

24 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC MEDALS AWARDS IN TREVISO

- **Josefa Idem:** legend of the Italian and international sport, undisputed protagonist of the canoe. With an extraordinary career lasting over thirty years, no woman has ever competed in eight editions of the Olympic Games (world record) where she won five medals (1 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze). After retiring, she undertook a political path as Minister for Sport and Youth Policy while continuing to promote sport as an instrument of personal and social growth.
- **Mara Navarria:** Olympic fencing champion (1 gold in Paris 2024 in the "sword team" and 1 bronze in Tokyo 2020), she represented Italy in numerous international competitions. She graduated as a World Specialty Champion in 2018 and Vice European Champion in Plovdiv in 2023. At the World Fencing Championships in Milan in 2023 she won the individual bronze and silver in the team competition. She also contributed significantly to the success of the Italian national team in team competitions.
- **Rigivan Ganeshamoorthy:** young emerging talent in the international paralympic sports scene specialized in weight throwing, javelin throw and launch of the F52 disc discipline in which - as a newcomer - won the gold medal at the Paris 2024 Paralympics. Italian Paralympic champion of the F55 weight jet and the launch of the F54-55 disc, for both of which he holds the European Paralympic record (2024). He is the Italian champion in javelin throwing with the world record for the paralympic F52 thanks to his 20.99 m height.
- **Aldo Serena:** football forward of great charisma and physical power, protagonist in the football of the '80s and '90s. He is one of six Italian players to have won the Scudetto with three different clubs: Inter (the club with a record score of 58 points, which he contributes as top scorer of the tournament), Juventus and Milan. He also wore the Torino shirt. Known for his airplay and sense of goal, with the Italian national team he participated in two World Championships, contributing to third place at Italia '90. In its palmares also an Intercontinental Cup and an UEFA Cup.
- **Matteo Tagliariol:** individual Olympic champion at the 2008 Beijing Games. Distinguished himself from a young age for his elegant style and exceptional tactical intelligence. In addition to the two Olympic titles (1 individual gold and 1 team bronze) he achieved important results in the World Cup, at the European and World Championships, becoming one of the top athletes of Italian fencing. Recognized for his determination, he is an example of sporting excellence and resilience.
- **Simone Deromedis:** he is one of the top athletes in freestyle skiing, ski cross specialty. He has gained international fame thanks to his dynamic performance and determination on the track. World Champion in 2023 he is the first Italian in history to climb the highest step of the podium in this discipline. In the 2021 World Cup, he gained third place, bringing Italy back on

the podium of the discipline after almost 16 years. With his talent and determination, he represents one of the Italian hopes for the Winter Olympic Games Milan Cortina 2026.

- **Sports club "Tiro a Segno Nazionale | Sezione di Treviso"**: founded in 1868 is one of the oldest sports clubs in Italy. 157 years of history

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- **Angela Andreoli**: Olympic team vice-champion gymnast in Paris 2024 and twice European champion. Specialist in floor and balance beam, she is the first Italian to perform the "tsukahara in exit". She grew up in Brixia Brescia and was inspired by Vanessa Ferrari. She started with football, but the docuseries "Ginnaste - Vite Parallele" brought her closer to artistic gymnastics and in a short time she became one of the purest talents on the Italian and international scene. She won the European team gold in Monaco 2022 and in Rimini 2024.

- **Stefano Raimondi**: Paralympic swimming champion. In Paris 2024 he won gold (100 m breaststroke, 100 m freestyle, 200 m medley relay, 100 m butterfly and 4 x 100 m mixed freestyle) and silver (100 m backstroke). Won several medals at the 2018 European Championships in Dublin, Funchal 2021 and 2024; at the 2019 World Championships in London, Madeira 2022 and Manchester 2023. At the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics he won seven medals: 1 gold (100 m breaststroke), 4 silvers (4x100 freestyle, 100 m butterfly, 100 m backstroke, 200 m mixed), 2 bronzes (100 m freestyle, 4x100 m mixed).

- **Damiano Tommasi**: currently Mayor of Verona, he was one of the referees midfielders of AS Roma football between the nineties and two thousand with which he won a Scudetto and an Italian Super Cup. He is European champion with Italy U-21 in Spain 1996. From 2011 to 2020 he was at the helm of the Italian Association of Footballers and was a Federal Councillor of FIGC. In July 2015 he was inducted into the "Hall of Fame" of Roma.

Guest:

- **Liu Kan**: Consul General of the People's Republic of China in Milan. He has actively promoted cooperation between China and Italy, with particular emphasis on economic, tourist, cultural and institutional relations. His diplomatic activity is focused on strengthening bilateral relations and promoting sustainable and mutually beneficial cooperation. He took part in the Xi'an Cultural and Tourism Promotion Conference, where he highlighted the importance of cultural cooperation between the two countries.