	0	0	23	0	4	0
	Tier 2 - Runner up	3	3	0	0	94	41	14	6
Total		4	4	0	0	117	41	18	6

ITALY WOMEN AGAINST WXV 2024 OPPONENTS

OPPONENT	P	W	D	L	Pf	Pa
SCOTLAND	25	16	1	8	544	339
SOUTH AFRICA	2	2	0	0	71	28
WALES	22	8	1	13	265	419

ITALY'S HEAD COACH

Giovanni RAINERI

BORN AT: Colferro (Roma)

ON: 4 november 1976

AS A PLAYER: Centre

CLUBS: Rugby Roma (1994-2002 e 2009-10; 156 caps, 49 tries; 1 Italian title), Calvisano (2002-06 e 2008-09; 75, 12; 1 Italian title), Unione Capitolina (2006-08; 36, 3)

SELECTIONS: Italy (1998-03; 23 caps, 2 tries), Italy A (1997-04; 13, 2), Italy Sevens

AS A COACH: Huis Visser Stellenbosch (2011, assistant), SACS Cape Town U.19 (2012-13, assistant), L'Aquila (2013-14), Fiamme Oro (2014-16, assistant); U18 Turin Academy (2016-17), FIR Academy (2017-19, assistant), U18 Milan Academy (2019-22), Italy Women (2022-today).



ITALY WOMEN STAFF



SCRUM COACH
Plinio Sciamanna



DEFENCE COACH
Francesco Iannucci

HEAD OF WOMEN RUGBY

Cristina Tonna

TEAM MANAGER

Giuliana Campanella

HEAD STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

Giovanni Biondi

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ITALY'S CAPTAIN

ELISA GIORDANO

BORN: MIRANO (Venice) **ON:** 1 NOVEMBER 1990

POSITION: NUMBER 8

HEIGHT: 1.77

WEIGHT: 70 KG

CLUB: VALSUGANA

FORMER CLUBS: --

DEBUT: FRANCE-ITALY 37-0 (Nizza, 29.10.2011)

CAPS: 67

CAPS AS CAPTAIN: 16

POINTS SCORED: 45 (9m)

SIX NATIONS CAPS: 41

AZZURRA: N. 159

OTHER SELECTIONS:

ITALY A, ITALY XV, ITALY SEVENS



Elisa Giordano was born in Mirano, a small town near Venice. She took on rugby at the age of 19, when she moved to Padua to enroll at University - previously, she used to play handball and basketball. Her first club was Valsugana Padova, where she currently plays as a number 8 - her nickname, "Polipo" (Octopus) refers to her ability in catching the ball when jumping for line-outs. Senior international since 2011, in 2012 Elisa was part of the squad competing in the FIRA Women's European Championship in Rovereto (Italy): on that occasion, Italy settled on the third place. In 2013, she also joined the Sevens squad taking part in the Summer Universiade in Kazan, when Italy was awarded the silver medal. She captained the Azzurre for the first time in 2019, leading the team in the 2020's edition of the Women's Six Nations, and was in charge at her second Rugby World Cup in 2022 in New Zealand, her first appearance dating back to the edition held in 2017 in Ireland. She currently works as an occupational therapist. Elisa loves travelling (especially by motorbike), and in her spare time she enjoys playing with puzzles and brain teasers.

ITALY'S PLAYERS



ILARIA ARRIGHETTI

BORN: CERNUSCO
SUL NAVIGLIO (MI)
ON: 2 MARCH 1993
POSITION: BACK ROW
HEIGHT: 1.73
WEIGHT: 92 KG
CLUB: RENNES (FRA)
FORMER CLUBS:
CERNUSCO, MONZA

DEBUT: ITALY-SCOTLAND
29-12 (Rovato, 18.3.2012)
CAPS: 61
CAPS AS CAPTAIN: 1
POINTS SCORED: 35 (7m)
SIX NATIONS CAPS: 43
AZZURRA: N.154
OTHER SELECTIONS: ITALY A,
ITALY SEVENS



CHIARA CHELI

BORN: CECINA (LI)
ON: 11 OCTOBER 2005
POSITION: HOOKER
HEIGHT: 1.60
WEIGHT: 80 KG
CLUB: COLORNO
FORMER CLUBS: RUFUS
SAN VINCENZO, LIVORNO

DEBUT: --
CAPS: --
POINTS SCORED: --
SIX NATIONS CAPS: --
AZZURRA: --
OTHER SELECTIONS:
ITALY U.18, ITALY U.20



BEATRICE CAPOMAGGI

BORN: FRASCATI (Rome)
ON: 29 APRIL 1997
POSITION: CENTRE
HEIGHT: 1.67
WEIGHT: 69 KG
CLUB: VILLORBA
FORMER CLUBS:
FRASCATI, CUS ROMA,
UNIONE CAPITOLINA

