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2003

1999

1998

1994-1997

1991-1994

Warriors Torino, Linebacker/Long Snapper/

Punter Blacks/Tigers Torino, Linebacker/Long

Snapper Praetorians Aosta, Linebacker/Long

Snapper Giaguari/Blacks Torino, Linebacker/

Long Snapper

Giaguari Torino, Linebacker/Quarterback

AS A COACH...

Stats of the teams

I've coached can be

found at

	www.fidat.org			
	Dolphins Ancona Div.1	Special Teams Coordinator & Scouting Video	6-2 record Semifinal	
•	2021/'22 Lancieri Novara Div.3	Head Coach & Special Teams Coordinator	2-3 record Season shortened by Covid	
•	2020/'21 Reapers Torino Div.2	Defensive and Special Teams Coordinator	2-4 record	
•	2019/'20 Mastifs Canavese Div.2	Head Coach & Supervisor for the Junior and Female programs	Season suspended for Covid19	
•	2018/'19 Giaguari Torino & Blue Team Junior	DC & STC senior team (IFL-Italian 1st Div.) Defensive & Special Teams Coordinator for the Junior National Team U19	2-6 record	

Div. 1		
• 2017/'18 Giaguari Torino & Blue Team Junior Div.1	Supervisor for the youth program and Defensive Coordinator U19. Defensive & Special teams Coordinator senior team (IFL- Italian 1st Div.) Defensive & Special teams Coordinator for the Junior National Team U19	2-8 record senior team 5-1 record U19 Quarterfinal
• 2016/'17 Giaguari Torino	Supervisor for the youth program and Defensive & Special teams Coordinator U19. Head coach senior team (IFL-Italian 1st Div.)	5-5 record senior team Wild Card 3-3 U19 record Quarterfinals
• 2015/'16 Giaguari Torino	Supervisor for the youth program and Defensive Coordinator U19. Head coach senior team (IFL-Italian 1 st Div.)	3-7 record senior team. 2-4 U19 record

2014/'15 Giaguari Torino & Blue Team	Supervisor for the youth program and Defensive Coordinator U19. Head coach senior team (IFL-Italian 1st Div.) Won U13 championship and silver medal with the U15 flag football national championship. Special teams coordinator Blue Team Senior under new HC Davide Giuliano.	1-9 record senior team. U13 champs U15 flag 2nd 4-2 U19 record Quarter finals.
2013/'14 Giaguari Torino & Blue Team	Head coach junior team U19. Head coach senior team (IFL- Italian 1st Div.). Special teams coordinator Blue Team Senior (under coach John Mackovich)	5-5 record senior team. 3-3 U19 record.

2012/'13 Giaguari Torino & Blue Team Junior	Head coach junior team U18. Senior team defensive coordinator (under coach Jermaine Lewis from Atlanta). LB coach and special teams assistant for the Italian Junior National Team	8-0 record semifinal loss with the senior. 4-2 U18 team, semifinalist.
2011/'12Giagu ari Torino & Blue Team Junior	Head coach junior team U18. Senior team defensive coordinator (under coach Howard "Moe" Ankney from Minnesota). LB coach and special teams assistant for the Italian Junior National Team	6-0 record with Junior Team with a loss in quarterfinal game and 5-3 record with the senior.

2010/'11 Giaguari Torino & Blue Team Junior	Head coach junior team U18, nominated Giaguari Junior Program supervisor. Defensive coordinator senior team (team hired a French/Canadian head coach). LB coach for the Italian Junior National Team.	3-3 record with junior team and 5-3 with the senior
2009/'10 Giaguari Torino & Blue Team Junior	Head coach for both senior and junior team. Nominated LB coach for the Italian Junior National Team U18.	0-6 record with the Junior team and 2-6 with senior.
2006-2008 Blacks Torino	Defensive coordinator senior team, head coach junior team U17.	Italy's Cup finalist . Championship semifinal.

•	2005	Defensive coordinator	0-8 record
	Giaguari		
	Torino		

•	2000-2004 Warriors Torino	Founder and co-owner of a newborn team in Torino, the Warriors. Worked as defensive coordinator first and Head coach then.	
•	1999 Blacks Torino	Played linebacker with senior team while coaching the same unit. Defensive coordinator for the junior team U21.	Eliminated from playoff in semifinal with the U21.
•	1998 Praetoria nsAosta	Player/coach for the defense.	
•	1997 Blacks Torino	Assistant coach for the linebackers, flag football U16 head coach.	
•	1995-1996 Blacks Torino	Took my first degree as an Assistant Coach while injured, started my coaching career as defensive backs assistant, flag football U16 head coach.	

