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PROFILE

Analyst and assistant coach with twenty seasons in men's volleyball across seven countries: Italy, Poland, Russia, China, South Korea, Denmark and Qatar. I have worked on the staff of clubs and national teams in the SuperLega, PlusLiga, Russian Superliga and Korean V-League, in CEV competitions, the Volleyball Nations League and the World Championship. My work covers coach assistance, data analysis, video analysis, data collection and professional training; I build my own analysis tools so that data becomes decisions in training and on match day.

TITLES WON

★ **CEV Cup 2021/22** Vero Volley Monza	★ **Korean V-League 2020/21** Korean Air Jumbos	★ **Russian Supercup 2019/20** Kuzbass Kemerovo
★ **Polish Cup 2015/16** Skra Bełchatów	★ **Polish Supercup 2014/15** Skra Bełchatów	★ **Italian Serie B 2009/10** Ostia VC Roma

ANALYSIS TOOLS I BUILD

I design and build my own analysis tools and develop them with AI coding assistants (Claude), which lets me turn an idea into a working product quickly. The method of analysis stays the same.

Hubble	Live information for the bench during the match: who is fading, where the ball is going, which rotation is struggling and whether the game plan is working.
Fernando	From match and competition data to the game plan: analysis across whole seasons, a complete study of the opponent, and a game plan with video for the team meeting or the smartphone.
ServeTrack	Web app to record, store and analyse serve speed: live logging or import from any format, radar error correction, reports shared with a link, individual and team challenges.
Cassandra	Training video on a delay in front of the players, with slow motion, zoom and rewind; drill score and ball speed on the same screen, controlled from keyboard or smartphone.
Watson	Complete, recurring scouting reports on a list of players over a given period, for example to follow players away with their national teams.
Data Volley 4 course	Beginner course in nine video lessons on the most widely used scouting software in top-level volleyball.

CAREER

SEASON	CLUB / FEDERATION	COMPETITIONS AND RESULTS	HEAD COACH
2026/27	**Cucine Lube Civitanova** ITA	SuperLega · Italian Supercup · Italian Cup · CEV Champions League	Giampaolo Medei (ITA)
2025/26	**Cucine Lube Civitanova** ITA	SuperLega · Italian Supercup · Italian Cup · CEV Champions League	Giampaolo Medei (ITA)
2024/25	**Fenice Roma** ITA	Serie B	Ermanno Piacentini (ITA)