DEBUT: ENGLAND-ITALY 60-3
(Bedford, 23.11.2019)
CAPS: 16
POINTS SCORED: 13 (5t, 1p)
SIX NATIONS CAPS: 9
AZZURRA: N.196
OTHER SELECTIONS: ITALY XV,
ITALY SEVENS, ITALY SEVENS B,
ITALY SEVENS XV



GIORDANA DUCA

BORN: FRASCATI (Rome)
IL: 18 SEPTEMBER 1992
POSITION: LOCK
HEIGHT: 1.84
WEIGHT: 85 KG
CLUB: VALSUGANA
FORMER CLUBS: FRASCATI,
RED&BLU ARTENA, SASSENAGE
ISERE (FRA), UNIONE CAPITOLINA

DEBUT: ITALY-ENGLAND 7-42
(Reggio Emilia, 4.2.2018)
CAPS: 49
POINTS SCORED: 15 (3m)
SIX NATIONS CAPS: 31
AZZURRA: N.185
OTHER SELECTIONS: ITALY XV



SOFIA CATELLANI

BORN: CASALMAGGIORE (CR)
ON: 15 JUNE 2004
POSITION: CENTRE
HEIGHT: 1.66
WEIGHT: 66 KG
CLUB: COLORNO
FORMER CLUBS: NOCETO

DEBUT: SOUTH AFRICA-ITALY
18-36 (Cape Town, 20.10.2023)
CAPS: 2
POINTS SCORED: --
SIX NATIONS CAPS: --
AZZURRA: N.218
OTHER SELECTIONS: ITALY U.20



ELENA ERRICHELLO

BORN: ROME
ON: 1 MARCH 2003
POSITION: BACK-ROW
HEIGHT: 1.75
WEIGHT: 80 KG
CLUB: UNIONE CAPITOLINA
FORMER CLUBS:
MOLOSSI RUGBY, CUS ROMA

DEBUT: SOUTH AFRICA-ITALY
18-36 (Cape Town, 20.10.2023)
CAPS: 1
POINTS SCORED: --
SIX NATIONS CAPS: --
AZZURRA: N.217
OTHER SELECTIONS: --



VALERIA FEDRIGHI

BORN: NEGRAR (VR)
ON: 5 SEPTEMBER 1992
POSITION: LOCK
HEIGHT: 1.80
WEIGHT: 82 KG
CLUB: COLORNO
FORMER CLUBS: VALPOLICELLA, VERONA RAGAZZE, RIVIERA

DEL BRENTA, SARACENS (ENG), STADE TOULOUSAIN (FRA)
DEBUT: ENGLAND-ITALY 29-15 (Twickenham Stoop, 25.2.2017)
CAPS: 56
POINTS SCORED: 5 (1m)
SIX NATIONS CAPS: 30
AZZURRA: N.173
OTHER SELECTIONS: --



LAURA GURIOLI

BORN: BOLOGNA
ON: 2 FEBRUARY 1995
POSITION: HOOKER
HEIGHT: 1.69
WEIGHT: 76 KG
CLUB: VILLORBA
FORMER CLUBS: IMOLA, BOLOGNA 1928

DEBUT: ITALY-IRELAND 24-7 (Parma, 15.4.2023)
CAPS: 11
POINTS SCORED: --
SIX NATIONS CAPS: 5
AZZURRA: N. 210
OTHER SELECTIONS: ITALY SEVENS UNIV., ITALY SEVENS



ALESSANDRA FRANGIPANI

BORN: PISA
ON: 12 JULY 2003
POSITION: LOCK
HEIGHT: 1.73
WEIGHT: 75 KG
CLUB: VILLORBA
FORMER CLUBS: SUD TIROLO

DEBUT: FRANCE-ITALY 39-6 (Grenoble, 27.3.2022)
CAPS: 9
POINTS SCORED: --
SIX NATIONS CAPS: 5
AZZURRA: N. 203
OTHER SELECTIONS: ITALY U.20, ITALY SEVENS XV



VERONICA MADIA

BORN: CASALMAGGIORE (CR)
ON: 16 JANUARY 1995
POSITION: FLY-HALF
HEIGHT: 1.68
WEIGHT: 68 KG
CLUB: COLORNO
FORMER CLUBS: AMAZONES GRENoble (FRA)

DEBUT: ITALY-SCOTLAND 22-7 (Bologna, 28.2.2016)
CAPS: 51
POINTS SCORED: 10 (2m)
SIX NATIONS CAPS: 30
AZZURRA: N.170
OTHER SELECTIONS: ITALY XV, ITALY SEVENS



