

OFFICIAL RBS 6 NATIONS TEAM SELECTION *DELIVERED BY ACCENTURE*

ITALY v IRELAND at Stadio Olimpico, 7.2.2015 (15:30 local time)

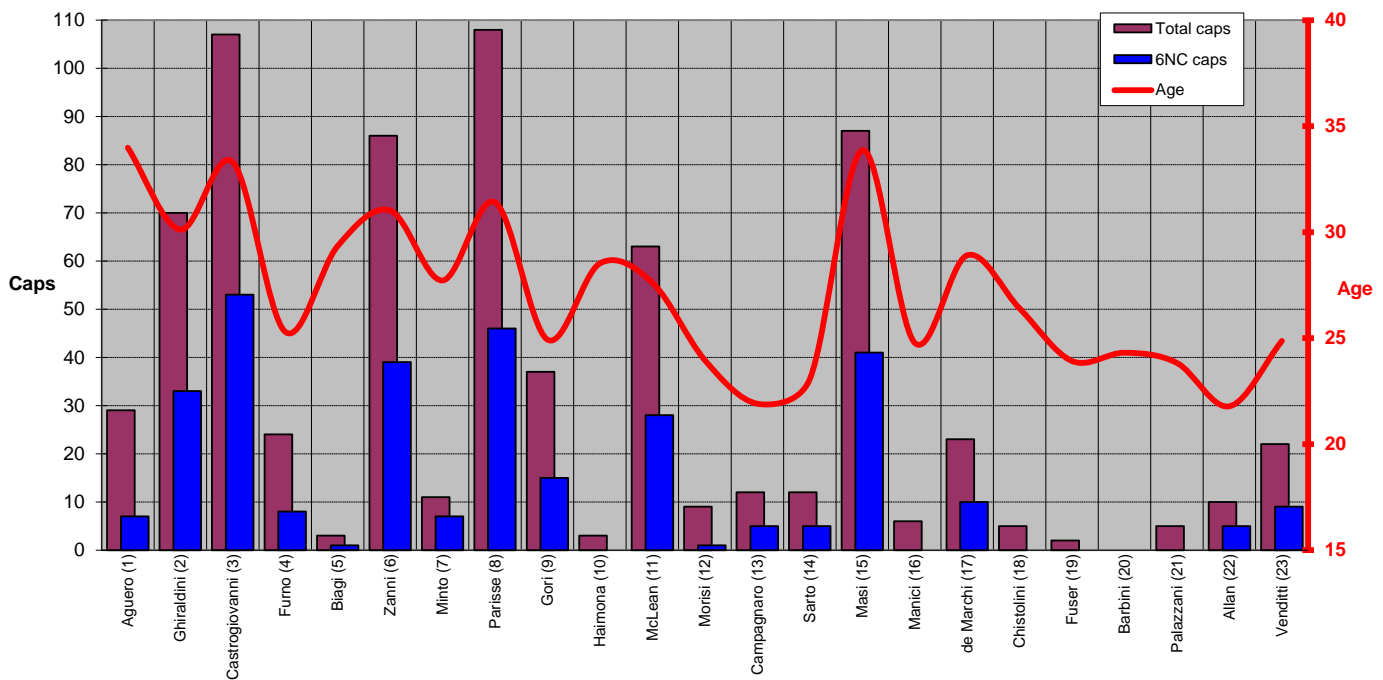
Head coach Jacques Brunel hands an RBS 6 Nations debut to 28-year-old fly-half **Kelly Haimona**. Included amongst the bench replacements are uncapped Treviso back-row **Marco Barbini**, along with four others who are new to the championship: hooker **Andrea Manici**, prop **Dario Chistolini**, lock **Marco Fuser** and scrum-half **Guglielmo Palazzani**.

At the other end of the scale skipper **Sergio Parisse** leads Italy for a record 61st time (only three players have captained their country more – Richie McCaw, John Smit and Brian O'Driscoll).

The XV has 661 test caps between them; the bench has a further 73 caps.

The average age of the walk-on team is 28.4 years; the average on the bench is 24.9

AGE & EXPERIENCE



(1) MATIAS AGUERO

Team: Zebre
 Born: 13.2.1981 (33) in San Nicolas (Argentina)
 Ht: 1.83m (6'0") Wt: 109kg (17st 2lb)
 Position: Prop
 Test debut: 12.11.2005 v Tonga (Prato)
 RBS 6N debut: 6.2.2010 v Ireland (Dublin)

TEST CAREER	Caps	Starts	Rep	SNU	Try	Pts	W	D	L
Overall	29	10	19	1	1	5	7	-	22
RBS 6 Nations	7	1	6	-	-	-	1	-	6
v Ireland	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
@ Stadio Olimpico	3	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	3
RBS 6N 2014	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
PRO12 2014/15	5	5	-	-	-	-	1	-	4
CHALL CUP 2014/15	3	2	1	-	-	-	1	-	2

FACTBOX:

Club debuts: 2001-02 Bologna, 2002-03 Rovigo, 2004-05 Viadana, 2007-08 Saracens, 2010-11 Aironi, 2012-13 Zebre
 Moved to Italy and made his senior debut for Bologna in December 2001 against Petrarca
 Played for Saracens in the 2010 Premiership final which they lost to Leicester.
 Earned 12 caps for Italy A between 2006 and 2011
 Test debut came during the autumn internationals of 2005 against Tonga, played in RWC2007. His only test try was scored against Uruguay in Montevideo in June 2007.
 His first five appearances in the RBS 6 Nations, throughout the 2010 campaign and against Scotland in round 3 last year, were off the bench.
 Made his first start in the tournament in round 5 against England in Rome.