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2023/24	**Vero Volley Monza** ITA	CEV Challenge Cup (2nd) · SuperLega (2nd) · Italian Cup (2nd)	Massimo Eccheli (ITA)
2022/23	**Vero Volley Monza** ITA	SuperLega (5th)	Massimo Eccheli (ITA)
2021/22	**Vero Volley Monza** ITA	★ **CEV Cup (winner)** · SuperLega (7th) · Italian Supercup (2nd) · Italian Cup (5th)	Massimo Eccheli (ITA)
2020/21	**Korean Air Jumbos** KOR	★ **Korean V-League (winner)** · KOVO Cup (2nd)	Roberto Santilli (ITA)
2019/20	**Kuzbass Kemerovo** RUS	Russian Superliga (3rd) · CEV Champions League (semifinalist) · Russian Cup (3rd) · ★ **Russian Supercup (winner)** · Cup of Siberia (2nd)	Gheorghe Crețu (ROU)
2019	**FIVB** CHN	Tokyo Volleyball Qualification, men and women: Data Volley operator in Ningbo Beilun	
2018/19	**Roma Volley** ITA	Serie A2	Mauro Budani (ITA)
2018	**China men's national team** CHN	FIVB Volleyball Nations League · FIVB World Championship	Raúl Lozano (ARG)
2017/18	**Shanghai Volleyball Club** CHN	FIVB Club World Championship	Shen Qiong (CHN)
2017/18	**Sarroch** ITA	Serie B	Enrico Balletto (ITA)
2017	**China men's national team** CHN	FIVB World Championship, Asian qualification · AVC Asian Championship	Raúl Lozano (ARG)
2017	**Denmark men's national team** DEN	CEV European League · FIVB World Championship, European qualification	Mikael Trolle (DEN)
2017	**Denmark U21 men's national team** DEN	FIVB World Championship, European qualification	Jørgen Breinholm (DEN)
2016/17	**Sarroch** ITA	Serie B	
2016	**Denmark men's national team** DEN	CEV European League · CEV European Championship qualification	Mikael Trolle (DEN)
2015/16	**Skra Bełchatów** POL	CEV Champions League (5th) · ★ **Polish Cup (winner)** · PlusLiga (3rd)	Miguel Ángel Falasca (ESP), Philippe Blain (FRA)
2015	**Denmark men's national team** DEN	CEV European League	Mikael Trolle (DEN)
2014/15	**Skra Bełchatów** POL	CEV Champions League (4th) · Polish Cup (3rd) · PlusLiga (3rd) · ★ **Polish Supercup (winner)**	Miguel Ángel Falasca (ESP)
2014	**Denmark men's national team** DEN	CEV European League · CEV European Championship qualification	Mikael Trolle (DEN)
2013/14	**Al Arabi Sports Club** QAT	Qatar League (4th) · Arab Clubs Championship (5th)	Gheorghe Crețu (ROU), Mohammad Al Bahri (TUN)
2013/14	**Sidigas Avellino** ITA	Serie A2 (withdrew)	Michele Totire (ITA)
2013	**Denmark men's national team** DEN	CEV European Championship	Fred Sturm (USA)
2012/13	**Globo BPF Sora** ITA	Serie A2 (4th) · Italian A2 Cup (3rd)	Daniele Ricci (ITA)
2011/12	**Globo BPF Sora** ITA	Serie A2 (6th) · Italian A2 Cup (5th)	Alberto Gatto (ITA), Ezio Porro (ITA)
2010/11	**Globo BPF Sora** ITA	Serie A2 (8th) · Italian A2 Cup (3rd)	Alberto Gatto (ITA)
2009/10	**Ostia VC Roma** ITA	★ **Serie B (winner)**	Giuseppe Corradini (ITA)

SEASON	CLUB / FEDERATION	COMPETITIONS AND RESULTS	HEAD COACH
2007–09	**Roma XX Volley** ITA	Serie B	Giuseppe Prezioso (ITA)
2005–07	**Arvalia Roma** ITA	Serie C	Marco Vetrella (ITA)

TALKS, TEACHING AND ROLES

2026 Speaker and evaluator at the SoBigData Summer School 2026, “Data Analysis and AI in Sport, Health and Wellbeing” (Baratti, Italy): talk on sport analytics and agentic AI in volleyball.

2026 Guest on episode 10 of VolleyCast, the podcast of the Italian Volleyball Federation (FIPAV), on match analysis.

2023 Board Member and Secretary of AIAPAV, the Italian Volleyball Coaches Association (since 2023).

2017 “Scouting and Match Analysis” training course for the Chinese Volleyball Association, Qinhuangdao (China).

2017 Talk “Use of index instead of efficiency to make decisions in modern volleyball” for the Danish Volleyball Federation, Copenhagen.

2014 FIVB/CEV Regional Volleyball Development, Katowice (Poland): talk “Scouting in top level volleyball” at the seminar for coaches and referees attending the 2014 World Championship.

2014 FIVB/CEV Regional Volleyball Development, Ikast (Denmark): talk “Scouting of the national teams” at the seminar on talent recruitment, identification and development.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Coaching licences

2024 FIPAV coach licence, 3rd degree

2020 FIPAV coach licence, 2nd degree

2009 FIPAV coach licence, 1st youth level

1998 FIPAV coach licence, 1st degree

1997 FIPAV “Junior coach” licence

Data and analytics

2023 Volleyball Data Analyst course, Wylab – TopIX

2023 R programming language, TopIX

2021 USA Volleyball Tech Academy: stats and video, data visualization, communicating data, Expected Kills model (xK), Hudl, VolleyStation, Tableau, R and the tidyverse, OpenVolley project