FRANCESCA GRANZOTTO

BORN: CONEGLIANO (TV)
ON: 22 MARCH 2002
POSITION: SCRUM-HALF/WING/
 FULL-BACK
HEIGHT: 1.63
WEIGHT: 59 KG
CLUB: VILLORBA
FORMER CLUBS: CONEGLIANO, HOVE RC (ENG),

UNIONE CAPITOLINA
DEBUT: CANADA-ITALY 34-24 (Langford, 24.7.2022)
CAPS: 13
POINTS SCORED: 22 (4m, 1t)
SIX NATIONS CAPS: 6
AZZURRA: N.207
OTHER SELECTIONS: ITALY XV, ITALY SEVENS



SARA MANNINI

BORN: PONTEDERA (PI)
ON: 28 AUGUST 2005
POSITION: FLY-HALF/CENTRE
HEIGHT: 1.72
WEIGHT: 72 KG
CLUB: COLORNO
FORMER CLUBS: CUS PISA, PUMA BISENZIO, LIVORNO

DEBUT: ITALY-JAPAN 24-8 (Piacenza, 14.9.2024)
CAPS: 1
POINTS SCORED: --
SIX NATIONS CAPS: --
AZZURRA: N.219
OTHER SELECTIONS: ITALY U.18, ITALY U.20



GAIA MARIS

BORN: TRENTO
ON: 5 DECEMBER 2001
POSITION: LOOSEHEAD PROP
HEIGHT: 1.59
WEIGHT: 85 KG
CLUB: ROMAGNAT (FRA)
FORMER CLUBS: TRENTO, VERONA, VILLORBA, WASPS (ENG), VALSUGANA

DEBUT: ITALY-ENGLAND 3-67 (Parma, 10.4.2021)
CAPS: 30
POINTS SCORED: --
SIX NATIONS CAPS: 15
AZZURRA: N. 200
OTHER SELECTIONS: ITALY XV



VITTORIA OSTUNI MINUZZI

BORN: CAMPOSAMPIERO (PD)
ON: 6 DECEMBER 2001
POSITION: FULL-BACK/WING
HEIGHT: 1.78
WEIGHT: 70 KG
CLUB: VALSUGANA
FORMER CLUBS: CUS PADOVA

DEBUT: WALES-ITALY 15-19 (Cardiff, 2.2.2020)
CAPS: 34
POINTS SCORED: 55 (11m)
SIX NATIONS CAPS: 19
AZZURRA: N. 197
OTHER SELECTIONS: ITALY SEVENS U.18



NICOLE MASTRANGELO

BORN: ROME
ON: 21 SEPTEMBER 2003
POSITION: SCRUM-HALF
HEIGHT: 1.60
WEIGHT: 56 KG
CLUB: UNIONE CAPITOLINA
FORMER CLUBS: --

DEBUT: SOUTH AFRICA-ITALY 18-36 (Cape Town, 20.10.2023)
CAPS: 1
POINTS SCORED: --
SIX NATIONS CAPS: --
AZZURRA: N. 216
OTHER SELECTIONS: ITALY U.20



ALISSA RANUCCINI

BORN: PAVULLO NEL FRIGNANO (MO)
ON: 28 JUNE 2000
POSITION: BACK-ROW
HEIGHT: 1.80
WEIGHT: 73 KG
CLUB: COLORNO
FORMER CLUBS: --

DEBUT: ITALY-IRELAND 24-7 (Parma, 15.4.2023)
CAPS: 8
POINTS SCORED: 5 (1m)
SIX NATIONS CAPS: 3
AZZURRA: N. 209
OTHER SELECTIONS: ITALY XV, ITALY SEVENS U.18, ITALY SEVENS XV, ITALY SEVENS



AURA MUZZO

BORN: SAN VITO AL TAGLIAMENTO (PN)
ON: 12 APRIL 1997
POSITION: WING
HEIGHT: 1.70
WEIGHT: 69 KG
CLUB: VILLORBA
FORMER CLUBS: PORDENONE

DEBUT: ITALY-FRANCE 21-41 (Biella, 19.11.2017)
CAPS: 46
POINTS SCORED: 45 (9m)
SIX NATIONS CAPS: 28
AZZURRA: N. 176
OTHER SELECTIONS: ITALY XV, ITALY SEVENS UNIV., ITALY SEVENS XV, ITALY SEVENS



BEATRICE RIGONI

BORN: ABANO TERME (PD)
ON: 1 AUGUST 1995
POSITION: CENTRE/FLY-HALF
HEIGHT: 1.69
WEIGHT: 70 KG
CLUB: SALE SHARKS (ENG)
FORMER CLUBS: PETRARCA JUNIOR, VALSUGANA
DEBUT: WALES-ITALY 11-12

