



## ECA YOUTH FOOTBALL KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

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## THE BUILDING BLOCKS

### Academy

The foundation of a modern and sustainable football club.

### Mission

Bring players to the First Team in a consistent manner.

### Coaches

Vital in the progression and development of our players.



Youth Academy

## THE IMPORTANCE OF COACHES

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**We must identify the best coaches and provide them the necessary tools to build motivation and stimulate positive youth development.**



**First and foremost, they are teachers and mentors who help our players develop both football and life skills.**



**The focus should be on the development of the athlete not only on the performance. Evaluation is not against another player, rather against themselves (self-improvement).**



**Create coach education courses to develop football and non-football skills such as positive, empathetic communication. We should invest in coaches just as we do in players.**

## HOW WE HELP THE TRANSITION TO THE FIRST TEAM

### Youth Development Program (YDP)



#### **Objective**

Reduce the gap between the Primavera and the First Team with a “bridge” program.

#### **Execution**

- 1) Select the players who will be part of the pool (not a closed group, but a dynamic one)
- 2) Establish a working group composed of First Team, Academy, Medical and Technical staff along with PR staff meet every two weeks and follow the progress of the players
- 3) Grant access to First Team facilities to improve the overall well-being of the player

#### **Conclusion**

Being in this group shouldn't be only a matter of pride and happiness, but also responsibility, hard work and professional behavior. Coaches and other professionals must feel and be aware of all the small details in this transition process.



## CREATING THE LINK

### First Team Staff

The close collaboration of the technical staff in the First Team is so important for a project like the YDP. We need their support to follow and tutor the players and involves them in the right ways. Whenever possible, these need to be the players training with the First Team.



### Academy Staff

The staff in the Academy must be aligned with the First Team staff. There must be an open, transparent and productive line of communication. This is ultimately where the players will fall back on, their work is of tremendous importance.

## OUR SPECIAL GUESTS



Roma – Sassuolo (4-2) played on 29 November 2019 at the Stadio Tre Fontane in Rome. Campionato Primavera 2019-2020.



Edoardo BOVE

**Year of birth:** 2002

**At Club since:** 2012

**Debut:** 09/05/2021 vs. Crotone  
(Serie A)



Ebrima DARBOE

**Year of birth:** 2001

**At Club since:** 2018

**Debut:** 02/05/2021 vs.  
Sampdoria (Serie A)



Nicola ZALEWSKI

**Year of birth:** 2002

**At Club since:** 2011

**Debut:** 06/05/2021 vs.  
Manchester United (UEL)





19 February 2022

**Edoardo BOVE**

**Celebrating his equalizing goal  
vs. Hellas Verona with captain  
Lorenzo Pellegrini.**



6 May 2021

**Ebrima DARBOE**

**Playing in the UEFA Europa  
League Semifinal vs.  
Manchester United.**



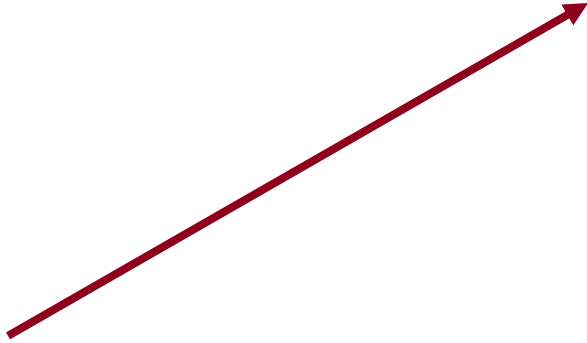
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**Nicola ZALEWSKI**

**In the starting 11 line-up for  
the UEFA Europa Conference  
League Final at the Arena  
Kombëtare in Tirana, Albania.**

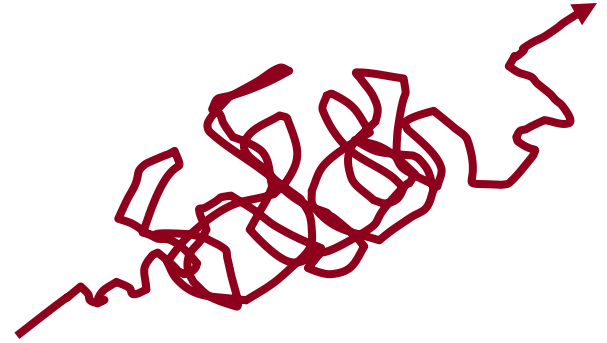


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What it really it looks like

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