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CLINIC PARTECIPATION	2005 Firenze	Zone offense, 43 and 44 defense, LB fundamentals	Coach Tino Von Eckardt
	2005 Sassuolo	Build an offense	Coach John Mackovic
	2006 Firenze	43 Vs 34 defense, DB fundamentals	Coach Jim Tomsula
	2008 Bolzano	Clock management, offensive and defensive fundamentals	Coach Aitor Trabado
	• 2009 Verona	Russell Football Camp	Coach Rick Lantz, Brock Olivo
	2009 Firenze	Spread offense, defend the spread offense, 35 defense, the new science of	Coach Jeff Scurran
	• 2009 Parma	Junior player development program, strength & conditioning,	Coach Brock Olivo

• 2010 Varese	Wing-T offense, Quad offense, scouting methods, gameplan	Coach Paul Vincent Miraval, Coach Giorgio Volpi.
• 2010 Parma	Junior player development program, strength & conditioning,	Coach Brock Olivo
• 2011 Milano	Special teams units, defensive backs fundamentals, pro football	John Hoke, Dave Toub, Steve Mariucci
• 2012 Torino	North West Football Camp & Clinic	Coach Johnny Tusa AFCA
- 2013	In charge of the northwest coaches development program by the Italian Coaches	AFC Italy
- 2014	Football clinic with NFL legend Mike Singletary in	Mike Singletary

-	2015	"Advanced Linebackers" and "Be a successful assistant coach" with coach Don Papasedero (Mercer High	Don Papasedero
-	2015	Fall camp ghost coach Cal Berkeley	Sonny Dykes
-	2016	Youth player development clinic	FIDAF
-	2017	Fidaf Coaches Convention	FIDAF
-	2019	Fidaf Coaches Convention, invited as speaker to talk about the topic "Defending the	FIDAF
-	2020	Fidaf O line Webinar	FIDAF
-	2020	Organized a special teams webinar with coach Charlie Ragle from Cal Golden Bears (served as translator for the	Organizzatore per Fidaf di questo clinic

	-	2020	Multiple offensive topics Webinar	Francesco Lanzani
	•	2021	FIDAF annual coaches convention	Multiple speakers
	-	2022	FIDAF annual coaches convention	Multiple speakers
ON FIELD		2000 Palagna	 Italian 	
EXPERIENCES	_	2009 Bologna	Senior National Team tryouts	Brock Olivo

•	2009 Savona	Summer football camp "voglia di football", LB coach			
•	2009	Milano) chief of the North Development, a FIDAF pro scout young players in the to allow them to play in 1:	ominated along with coach Pietro Marotta (Daemons ilano) chief of the Northwest Junior Player evelopment, a FIDAF project born to coach and to out young players in the northwest region of Italy and allow them to play in 11 Vs 11 men football instead of e 9 men they are used to play in their championships.		
-	2010 Parma	Football camp, LB coachJPD football camps	AFC Italy		

• 201 0 Tori no	 Italy – Germany friendly match, defensive scout coach for the Blue Team JPD football camps Bologna coaches clinic 	Brock Olivo AFC Italy
• 201 1 Ansb ach (Ger many)	Summer high school football camp into a NATO US military base, LB coach.	George Marcus

• 201 2 Ansb ach (Ger many)	 Summer high school football camp into a NATO US military base, LB coach. JPD football camps 	George Marcus
• 201 2 Tori no	 Hosted a football camp with AFCA coach Johnny Tusa from Waco. JPD football camps 	Johnny Tusa
201 3 Ansb ach (Ger	 Summer high school football camp, LB coach. JPD football camps 	George Marcus

• 201 4 Tries te	Summer football camp with NFL coach Mike Singletary and other ex NFL players, coached LB with IFAF coach Sebas Serrano JPD football camps	NFL coaches
• 201 4	Attended University of California Berkeley fall camp. Spent 2 weeks on the field with the NCAA Div. 1 team through their training camp. Being also able to attend classes and coaches meeting with their staff. JPD football camps	HC Sonny Dykes ST Coord. Mark Tommerdhal

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- 2015	 Coached LB's and long snappers at the Cal Bears "Sonny Dykes football camp" in Berkeley. JPD football camps 	HC Sonny Dykes ST Coord. Mark Tommerdhal
- 2016	National Team Qualification round As part of the exchange program built with the University of California Berkeley, I've brought 18 Italian young players to their summer youth camp, where I also worked as linebackers	HC Gianluca Leone Andrew McGraw

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. 2	2017	Owner and founder of the Gridiron Experience football camp in Turin, in collaboration with the UNiversity of California	Andrew McGraw
- 2	2018	Gridiron Experience football camp 2, in collaboration with the University of California	Andrew McGraw
- 2	2019	Gridiron Experience football camp 2, in collaboration with the	Andrew McGraw
- 2	2019	U19 National Team European Championshi p in Bologna, Defensive & Special Teams	HC Luca Lorandi

•	2021	•	Attended University of California Berkeley fall camp. Spent 2 weeks on the field with the NCAA Div. 1 team through their training camp. Being also able to attend classes and coaches meeting with their staff.	HC Justin Wilcox
•	2022	•	Spent 2 weeks in September at the University Of California Berkeley during their season,	HC Justin Wilcox

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PERSONAL PROJECT	Since 2017 I run a football camp of my own named Gridiron Experience, in collaboration with the University of California Berkeley. Focus of the camp is to teach and stress the game of football fundamentals and to have a chance to do so with the help of professional coaches and football stars like Marshawn Lynch , Desmond Bishop and Giorgio Tavecchio from the NFL, such as members of the California Golden Bears coaching staff members.					
KNOWN LENGUAGES	Italian English					
I've spent more than half of my life on the football fier and my friends nicknamed me "Rico the football pervert" just because I care about the game so much and there is nothing I am more committed to. I've started coaching because a motorcycle crash forced out of the field, but since then I felt like I have found place. I love to grow in the game and through the gar and my ultimate goal (and dream) is to be able to we full time in football and prove myself I can make it to higher level and help develop good special teams un and players to help win games.		'Rico the football out the game so much committed to. I've torcycle crash forced me I felt like I have found my e and through the game im) is to be able to work myself I can make it to a good special teams unit				