(Port Talbot, 2.2.2014)
CAPS: 76
CAPS AS CAPTAIN: 1
POINTS SCORED: 111 (13m, 14t, 6p)
SIX NATIONS CAPS: 52
AZZURRA: N. 160
OTHER SELECTIONS: ITALY XV, ITALY SEVENS UNIV., ITALY SEVENS



SARA SEVE

BORN: GARDONE VAL TROMPIA (BS)
ON: 26 AUGUST 2000
POSITION: TIGHTHEAD PROP
HEIGHT: 1.68
WEIGHT: 80 KG
CLUB: EALING TRAILFINDERS (ENG)
FORMER CLUBS: LUMEZZANE,

CUS BRESCIA, HOVE RFC (ENG), WASPS (ENG), CALVISANO
DEBUT: ITALY-SCOTLAND 38-13 (Parma, 13.9.2021)
CAPS: 24
POINTS SCORED: --
SIX NATIONS CAPS: 12
AZZURRA: N.202
OTHER SELECTIONS: ITALY XV



EMANUELA STECCA

BORN: TREVISO
ON: 24 FEBRUARY 1997
POSITION: LOOSEHEAD PROP
HEIGHT: 1.66
WEIGHT: 77 KG
CLUB: VILLORBA
FORMER CLUBS: TREVISO

DEBUT: FRANCE-ITALY 39-6 (Grenoble, 27.3.2022)
CAPS: 11
POINTS SCORED: --
SIX NATIONS CAPS: 7
AZZURRA: N.204
OTHER SELECTIONS: --



FRANCESCA SGORBINI

BORN: PESARO
ON: 7 JANUARY 2001
POSITION: BACK ROW
HEIGHT: 1.72
WEIGHT: 80 KG
CLUB: ROMAGNAT (FRA)
FORMER CLUBS: FORMICHE PESARO, BOLOGNA, COLORNO

DEBUT: ENGLAND-ITALY 55-0 (Exeter, 9.3.2019)
CAPS: 25
POINTS SCORED: --
SIX NATIONS CAPS: 14
AZZURRA: N.193
OTHER SELECTIONS: ITALY XV; ITALY SEVENS U.18, ITALY SEVENS



SOFIA STEFAN

BORN: PADUA
ON: 12 MAY 1992
POSITION: SCRUM-HALF
HEIGHT: 1.65
WEIGHT: 61 KG
CLUB: SALE SHARKS (ENG)
FORMER CLUBS: RENNES (FRA), VALSUGANA
DEBUT: FRANCE-ITALY 37-0

(Nice, 29.10.2011)
CAPS: 88
CAPS AS CAPTAIN: 7
POINTS SCORED: 80 (16m)
SIX NATIONS CAPS: 57
AZZURRA: N.150
OTHER SELECTIONS: ITALY A, ITALY XV, ITALY SEVENS UNIV., ITALY SEVENS B, ITALY SEVENS



MICHELA SILLARI

BORN: PARMA
ON: 23 FEBRUARY 1993
POSITION: CENTRE
HEIGHT: 1.64
WEIGHT: 60 KG
CLUB: VALSUGANA
FORMER CLUBS: AMATORI PARMA, LE LUPE PIACENZA, ACADEMY NOCETO, NOCETO, PIACENZA R.C., COLORNO, AYLESFORD BULLS (ENG),

HARLEQUINS WOMEN (ENG)
DEBUT: ITALY-ENGLAND 3-43 (Recco, 12.2.2012)
CAPS: 84
POINTS SCORED: 279 (13m, 59t, 32p)
SIX NATIONS CAPS: 55
AZZURRA: N.123
OTHER SELECTIONS: ITALY A, ITALY XV, ITALY SEVENS UNIV., ITALY SEVENS



EMMA STEVANIN

BORN: MONSELICE (PD)
ON: 11 APRIL 2002
POSITION: FLY-HALF/CENTRE
HEIGHT: 1.67
WEIGHT: 73 KG
CLUB: VALSUGANA
FORMER CLUBS: C'È L'ESTE, BADIA

DEBUT: FRANCE-ITALY 21-0 (Nice, 3.9.2022)
CAPS: 16
POINTS SCORED: 5 (1m)
SIX NATIONS CAPS: 8
AZZURRA: N.208
OTHER SELECTIONS: ITALY XV



SARA TOUNESI

BORN: CREMONA
ON: 19 JULY 1995
POSITION: LOCK
HEIGHT: 1.75
WEIGHT: 82 KG
CLUB: MONTPELLIER (FRA)
FORMER CLUBS: CREMONA, COLORNO, ROMAGNAT (FRA), SALE SHARKS (ENG)

DEBUT: USA-ITALY 24-12 (Dublin, 9.8.2017)
CAPS: 41
POINTS SCORED: 15 (3m)
SIX NATIONS CAPS: 25
AZZURRA: N.174
OTHER SELECTIONS: ITALY SEVENS UNIV.