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(2) LEONARDO GHIRALDINI Team: Leicester Tigers Born: 26.12.1984 (30) in Padova (Italy) Ht: 1.83m (6'0") Wt: 99kg (15st 8lb) Position: Hooker Test debut: 11.6.2006 v Japan (Tokyo) RBS 6N debut: 17.3.2007 v Ireland (Roma)	TEST CAREER Overall	Caps	Starts	Rep	SNU	Try	Pts	W	D	L
	RBS 6 Nations v Ireland @ Stadio Olimpico RBS 6N 2014 PREM 2014/15 CHAMP CUP 2014/15	70 33 8 8 5 11 6	58 31 7 8 5 6 4	12 2 1 - - 5 2	5 1 1 - - - -	4 - - - - - -	20 - - - - - -	15 5 1 2 - 6 3	- - - - - - -	55 28 7 6 5 3

FACTBOX:

Club debuts: 2003-04 Padova, 2005-06 Calvisano, 2009-10 Treviso, 2014-15 Leicester
 Italian Championship finalist with Calvisano in 2006, skippered them to success in 2008 final, and won another crown with Benetton Treviso two years later
 Made his Italy A debut against Tonga in 2005; also played for them in the IRB Nations Cup in Bucharest 2007
 This is his 9th successive RBS 6 Nations campaign since his debut against Ireland in Rome in 2007, missing only two possible matches during that time
 Played in two RWC with Italy, 2007 and 2011, has played in each of Italy's last 25 tests, the last 13 as starting hooker.
 His 4 test tries to date have come against Argentina, Pacific Islanders, Japan and Tonga, all in his first 46 games.

(3) MARTIN CASTROGIOVANNI Team: Toulon Born: 21.10.1981 (33) in Parana (Argentina) Ht: 1.88m (6'2") Wt: 117kg (18st 5lb) Position: Prop Test debut: 8.6.2002 v New Zealand (Hamilton(NZ)) RBS 6N debut: 22.2.2003 v Ireland (Roma)	TEST CAREER Overall	Caps	Starts	Rep	SNU	Try	Pts	W	D	L
	RBS 6 Nations v Ireland @ Stadio Olimpico RBS 6N 2014 Top14 2014/15 CHAMP CUP 2014/15	107 53 12 7 4 4 3	84 40 10 7 4 2 2	23 13 2 - - 2 1	1 - - - 1 -	12 5 2 1 - - 1	60 25 10 5 - - 5	29 7 - 2 - 2 2	1 1 - - - -	77 45 12 5 4 2 1

FACTBOX:

Club debuts: 2001-02 Calvisano, 2006-07 Leicester, 2013-14 Toulon
 Won the Top-14 and European Cup double with Toulon last season, coming off the bench in both finals
 Represented Italy U21 at Six Nations 2002, toured with senior team to New Zealand that summer, making his test debut v All Blacks as a 20 year old
 Made his RBS 6 Nations debut v Ireland 2003, and has appeared in every tournament since. He was the first Italian to play 50 games in the RBS 6 Nations.
 Is the world's most prolific try-scoring prop with 12, his most recent coming against France in round 1 2013, and is Italy's most capped prop.
 Has appeared for Italy in three Rugby World Cups: skippered them for the first time during the two games on the North American tour summer 2012 and then against Wales in RBS 6 Nations 2013

(4) JOSHUA FURNO Team: Newcastle Falcons Born: 21.10.1989 (25) in Melbourne, VIC (Australia) Ht: 2.01m (6'7") Wt: 114kg (17st 13lb) Position: Lock Test debut: 20.8.2011 v Scotland (Murrayfield) RBS 6N debut: 17.3.2012 v Scotland (Roma)	TEST CAREER Overall	Caps	Starts	Rep	SNU	Try	Pts	W	D	L
	RBS 6 Nations v Ireland @ Stadio Olimpico RBS 6N 2014 PREM 2014/15 EPCR 2014/15	24 8 2 5 5 10 -	16 6 2 3 4 5 -	8 2 2 1 5 -	- - - - - -	1 1 1 1 1 -	5 5 5 5 5 -	7 2 2 - 3 -	- - - - - -	17 6 1 3 5 7

FACTBOX:

Club debuts: 2009-10 Viadana, 2010-11 Aironi, 2012-13 Narbonne, 2013-14 Biarritz, 2014-15 Newcastle
 Italy A debut came against England Saxons at Worcester 2011, he also played for them in Churchill Cup that summer
 Test debut came as a replacement in the World Cup warm up game against Scotland at Murrayfield August 2011. Made his RBS 6 Nations debut off the bench in the round 5 fixture against Scotland in Rome 2012
 Has played Italy's last 15 tests, the last ten as a starter five in shirt number 5 and five in shirt 6
 Has played for four different teams over last 4 years in four different leagues - PRO12, ProD2, Top-14 and Premiership
 Named man of the match for his maiden try scoring performance in the narrow defeat to Scotland in Rome in round 3 last year.