2020 USA Volleyball Tech Academy: “Analysis and Data Visualization”

2020 Official Tableau Conference

2020 “Data Visualization”, Dataninja School

Coaching courses and workshops

2026 FIPAV national workshop with Carlo Parisi, Italian women's B national team (Urbino)

2025 FIPAV: “Break point phase. Block, defense and counterattack” (Marco Dassi); “Emotions and performance” (Alessandra Mattioni)

2023 Workshop with Marco Mencarelli, Italian U21 women's national team (Boario Terme)

2022 Workshop with Pasquale D'Aniello, Italian U17 women's national team (Marcianise)

2021 Workshop on the block-defence phase in top-level men's volleyball (Roberto Santilli)

2020 International Volleyball Meeting, Brazilian Volleyball Federation; FIPAV: “Specific training of the libero” (Lorenzo De Gregoriis), “Analytical, synthetic and global method” (Simonetta Avalle); “Communication in soccer”, TactiLab (Vincenzo Chiavetta)

2008–11 FIPAV courses: match analysis (Ermanno Piacentini, Adriano Di Pinto), enlistment to volleyball, performance models of youth teams, specificity of performance models, reception, counterattack organization, match management

LANGUAGES

Italian (native) · **English** (B2) · **Spanish** (A1)

INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS I HAVE WORKED WITH

ARG F. Conte, N. Uriarte, S. Darraidou, S. Orduna, P. Kukartsev. **AUS** N. Roberts. **BEL** W. D'Heer. **BLR** U. Davyskiba. **BRA** A. Menezes, D. Ferreira da Silva, R. Ribeiro, F. Kreling, D. Tenorio. **BUL** D. Milushev, V. Bratoev, A. Grozdanov, D. Karyagin, A. Nikolov. **CAN** D. Soonias, A. Szwarc, E. Loeppky, S. Maar. **CHN** B. Zhang, C. Zhang, C. Jiang, C. Tang, D. Ji, H. Du, J. Tong, J. Chen, J. Wang, J. Zhang, L. Liu, L. Chen, M. Liu, R. Miao, Rui Li, Runming Li, S. Rao, T. Mao, X. Ma, Y. Yu, Z. Zhang. **CRO** T. Mitrašinović, P. Višić. **CUB** H. Centelles, J. González, T. De Oliveira, Y. Hernández. **CZE** D. Džavoronok. **DEN** P. Özari, A. Hartmann, A. Sørensen, A. Jacobsen, C. Olesen, F. Mikelsons, J. Nielsen, K. Knudsen, M. Ditlevsen, M. Kyed Jensen, M. Møllgaard, M. Petersen, N. Overgaard, N. Bach, P. Jensen, N. Hjorth, P. Bonnesen, R. Mikelsons, R. Nielsen, S. Mikelsons, S. Andersen, S. Bitsch, S. Gade, S. Jørgensen, S. Sørensen, T. Hougs Kjær. **ESP** A. Villena, I. Rodríguez. **FIN** A. Siltala, L. Kerminen, L. Marttila. **FRA** N. Maréchal, P. Barca-Cysique, I. Lawani, N. Duflos-Rossi. **GER** F. Tille, G. Grozer, J. Zimmermann. **IRI** P. Khanzadeh. **ITA** A. Paolucci, D. Mazzone, F. Fortunato, G. Patriarca, M. Łasko, S. Anzani, G. Galassi, T. Beretta, F. Federici, M. Boninfante, M. Bottolo, G. M. Gargiulo, F. Balaso. **JPN** R. Takahashi. **KOR** S. Han, S. Hwang, D. Im, S. Jin, J. Jung, S. Kwak. **NED** K. van Dijk, N. Hendriks. **POL** A. Wrona, K. Piechocki, K. Kłos, M. Muzaj, M. Wlazły, M. Winiarski, W. Włodarczyk. **QAT** M. Ibrahim, S. Lemjid. **RUS** A. Karpukhov, I. Kobzar, D. Pashitskiy, Y. Podlesnykh, V. Poletaev, E. Sivozhelez, I. Tavasiev. **SLO** N. Mujanović. **SRB** A. Brđović, M. Stanković, S. Lisinac, M. Katić, M. Podraščanin. **SVK** M. Bencz.