BEATRICE VERONESE

BORN: PADUA
ON: 11 MARCH 1996
POSITION: BACK ROW
HEIGHT: 1.73
WEIGHT: 73 KG
CLUB: VALSUGANA
FORMER CLUBS: --

DEBUT: ITALY-FRANCE 21-41 (Biella, 19.11.2017)
CAPS: 19
POINTS SCORED: --
SIX NATIONS CAPS: 11
AZZURRA: N.177
OTHER SELECTIONS: --



SILVIA TURANI

BORN: GRUMELLO DEL MONTE (BG)
ON: 6 JULY 1995
POSITION: LOOSEHEAD PROP/HOOKER
HEIGHT: 1.69
WEIGHT: 83 KG
CLUB: HARLEQUINS (ENG)
FORMER CLUBS: AMAZONES

GRENOBLE (FRA), COLORNO, EXETER CHIEFS (ENG)
DEBUT: ITALY-FRANCE 21-41 (Biella, 19.11.2017)
CAPS: 35
POINTS SCORED: 5 (1m)
SIX NATIONS CAPS: 18
AZZURRA: N.180
OTHER SELECTIONS: ITALY XV



Beatrice Veronese



VITTORIA VECCHINI

BORN: ISOLA DELLA SCALA (VR)
ON: 13 JANUARY 2002
POSITION: HOOKER
HEIGHT: 1.64
WEIGHT: 81 KG
CLUB: VALSUGANA
FORMER CLUBS: BADIA

DEBUT: ITALY-SCOTLAND 38-13 (Parma, 13.9.2021)
CAPS: 28
POINTS SCORED: 35 (7m)
SIX NATIONS CAPS: 14
AZZURRA: N. 201
OTHER SELECTIONS: ITALY XV



VITTORIA ZANETTE

BORN: TREVISO
ON: 29 NOVEMBER 2004
POSITION: TIGHTHEAD PROP
HEIGHT: 1.73
WEIGHT: 107 KG
CLUB: VILLORBA
FORMER CLUBS: --

DEBUT: --
CAPS: --
POINTS SCORED: --
SIX NATIONS CAPS: --
AZZURRA: --
OTHER SELECTIONS: ITALY U.18, ITALY U.20

PLAYER	POSITION	CLUB	SPA	JAP	JAP	RSA	USA	ENG	IRE	FRA	SCO	WAL	JAP	TOT
ARRIGHETTI Ilaria	back-row	Rennes (Fra)							77	59	80	80		296
CAPOMAGGI Beatrice	centre	Villorba	7	40	8	80	73			14	1	51	22	296
CATELLANI Sofia	wing/full-back	Colorno				14	7							21
CHELI Chiara	hooker	Colorno												0
DUCA Giordana	lock	Valsugana	80	40	80		80	22	80	66	80	80	80	688
ERRICHELLO Elena	back-row	Unione Capitolina				15								15
FEDRIGHI Valeria	lock	Colorno	71	40	72	80	80	55	80	80	23	21	29	631
FRANGIPANI Alessandra	back-row	Villorba		80	80	66		25	3	14			26	294
GIORDANO Elisa	number 8	Valsugana	80				80				57	80	80	377
GRANZOTTO Francesca	scrum-half/wing	Villorba	12	80	80	33		20	6	28	80	29	80	448
GURIOLI Laura	hooker	Villorba	5	20	5	15	9	20	1	18			40	133
MADIA VERONICA	fly-half	Colorno	17	40	62	80	16	80	74	52	79		71	571
MANNINI Sara	fly-half/centre	Colorno											80	80
MARIS Gaia	loosehead prop	Romagnat (Fra)	12	40	23	21	67	67	65	53	23		4	375
MASTRANGELO Nicole	scrum-half	Unione Capitolina				47								47
MUZZO Aura	wing	Villorba	73	80	80	59		80	80	80	80	80	80	772
OSTUNI MINUZZI Vittoria	full-back	Valsugana	80	80		80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	800
RANUCCINI Alissa	back-row	Colorno	9	80	80	80	16							265
RIGONI Beatrice	centre	Sale Sharks (Eng)	80		75	80	80	80	80	66	80	80	51	752
SEYE Sara	tighthead prop	Ealing (Eng)		76	40			73	74	53	71	40	76	503
SGORBINI Francesca	back-row	Romagnat (Fra)						58	12		71	74	54	269
SILLARI Michela	centre	Valsugana	68		77		80	15					9	249
STECCA Emanuela	loosehead prop	Villorba		4			13	20		27			20	84
STEFAN Sofia	scrum-half	Sale Sharks (Eng)	80	67	66		80	60	80	80	80	80	58	731
STEVANIN Emma	fly-half	Valsugana	63	76	18	21	64	65	80	80		80	29	576
TOUNESI Sara	lock	Montpellier (Fra)	76		23	14	56	58	71	69	80	59	51	557
TURANI Silvia	loosehead prop/hooker	Harlequins (Eng)	68	40	75	59	71	60	15		57	80	60	585
VECCHINI Vittoria	hooker	Valsugana	80	60	57	65			80	62	80	80	40	604
VERONESE Beatrice	back-row	Valsugana							68	21			80	169
ZANETTE Vittoria	tighthead prop	Villorba												0