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(5) GEORGE FABIO BIAGI	TEST CAREER	Caps	Starts	Rep	SNU	Try	Pts	W	D	L
	Overall	3	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	3
Team: Zebre	RBS 6 Nations	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Born: 4.10.1985 (29) in Irvine (Scotland)	v Ireland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ht: 1.98m (6'6") Wt: 116kg (18st 3lb)	@ Stadio Olimpico	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Position: Lock	RBS 6N 2014	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Test debut: 15.3.2014 v England (Roma)	PRO12 2014/15	9	6	3	-	-	-	2	-	7
RBS 6N debut: 15.3.2014 v England (Roma)	CHALL CUP 2014/15	6	5	1	-	-	-	2	-	4
FACTBOX:	Club debuts: 2009-10 Prato, 2010-11 Aironi, 2012-13 Bristol, 2012-13 Clifton, 2013-14 Zebre									
Attended University in Milan and played junior rugby for the Amatori Club in the city.										
Made his debut in the Super-10 for Prato in September 2009, then transferred over to Aironi making his debut in the PRO12 against Scarlets at Viadana in November 2010.										
Joined Bristol in the Championship summer of 2012 and spent a loan period with Clifton in the English leagues. Joined Zebre in the PRO12, summer 2013										
Made his test debut off the bench in the RBS 6 Nations round 5 game last year against England in Rome										
Gained two further caps on the summer tour in Fiji as a replacement and starting in the second row against Samoa										

(6) ALESSANDRO ZANNI	TEST CAREER	Caps	Starts	Rep	SNU	Try	Pts	W	D	L
	Overall	86	66	20	-	3	15	25	1	60
Team: Benetton Treviso	RBS 6 Nations	39	32	7	-	1	5	8	1	30
Born: 31.1.1984 (31) in Udine (Italy)	v Ireland	9	8	1	-	-	-	1	-	8
Ht: 1.93m (6'4") Wt: 107kg (16st 11lb)	@ Stadio Olimpico	8	8	-	-	-	-	3	-	5
Position: Flanker	RBS 6N 2014	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	3
Test debut: 12.11.2005 v Tonga (Prato)	PRO12 2014/15	4	3	1	-	-	-	1	-	3
RBS 6N debut: 25.2.2006 v France (Paris)	CHAMP CUP 2014/15	5	5	-	-	-	-	1	-	4
FACTBOX:	Club debuts: 2005-06 Calvisano, 2009-10 Treviso									
Won Italian Championship finals twice, with Calvisano 2008 and Treviso 2010										
Represented Italy at U18, U19 and U21 levels, playing in the 2004 & 2005 U21 Six Nations, an ever present throughout both in back row										
Played in every game for Italy in the RBS 6 Nations from 2008 through to 2013, but only the first three rounds last year when a season ending knee injury in the game against Scotland also brought to an end his sequence of 58 successive Azzurri caps.										
Returned to the Italian team following injury for the three autumn internationals, starting each game in his usual No. 6 shirt.										
Has scored just 3 test tries, one against Canada in 2006, one against Russia in RWC2011 and one versus Scotland at Murrayfield in round 2 of last season's RBS 6 Nations.										

(7) FRANCESCO MINTO	TEST CAREER	Caps	Starts	Rep	SNU	Try	Pts	W	D	L
	Overall	11	6	5	-	-	-	2	-	9
Team: Benetton Treviso	RBS 6 Nations	7	4	3	-	-	-	2	-	5
Born: 20.5.1987 (27) in Mirano (Italy)	v Ireland	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Ht: 1.93m (6'4") Wt: 104kg (16st 5lb)	@ Stadio Olimpico	4	3	1	-	-	-	2	-	2
Position: Flanker	RBS 6N 2014	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
Test debut: 17.11.2012 v New Zealand (Roma)	PRO12 2014/15	9	4	5	-	4	20	2	-	7
RBS 6N debut: 3.2.2013 v France (Roma)	CHAMP CUP 2014/15	5	4	1	-	-	-	1	-	4
FACTBOX:	Club debuts: 2006-07 Parma, 2010-11 Treviso									
Debut in senior rugby was for Parma against Amatori Catania, April 2007										
Represented Italy U21 at the Six Nations 2007										
Italy A debut came in IRB Nations Cup Bucharest 2008, played in same tournament 2009 & 2010. Represented Italy A at the Churchill Cup in England summer 2011 and now has 16 caps at A level										
Made test debut against the All Blacks at Rome's Stadio Olimpico in November 2012. He played in all 5 games in 2013 RBS 6 Nations, but only rounds 1 & 2 last year.										
His 2 test caps since the end of last season's tournament were both off the bench in the autumn internationals against South Africa and Argentina.										

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(8) SERGIO PARISSÉ(c) Team: Stade Français Paris. Position: No.8 Born: 12.9.1983 (31) in La Plata (Argentina) Ht: 1.95m (6'5") Wt: 110kg (17st 4lb) Test kicking: 0C/OPG/1DG Test debut: 8.6.2002 v New Zealand (Hamilton(NZ)) RBS 6N debut: 15.2.2004 v England (Roma)	TEST CAREER Overall	Caps 108	Starts 105	Rep 3	SNU -	Try 12	Pts 63	W 30	D 1	L 77
	RBS 6 Nations v Ireland @ Stadio Olimpico RBS 6N 2014	46 11 8 4	46 11 8 4	- - - -	- - - -	4 1 1 -	23 5 5 -	8 1 3 -	1 - - -	37 10 5 4
	Top14 2014/15 EPCR 2014/15	15 -	13 -	2 -	- -	5 -	25 -	11 -	- -	4 -
FACTBOX: Club debuts: 2003-04 Treviso, 2005-06 Stade Français French Championship winner with Stade Français in 2007 and finalist in the Amlin Challenge Cup 2011 and 2013, captaining both times Played all Italy's games at RWC 2003 a month after his 20th birthday, has now appeared in three RWC tournaments He has started more RBS 6 Nations games for Italy than any other player (46), and has never been on the bench in the tournament He has led Italy in 60 internationals and holds the Italian record as captain, a post he was first appointed to in 2008. The world's most capped Number 8, he scored his 11th test try on the occasion of his 100th cap, against Fiji, autumn 2013, and his 12th against Samoa in November, on both occasions Italy went on to win the test.										
(9) EDOARDO GORI Team: Benetton Treviso Born: 5.3.1990 (24) in Prato (Italy) Ht: 1.78m (5'10") Wt: 82kg (12st 12lb) Position: Scrum-half Test debut: 20.11.2010 v Australia (Firenze) RBS 6N debut: 5.2.2011 v Ireland (Roma)	TEST CAREER Overall	Caps 37	Starts 27	Rep 10	SNU -	Try 4	Pts 20	W 12	D -	L 25
	RBS 6 Nations v Ireland @ Stadio Olimpico RBS 6N 2014	15 5 9 5	11 3 7 3	4 2 2 2	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	3 1 3 -	- - - -
	PRO12 2014/15 CHAMP CUP 2014/15	5 6	3 4	2 2	- -	1 -	5 -	1 1	- -	4 5
FACTBOX: Club debuts: 2009-10 Prato, 2010-11 Treviso Played for Italy U20s in Six Nations 2009 & 2010 (when he was skipper), and the Junior World Championships in Japan, 2009 Italy A debut came against Romania in 2009, made his full test debut as 20 year old v Australia in Florence, November 2010 Played in all Italy's games at RWC 2011 in New Zealand His 4 test tries to date have come against Japan, Russia, Argentina and USA, the last of which was on the occasion of his 16th cap He has played in Italy's last eleven RBS 6 Nations games. Missed the summer tour in June but returned to start all 3 autumn internationals, against Samoa Argentina and South Africa.										
(10) KELLY HAIMONA Team: Zebre. Position: Fly-half Born: 30.7.1986 (28) in Rotorua (N Zealand) Ht: 1.85m (6'1") Wt: 114kg (17st 13lb) Test kicking: 12 from 18 (67%) 1C/11PG/ODG Test debut: 8.11.2014 v Samoa (Ascoli Piceno) RBS 6N debut: -	TEST CAREER Overall	Caps 3	Starts 3	Rep -	SNU -	Try -	Pts 35	W 1	D -	L 2
	RBS 6 Nations v Ireland @ Stadio Olimpico RBS 6N 2014	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -
	PRO12 2014/15 CHALL CUP 2014/15	11 6	7 1	4 5	- -	- 1	49 10	2 2	- -	9 4
FACTBOX: Club debuts: 2007 Bay of Plenty, 2013-14 Calvisano, 2013-14 Zebre Rugby career started in 2005 playing for his local club Whakarewarewa in New Zealand. Broke into the Bay of Plenty team in the Air New Zealand Cup in 2007 and 2008, but never made a start. Went back to his local club until 2011 when he was targeted by Italian selectors, initially playing in Serie A for Lyons Piacenza for 2 seasons scoring 446 points Made his professional debut in Italy for Calvisano September 2013, winning the title with them last season, scoring 13 points in the final victory over Rovigo First selected for the autumn internationals after fulfilling residency qualifications, kicking 14 points on his debut against Samoa, Italy's first win after 9 successive losses										