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BENCH/NOT USED	YELLOW CARD	INVITED	NOT SELECTED

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South Africa vs Italy:
Beatrice Rigoni

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WXV 2023

TIER 1

20.10.2023	Wellington	England – Australia	42-7
21.10.2023	Wellington	Canada – Wales	42-22
21.10.2023	Wellington	New Zealand – France	17-18
27.10.2023	Dunedin	England – Canada	45-12
28.10.2023	Dunedin	New Zealand – Wales	70-7
28.10.2023	Dunedin	France – Australia	20-29
3.11.2023	Auckland	Australia – Wales	25-19
4.11.2023	Auckland	France – Canada	20-29
4.11.2023	Auckland	New Zealand – England	12-33

Standing: England 15; Canada, Australia 10; New Zealand 6; France 4; Wales 1.

TIER 2

13.10.2023	Stellenbosch	Italy – Japan	28-15
13.10.2023	Stellenbosch	South Africa – Scotland	17-31
14.10.2023	Stellenbosch	USA – Samoa	36-26
20.10.2023	Cape Town	USA – Scotland	14-24
20.10.2023	Cape Town	South Africa – Italy	18-36
21.10.2023	Cape Town	Japan – Samoa	32-10
27.10.2023	Cape Town	Scotland – Japan	38-7
27.10.2023	Cape Town	South Africa – Samoa	33-7
28.10.2023	Cape Town	Italy – USA	30-8

Standing: Scotland (+55), Italy (+53) 15; South Africa, USA, Japan 5; Samoa 1.

TIER 3

13.10.2023	Dubai	Fiji – Colombia	67-13
14.10.2023	Dubai	Ireland – Kazakhstan	109-0
14.10.2023	Dubai	Spain – Kenya	32-0
20.10.2023	Dubai	Kazakhstan – Kenya	18-12
20.10.2023	Dubai	Spain – Fiji	26-19
21.10.2023	Dubai	Ireland – Colombia	64-3
27.10.2023	Dubai	Kazakhstan – Fiji	0-118
27.10.2023	Dubai	Kenya – Colombia	21-5
28.10.2023	Dubai	Ireland – Spain	15-13

Standing: Ireland 14; Fiji 11; Spain 10; Kenya 5; Kazakhstan 4; Colombia 0.



Giordana Duca

WXV STRUCTURE

WXV is an annual women's rugby union competition between national teams created by World Rugby to enhance top level international activity out of the traditional Six Nations (England, France, Ireland, Italy, Scotland, Wales) and Pacific Four (Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Usa) tournaments. WXV consists of three Tiers, each involving six teams.

TIER 1: played by Top 3 teams from last Six Nations and Pacific Four.

TIER 2: played by last Six Nations' 4th and 5th placed, last Pacific Four's 4th placed, Africa's champions, Asia's champions and the winner of a play-off between last Six Nations' 6th placed and Europe's champions.

TIER 3: played by Oceania's champions and runners up, Africa's runners up, Asia's runners up, the loser of a play-off between last Six Nations' 6th placed and Europe's champion, the winner of a play-off between 2023 WXV last placed and the best placed not competing team in World Rugby Ranking.

Promotions and relegations (both regarding regional places) between Tier 2 and Tier 3 are already working, while Tier 1 will be involved in such a system starting from 2026 edition.

ITALY AT WXV (2023 EDITION)

QUALIFYING

Piacenza – 22 July 2023

ITALY – SPAIN 23-0

ITALY: Ostuni Minuzzi (Valsugana); Muzzo (Villorba) (73' Capomaggi - Villorba), Sillari (Valsugana) (68' Granzotto - Unione Capitolina), Rigoni (Sale), D'Inca (Villorba); Stevanin (Valsugana) (63' Madia - Colorno), S. Stefan (Valsugana); Giordano (Valsugana), Locatelli (Colorno) (75' Gurioli - Villorba), Tounesi (Sale) (76' Pilani - Colorno); G. Duca (Valsugana), Fedrighi (Stade Toulousain) (71' Ranuccini - Colorno); L. Gai (Valsugana) (68' Cassaghi - Cus Milano), Vecchini (Valsugana), Turani (Exeter) (68' Maris - Valsugana). Coach Raineri.