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(11) LUKE MCLEAN		TEST CAREER	Caps	Starts	Rep	SNU	Try	Pts	W	D	L
Team: Sale Sharks. Position: Full-back		Overall	63	54	9	2	7	74	13	-	50
Born: 29.6.1987 (27) in Townsville (Australia)		RBS 6 Nations	28	26	2	1	3	33	3	-	25
Ht: 1.90m (6'3") Wt: 94kg (14st 11lb)		v Ireland	7	6	1	-	1	14	1	-	6
Test kicking: 13 from 22 (59%) OC/13PG/0DG		@ Stadio Olimpico	8	7	1	-	-	-	2	-	6
Test debut: 21.6.2008 v South Africa (Cape Town)		RBS 6N 2014	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
RBS 6N debut: 7.2.2009 v England (Twickenham)		PRO12 2014/15	7	7	-	-	2	10	3	-	4
FACTBOX:		CHAMP CUP 2014/15	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Club debuts: 2007 Perth Spirit, 2007-08 Calvisano, 2009-10 Treviso, 2014-15 Sale											
His senior career began with 'Souths' in Brisbane 2006 and he played in the short lived Australian Championship with Perth Spirit in 2007											
First played in Italy in 2007 with Calvisano, making his debut against Viadana in December. Has won two Italian Championship finals: with Calvisano 2008 and Treviso 2010											
Played in all Italy's pool games at RWC2011; has played in Italy's last 26 test matches, his starts have come at numbers 10 (6) 15 (33) and 11 (15).											
Made his RBS 6 Nations debut against England at Twickenham in 2009, since then he has missed out on Italy selection for the matchday squad just once - round 5 against Scotland in 2012											
His three RBS 6 Nations tries to date came against Wales in Cardiff in 2010, Ireland in Rome in 2011, and England at Twickenham in 2013											
(12) LUCA MORISI		TEST CAREER	Caps	Starts	Rep	SNU	Try	Pts	W	D	L
Team: Benetton Treviso		Overall	9	8	1	-	-	-	3	-	6
Born: 22.2.1991 (23) in Milano (Italy)		RBS 6 Nations	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Ht: 1.83m (6'0") Wt: 95kg (14st 13lb)		v Ireland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Position: Centre		@ Stadio Olimpico	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Test debut: 11.2.2012 v England (Roma)		RBS 6N 2014	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RBS 6N debut: 11.2.2012 v England (Roma)		PRO12 2014/15	8	7	1	1	-	-	1	-	7
FACTBOX:		CHAMP CUP 2014/15	5	4	1	-	-	-	1	-	4
Club debuts: 2011-12 Crociati, 2011-12 Treviso											
Began his senior career playing for Grande Milano in Serie A2 in 2010 then moved up to the Eccellenza with Crociati the following year making his bow in the PRO12 the same season for Benetton Treviso											
Represented Italy U20 - played every game in 2011 U20 Six Nations at fly-half. Also played for Italy U18 in 2008/09 - against Ireland and Wales - and U19 v Scotland in April 2010											
Test debut came off the bench against England in Rome in the second round of the RBS 6 Nations 2012, his only game in the tournament to date.											
Made his first start for Italy in Houston against US Eagles summer 2012, recalled to the Azzurri's ranks for the 3 autumn internationals after a 12 month absence											
(13) MICHELE CAMPAGNARO		TEST CAREER	Caps	Starts	Rep	SNU	Try	Pts	W	D	L
Team: Benetton Treviso		Overall	12	11	1	-	3	15	2	-	10
Born: 13.3.1993 (21) in Mirano (Italy)		RBS 6 Nations	5	5	-	-	2	10	-	-	5
Ht: 1.83m (6'0") Wt: 88kg (13st 12lb)		v Ireland	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Position: Centre		@ Stadio Olimpico	3	3	-	-	1	5	-	-	3
Test debut: 16.11.2013 v Fiji (Cremona)		RBS 6N 2014	5	5	-	-	2	10	-	-	5
RBS 6N debut: 1.2.2014 v Wales (Cardiff)		PRO12 2014/15	10	10	-	-	3	15	2	-	8
FACTBOX:		CHAMP CUP 2014/15	5	4	1	-	1	5	1	-	4
Club debuts: 2012-13 Treviso											
Played for Italy U20 in the Junior World Championships 2011 in Italy and 2012 in South Africa and played all ten games at starting centre in the U20 Six Nations in 2012 and 2013 scoring tries against Scotland and Ireland in the latter.											
Capped for Italy after only 8 games of senior rugby, having scored just one try for Treviso against Cardiff Blues in November											
Started all five games in the 13 shirt in last season's RBS 6 Nations, and has missed just one of Italy's last 13 tests.											
Named Man of the Match in his try scoring RBS 6 Nations debut against Wales in round 1, only the second player after Scotland's Dave Denton to receive the accolade on his first appearance.											
Equalled Alessandro Troncon's record of scoring 2 tries in a game for Italy during the RBS 6 Nations, only the 7th player to grab a brace of tries on his Championship bow, and the first since 2005											

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(14) LEONARDO SARTO Team: Zebre Born: 15.1.1992 (23) in Zevio, VR (Italy) Ht: 1.93m (6'4") Wt: 92kg (14st 6lb) Position: Wing Test debut: 22.6.2013 v Scotland (Pretoria) RBS 6N debut: 1.2.2014 v Wales (Cardiff)	TEST CAREER Overall	Caps	Starts	Rep	SNU	Try	Pts	W	D	L
	RBS 6 Nations v Ireland @ Stadio Olimpico RBS 6N 2014	12 12 5 1 2 5	12 5 1 2 5	- - - -	- - - -	3 2 1 2	15 10 5 5 10	1 - - - -	- - - - -	11 5 2 5
	PRO12 2014/15 CHALL CUP 2014/15	10 3	10 1	- 2	- -	- -	- -	2 1	- -	8 2
FACTBOX: Club debuts: 2012-13 Zebre Scored a try on his debut for Italy U20 against Wales in 2011 and also scored 2 more tries in the U20 Six Nations in 2012, against Wales and Scotland. Appeared in two Junior World Championships, in 2011 in Italy and 2012 in Cape Town scoring a try against England Scored a try in the first minute of his test debut against Scotland in the quadrangular tournament in South Africa June 2013 Started in all five rounds of the RBS 6 Nations last year, all on the left wing, scoring tries in the last two rounds, against Ireland in Dublin and England in Rome. Has started 10 of Italy's last 11 tests, making a switch to the right wing for the last five										

(15) ANDREA MASI Team: Wasps Born: 30.3.1981 (33) in L'Aquila (Italy) Ht: 1.85m (6'1") Wt: 101kg (15st 12lb) Position: Centre Test debut: 26.8.1999 v Spain (L'Aquila) RBS 6N debut: 9.3.2003 v England (Twickenham)	TEST CAREER Overall	Caps	Starts	Rep	SNU	Try	Pts	W	D	L
	RBS 6 Nations v Ireland @ Stadio Olimpico RBS 6N 2014	87 41 11 7 2	75 35 7 6 -	12 6 4 1 2	- - - - -	- 4 - - -	13 20 - - -	65 20 - - -	23 7 1 3 -	- - - - -
	PREM 2014/15 CHAMP CUP 2014/15	9 4	6 3	3 1	- 2	1 -	5 -	5 1	- 1	4 2
FACTBOX: Club debuts: 1997-98 L'Aquila, 2003-04 Viadana, 2006-07 Biarritz, 2008-09 Racing Club, 2011-12 Aironi, 2012-13 Wasps In 2006 played in the Top-14 with Biarritz, signed with Racing Metro in Pro-D2 during 2008/9 season and immediately promoted with them back into the Top-14; returned to Italy and Aironi for 2011/12 season, is now with Wasps Only 18 when he made his senior debut for Italy v Spain in L'Aquila 1999, scoring a try to become Italy's youngest ever try scorer; he then had to wait almost four years for his next cap which was his RBS 6 Nations debut in 2003 In-between senior caps he played for Italy U21 throughout the Six Nations of 2001 & 2002, having previously represented the Azzurri at U19 level Started every game in the 2011, 2012 and 2013 RBS 6 Nations campaigns, but only made 2 appearances as a replacement last season, in rounds 4 and 5. He has appeared at three Rugby World Cups and scored 13 tries in his first 60 test match appearances, but none since.										

(16) ANDREA MANICI Team: Zebre Born: 28.4.1990 (24) in Parma (Italy) Ht: 1.83m (6'0") Wt: 104kg (16st 5lb) Position: Hooker Test debut: 15.6.2013 v Samoa (Nelspruit) RBS 6N debut: -	TEST CAREER Overall	Caps	Starts	Rep	SNU	Try	Pts	W	D	L
	RBS 6 Nations v Ireland @ Stadio Olimpico RBS 6N 2014	6 - - - -	- - - - -	6 - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	1 - - - -	- - - - -
	PRO12 2014/15 CHALL CUP 2014/15	12 5	11 5	1 -	- -	1 1	5 5	2 1	- -	10 4
FACTBOX: Club debuts: 2009-10 Gran Parma, 2011-12 Crociati, 2012-13 Zebre Began his senior rugby for Gran Parma in September 2009, before crossing over the city to play for Crociati in 2011 and is now playing for Zebre Represented Italy U20s in every game in the 2009 and 2010 U20 Six Nations tournament, as well as the Junior World Championship in Japan, 2009. Made his Italy A debut against England at Worcester in 2011, and also represented them later that summer in the Churchill Cup Made one appearance for Emerging Italy against Portugal in the 2012 Nations Cup in Bucharest Test debut came against Samoa in Nelspruit (SA) in the summer of 2013, added 2 more caps on the tour to Samoa and Japan June 2014 and played in all three Autumn internationals. Has yet to make a test start.										