SPAIN: Peña (62' Carmona); C. Perez (41' Bueso-Inchausti), Vinuesa, Pozo, Piquero; Z. Perez, Diaz (68' Castro); Castellucci, Capell, Calvo; Martinez, Puig (55' N. Garcia); Delgado (62' Bracic), Blanco (62' Roman), Del Castillo (62' Antolinez). Coach J. Gonzalez.

Referee: Barrett-Theron (South Africa)

Scorers: 3' pen. Sillari, 35' try Giordano, 42' try D'Inca / 60' try Vecchini, 72' try Granzotto

Notes: Capell yellow card (26'-36')

TIER 2

Stellenbosch – 13 October 2023

ITALY – JAPAN 28-15

ITALY: Granzotto (Unione Capitolina); Muzzo (Villorba), Sillari (Valsugana) (72' Capomaggi - Villorba), Rigoni (Sale) (75' Sillari - Valsugana), D'Inca (Villorba); Madia (Grenoble) (62' Stevanin - Valsugana), S. Stefan (Valsugana) (66' Buso - Colorno); Gi. Cavina (Cus Milano) (57' Tounesi - Sale), Ranuccini (Colorno), Frangipani (Villorba); G. Duca (Valsugana), Fedrighi (Stade Toulousain) (72' Pilani - Colorno); Seye (Ealing) (41' L. Gai - Valsugana), Vecchini (Valsugana) (57' Maris - Romagnat), Turani (Harlequins) (75' Gurioli - Villorba). Coach Raineri.

JAPAN: Nishimura; Matsumura, Furuta (67' Yamamoto), Kobayashi, Imakugi; Otsuka, Abe (62' Yasuo); Nagai (52' Yoshimoto), Nagata, Saito (45' Korai); Yoshimura, Kawamura (52' Nduka); Sadaka (44' Homaki), Kuge (52' Taniguchi), Kato (62' Nagata). Coach McKenzie.

Referee: Roche (Usa)

Scorers: 4' try Rigoni conv. Sillari, 21' try Matsumura, 29' try Muzzo conv. Sillari / 46' try Muzzo conv. Sillari, 51' try Granzotto conv. Sillari, 55' try Nduka, 80' try Matsumura.

Notes: Sillari yellow card (14'-24')

Cape Town – 20 October 2023

SOUTH AFRICA – ITALY 18-36

SOUTH AFRICA: Qawe (38'-42' Mali); Dolf, Grain, Nyanda, Hess; Van Rensburg, Kinsey (23' Tose); Hele, Jacobs, Dumke; Lochner (41' Ubisi), Booï (53' Mcatshulwa); Latsha (53' Ngxingolo), Gunter (28' Hanekom); 59' Latsha; 64' out, no subs, Charlie (53' Ntoyanto). Coach Koen.

ITALY: Ostuni Minuzzi (Valsugana); Muzzo (Villorba) (59' Stevanin - Valsugana), Capomaggi (Villorba), Rigoni (Sale), D'Inca (Villorba); Madia (Grenoble), Granzotto (Unione Capitolina) (33' Mastrangelo - Unione Capitolina); Gi. Cavina (Cus Milano) (66' Catellani - Colorno), Ranuccini (Colorno), Locatelli (Colorno) (65' Errichiello - Unione Capitolina); Tounesi (Sale) (14' Frangipani - Villorba), Fedrighi (Stade Toulousain); Pilani (Colorno) (56' L. Gai - Valsugana), Vecchini (Valsugana) (65' Gurioli - Villorba), Turani (Harlequins) (59' Maris - Romagnat). Coach Raineri.

Referee: Groizeleau (France)

Scorers: 4' try Ostuni Minuzzi conv. Capomaggi, 9' try Latsha conv. Van Rensburg, 12' try Muzzo conv. Capomaggi, 24' try Ranuccini, 28' pen. Van Rensburg, 36' pen. Capomaggi / 48' pen. Van Rensburg, 51' try Vecchini conv. Capomaggi, 58' try Dolf, 74' try D'Inca conv. Capomaggi.

Notes: Hele red card at 50'; Grain yellow card (18'-28'). No contest scrums since 64'.