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(17) ALBERTO DE MARCHI Team: Sale Sharks Born: 13.3.1986 (28) in Jesolo (Italy) Ht: 1.83m (6'0") Wt: 118kg (18st 8lb) Position: Prop Test debut: 9.6.2012 v Argentina (San Juan) RBS 6N debut: 3.2.2013 v France (Roma)	TEST CAREER Overall	Caps	Starts	Rep	SNU	Try	Pts	W	D	L
	RBS 6 Nations v Ireland @ Stadio Olimpico RBS 6N 2014	23 10 2 6 5	10 4 1 1 3	13 6 1 5 2	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	5 2 1 4 -	- - - - -	18 8 1 4 5
FACTBOX: Club debuts: 2006-07 Parma, 2010-11 Aironi, 2012-13 Treviso, 2014-15 Sale Played for Italy at U18 and U19 levels, represented Italy U21 in the 2006 & 2007 Six Nations Italy A debut came against v Georgia in the IRB Nations Cup in Bucharest 2007, now played 12 games at this level, including three appearances the 2011 Churchill Cup in England Part of training squad for 2011 RWC and 2012 RBS 6 Nations but injury prevented him making his debut until the summer tour against Argentina in San Juan, June 2012 Came off the bench to make his RBS 6 Nations bow during Italy's victory over France at the Stadio Olimpico in round one 2013. Has played in all ten games in the tournament since. He has played in Italy's last 11 test matches	PREM 2014/15 CHAMP CUP 2014/15	9 3	2 1	7 2	1 -	- -	4 -	- -	5 3	
	PRO12 2014/15 CHALL CUP 2014/15	12 6	10 3	2 3	- -	1 -	5 -	2 2	- -	10 4
(18) DARIO CHISTOLINI Team: Zebre Born: 14.9.1988 (26) in Kempton Park (S Africa) Ht: 1.80m (5'11") Wt: 112kg (17st 8lb) Position: Prop Test debut: 14.6.2014 v Samoa (Apia) RBS 6N debut: -	TEST CAREER Overall	Caps	Starts	Rep	SNU	Try	Pts	W	D	L
	RBS 6 Nations v Ireland @ Stadio Olimpico RBS 6N 2014	5 - - -	1 - - -	4 - - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	1 - - -	- - - -
FACTBOX: Club debuts: 2008-09 Padova, 2011-12 Gloucester, 2013-14 Zebre South African born, played club rugby in Boland before arriving in Padova in 2008 and making his senior debut for them in that November against Calvisano Won the Italian Eccellenza title with Padova in 2011, winning the final away in Rovigo in his last match before joining Gloucester in the Premiership. Made his Italy A debut against Georgia in June 2010 in the Nations Cup in Bucharest, made 3 further appearances for them in the Churchill Cup in England the following year. Appeared in all 3 of Emerging Italy's games in the 2012 and 2013 Nations Cups in Bucharest Gained his first test caps on last summer's tour in Samoa and Japan, then made a first start, also against Samoa, in Ascoli in November.	PRO12 2014/15 CHALL CUP 2014/15	12 6	10 3	2 3	- -	1 -	5 -	2 2	- -	10 4
	PRO12 2014/15 CHAMP CUP 2014/15	11 6	5 4	6 2	1 -	1 -	5 -	1 1	1 -	9 5
(19) MARCO FUSER Team: Benetton Treviso Born: 9.3.1991 (23) in Villorba (Italy) Ht: 1.98m (6'6") Wt: 115kg (18st 1lb) Position: Lock Test debut: 15.6.2012 v Canada (Toronto) RBS 6N debut: -	TEST CAREER Overall	Caps	Starts	Rep	SNU	Try	Pts	W	D	L
	RBS 6 Nations v Ireland @ Stadio Olimpico RBS 6N 2014	2 - - -	- - - -	2 - - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	1 - - -	- - - -
FACTBOX: Club debuts: 2011-12 Mogliano, 2011-12 Treviso Senior debut for Mogliano against Lazio in the Eccellenza in October 2011, whilst PRO12 debut for Treviso came against Connacht in Galway in November 2012. Started all 5 of Italy's matches in the U20 Six Nations 2011 He played for Emerging Italy in the Nations Cup in Bucharest in June 2013 Made his test debut off the bench against Canada in Toronto in the summer of 2012, and added a second cap against Japan in Tokyo last June.	PRO12 2014/15 CHAMP CUP 2014/15	11 6	5 4	6 2	1 -	1 -	5 -	1 1	1 -	9 5
	PRO12 2014/15 CHAMP CUP 2014/15	11 6	5 4	6 2	1 -	1 -	5 -	1 1	1 -	9 5

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(20) MARCO BARBINI Team: Benetton Treviso Born: 16.10.1990 (24) in Padova (Italy) Ht: 1.90m (6'3") Wt: 90kg (14st 1lb) Position: Back-row Test debut: UNCAPPED RBS 6N debut: -	TEST CAREER Overall	Caps	Starts	Rep	SNU	Try	Pts	W	D	L
	RBS 6 Nations v Ireland @ Stadio Olimpico RBS 6N 2014	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FACTBOX: Club debuts: 2009-10 Padova, 2012-13 Mogliano, 2014-15 Treviso Joined his home town club Petrarca in Padova making his first team debut as a 19 year old in the Challenge Cup tie at Newcastle in November 2010. Has won the Eccellenza title twice, for Padova against Rovigo in May 2011 and for Mogliano against Prato in 2013 Made his PRO12 debut for Treviso against Ospreys in Swansea in the first round of this current season Played for Italy U20s in the Six Nations 2010 and made three appearances, all off the bench for Emerging Italy in the Nations Cup in Bucharest in 2012	PRO12 2014/15 CHAMP CUP 2014/15	9 5	4 1	5 4	- -	1 1	5 5	2 1	1 -	6 4