Cape Town – 28 October 2023

ITALY – USA 30-8

ITALY: Capomaggi (Villorba) (73' Catellani - Colorno); Ostuni Minuzzi (Valsugana), Sillari (Valsugana), Stevanin (Valsugana) (64' Madia - Grenoble), D'Inca (Villorba); Rigoni (Sale), S. Stefan (Valsugana); Giordano (Valsugana), Gi. Cavina (Cus Milano) (64' Ranuccini - Colorno), Tounesi (Sale) (56' Locatelli - Colorno); G. Duca (Valsugana), Fedrighi (Stade Toulousain); L. Gai (Valsugana) (64' Pilani - Colorno), Turani (Harlequins) (71' Gurioli - Villorba), Maris (Romagnat) (67' Stecca - Villorba). Coach Raineri.

USA: Feury; Harris-Jones, Zackary, Howard (56' Henrich), Clapp; Cantorna (41' Bitter), Tukuafu (67' Waters); Johnson, Brody, Tafuna (64' Kronish); Jarrell (73' Ehrecke), Taufou; Sagapolu (56' Jacoby), Stathopoulos (49' Treder), Benson (64' Leatherman). Coach Haig.

Referee: Ganley (New Zealand)

Scorers: 14' pen. Cantorna, 28' try Duca conv. Sillari, 39' try Ostuni Minuzzi / 44' try Stefan, 46' try Brody, 52' try D'Inca, 59' try Giordano, 63' pen. Sillari.



Beatrice Capomaggi kicks from the tee

ITALY WOMEN' RECORDS

CAPS

116	Sara BARATTIN
100	Lucia GAI
89	Manuela FURLAN
88	Sofia STEFAN
87	Michela TONDINELLI
84	Michela SILLARI
82	Veronica SCHIAVON
76	Melissa BETTONI
	Beatrice RIGONI
	Paola ZANGIROLAMI
72	Silvia GAUDINO
67	Elisa CUCCHIELLA
	Elisa GIORDANO
61	Ilaria ARRIGHETTI
59	Giuliana CAMPANELLA

POINTS

SCHIAVON Ver.	383 (7t, 75c, 65p, 1d)
SILLARI	279 (13t, 59c, 32p)
TONDINELLI	166 (11+1t, 16c, 22p, 3d)
ZANETTI	114 (3t, 12c, 23p, 2d)
RIGONI	111 (13t, 14c, 6p)
FURLAN	100 (20t)
NAVE	81 (5+3t, 4c, 12p)
STEFAN S.	80 (16t)
BARATTIN	75 (15t)
SEVERIN	70 (14t)
BETTONI	65 (13t)
MAGATTI	65 (13t)
STEFAN L.	60 (12t)
PIZZATI	57 (11t, 1c)

Note: (+N) = denotes 4 points tries scored

TRIES

FURLAN	20
STEFAN S.	16
BARATTIN	15
BETTONI	14
MAGATTI	14
SEVERIN	14
RIGONI	13
SILLARI	13
STEFAN L.	12
TONDINELLI	12
OSTUNI MINUZZI	11
PIZZATI	11



Aura Muzzo and Sara Mannini against Japan

RECORDS BY A PLAYER

IN A GAME

Most points			
23	Michela SILLARI	Scotland 2018	

Most tries			
3	Manuela FURLAN	Scotland 2021	
	Michela SILLARI	Scotland 2018	

Most conversions			
6	Veronica SCHIAVON	Germany 2005	
	Veronica SCHIAVON	Samoa 2013	

Most penalties			
5	Monica ZANETTI	France A 2001	
	Veronica SCHIAVON	Wales 2013	

Most drop goals			
1	seven players		

RECORDS BY THE TEAM

IN A GAME

Largest win			
+52	Germany – Italy	0-52 (7.4.05)	

Heaviest loss			
-74	Italy – England	0-74 (3.4.22)	

Most points for			
65	Italy – Samoa	65-22 (20.4.13)	

Most points against			
76	Italy – England	6-76 (9.2.08)	

Most tries for			
10	Italy – Samoa	65-22 (20.4.13)	

Most tries against			
12	Italy – England	6-76 (9.2.08)	
	Italy – England	0-74 (3.4.22)	
	England – Italy	68-5 (2.3.23)	

Best winning streak			
5	from Italy – Netherlands 23-19 (16.4.95)		
	to Italy – Netherlands 11-6 (14.4.96)		
5	from Wales – Italy 15-22 (11.3.18)		
	to Scotland – Italy 7-28 (1.2.19)		

Best streak without a loss			
7	from Wales – Italy 15-22 (11.3.18)		
	to Italy – Ireland 29-27 (24.2.19)		
	(6 wins and 1 draw)		

Worst losing streak			
10	from Wales – Italy 31-7 (18.11.06)		
	to France – Italy 35-6 (8.3.08)		



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