(21) GUGLIELMO PALAZZANI Team: Zebre Born: 11.4.1991 (23) in Gardone val Trompia (Italy) Ht: 1.73m (5'8") Wt: 83kg (13st 1lb) Position: Scrum-half Test debut: 7.6.2014 v Fiji (Suva) RBS 6N debut: -	TEST CAREER Overall	Caps	Starts	Rep	SNU	Try	Pts	W	D	L
	RBS 6 Nations v Ireland @ Stadio Olimpico RBS 6N 2014	5 -	1 -	4 -	1 -	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -
FACTBOX: Club debuts: 2011-12 Calvisano, 2012-13 Zebre Made his debut in senior rugby for Calvisano against Gladiatori in April 2010. Won the Italian Championship with Calvisano in 2012, playing in both legs of the final against Prato Did not make his PRO12 debut until February 2013 for Zebre against the Dragons. Represented Italy U20 in the Six Nations in 2010 and 2011 and at the Junior World Championship in 2011 at home in Italy scoring 19 points including a try in the match against Tonga. Played for Emerging Italy in all matches of the IRB Nations Cup tournament in Bucharest in both 2012 and 2013 Selected for last summer's tour to the South Seas and Japan, making his test debut against Fiji in Suva, his only start to date. Has been in Italy's matchday squad for their last 6 test matches.	PRO12 2014/15 CHALL CUP 2014/15	9 5	5 3	4 2	1 -	- -	- -	1 1	- -	8 4

(22) TOMMASO ALLAN Team: Perpignan. Position: Fly-half Born: 26.4.1993 (21) in Vicenza (Italy) Ht: 1.85m (6'1") Wt: 87kg (13st 9lb) Test kicking: 11 from 24 (46%) 4C/7PG/ODG Test debut: 9.11.2013 v Australia (Torino) RBS 6N debut: 1.2.2014 v Wales (Cardiff)	TEST CAREER Overall	Caps	Starts	Rep	SNU	Try	Pts	W	D	L
	RBS 6 Nations v Ireland @ Stadio Olimpico RBS 6N 2014	10 5 1 3 5	5 3 - 2 3	5 2 1 1 2	1 - - - -	1 - - - -	2 1 - 1 1	39 21 - 22 21	1 - - - -	- - - - -
FACTBOX: Club debuts: 2013-14 Perpignan Played for Scotland U17, U18 and U20 at Junior World Championships in Cape Town in 2012 and in France the following year. Played in U20 Six Nations for Scotland in 2012 and 2013. Has played twice against Italy at U20 level. First game of senior rugby was in Top-14 for Perpignan against Racing Metro in September 2013, scoring 11 points in the game. Remained with the club despite their relegation to ProD2 Capped for Italy after just 2 games of professional rugby, scoring a try on his debut against the Wallabies in Turin in November 2013. Made his debut in the RBS 6 Nations kicking 5 points against Wales in round 1 in 2014. Played in all 5 rounds of last season's championship, starting the first 3, and ended as Italy's top points scorer with 21 Toured with Italy in the summer to Fiji, Samoa and Japan, adding 2 more test caps, but was not selected for Autumn internationals	Pro-D2 2014/15 EPCR 2014/15	15 -	8 -	7 -	1 -	3 -	81 -	9 -	1 -	5 -

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(23) GIOVANBATTISTA VENDITTI Team: Zebre Born: 27.3.1990 (24) in Avezzano (Italy) Ht: 1.88m (6'2") Wt: 111kg (17st 6lb) Position: Wing Test debut: 4.2.2012 v France (Paris) RBS 6N debut: 4.2.2012 v France (Paris)	TEST CAREER	Caps	Starts	Rep	SNU	Try	Pts	W	D	L
	Overall RBS 6 Nations v Ireland @ Stadio Olimpico RBS 6N 2014	22	22	-	1	3	15	6	-	16
FACTBOX: Club debuts: 2009-10 Gran Parma, 2010-11 Aironi, 2012-13 Zebre Represented Italy U19 and U20 playing in the 2009 & 2010 U20 Six Nations and 2009 Junior World Championships in Japan Made his bow for Italy A during 2011 Churchill Cup in England, scoring a try on his debut in the game against Tonga at Worcester Made his test debut in the round one RBS 6 Nations game against France in Paris, 2012. Played every minute of Italy's 2013 RBS 6 Nations campaign, but didn't feature last year. All his three test tries have come in the RBS 6 Nations, against England in 2012 and Ireland in 2013, all in Rome All his 22 caps have been as a starter, the last three were on the left win on the summer tour to Fiji, Samoa and Japan June 2014.	PRO12 2014/15 CHALL CUP 2014/15	3	3	-	-	1	5	-	-	3
		3	3	-	-	1	5	1	-	2

Key to the stats:

In the blue box is the players' total test record for his country (excluding Lions).

Caps – total test caps, Starts – number of test starts, Rep – appearances as a replacement, SNU – substitute not used.

The green box is the players' record for his current club this season.

PREM – Aviva Premiership, PRO12 – RaboDirect PRO12, Top14 – France Top14.

CHAMP CUP – European Champions Cup, CHALL CUP – European Challenge Cup.

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