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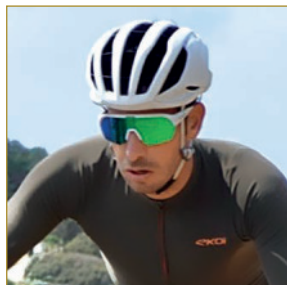
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FOOTBALL LEGENDS

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from 25 may to 11 september



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IKER CASILLAS 

Iker Casillas is regarded as one of the greatest goalkeepers in football history, known for his reflexes, consistency, and loyalty to Real Madrid. After retiring, he transitioned into football commentary and ambassadorial roles, continuing to influence the sport off the pitch.



TBC

SANTIAGO SOLARI 

Santiago Solari is remembered as an elegant left-footed midfielder, reliable on the wing, and later as a coach who briefly led Real Madrid. Today, he continues to work in football, serving as Director of Football at Real Madrid.



TBC

ALVARO ARBELOA 

Alvaro Arbeloa is remembered as a hard-working, disciplined, and versatile defender, capable of playing across the back line. His loyalty to Real Madrid and contribution to Spain's golden era cemented his place as a respected figure in modern football.



TBC

JULIO BAPTISTA 

Baptista is remembered as a versatile player, capable of playing mid-field or attack, with immense strength and finishing ability. His nickname "The Beast" reflects his commanding presence on the pitch, making him a fan favorite across several leagues.



BASKETBALL LEGENDS

ACADEMY powered by  **ETTORE MESSINA**

from 13 july to 14 august



from 3 to 7 august

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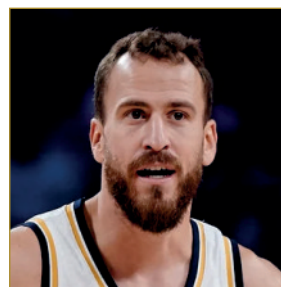
Ettore Messina is a highly acclaimed Italian basketball coach, known for his strategic brilliance and success in both European and international basketball. Currently the head coach of Olimpia Milano, Messina has previously served as an assistant coach in the NBA and led teams to numerous EuroLeague championships.



from 3 to 14 august

ANDREA BARGNANI 

Bargnani is remembered as a trailblazer for Italian basketball, being the first Italian drafted No. 1 overall in the NBA. He was admired for his smooth shooting and offensive skills, though his career was often affected by injuries. After retirement, he has remained connected to basketball as an ambassador and mentor for the sport in Italy.



from 27 to 31 july

SERGIO «CHACHO» RODRIGUEZ 

Rodríguez is a legendary Spanish point guard, EuroLeague MVP and multi-title winner with Real Madrid, CSKA, and Spain's national team. Famous for his creativity and flair, he retired in 2024 and now serves as Real Madrid's Sporting Director.



from 20 to 24 july

SIMONE SANDRI 

Sandri is an Italian sports journalist and longtime NBA correspondent based in New York. Known for his deep knowledge of the league and his international perspective, he covers U.S. basketball across print, TV, and podcasts, and is one of the few non-American voters for the NBA's annual awards.

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RUGBY LEGENDS

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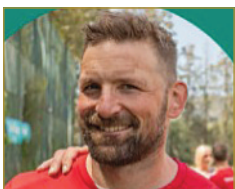
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from 25 to 30 may SPORT FESTIVAL

BEN KAY

Ben Kay is a former English rugby union lock who won the 2003 Rugby World Cup and earned 62 caps for England.



from 25 to 30 may SPORT FESTIVAL

JOHN BARCLAY

John Barclay is a former Scottish rugby union flanker who earned 76 caps for Scotland and captained the national team.



from 11 to 18 july

WILL GREENWOOD

Greenwood is a former England rugby union centre, a key figure in the 2003 Rugby World Cup-winning squad and one of the standout backs of his era.



from 11 to 18 july

ALEX GOODE

Alex Goode is an English rugby union fullback, a long-time Saracens standout and former England international known for his playmaking and consistency.



from 18 to 25 july

GEORDAN MURPHY

Geordan Murphy is a former Ireland rugby union fullback and winger, long-time Leicester Tigers standout and multiple Six Nations international.



from 15 to 22 august

SIMON ESTERBY

Esterby is a former Ireland rugby union flanker who earned 65 caps and later became a key member of Ireland's coaching staff.



from 15 to 22 august | from 22 to 29 august

AUSTIN HEALEY

Austin Healey is a former England rugby union back, known for his versatility across multiple positions and his long career with Leicester Tigers.



from 15 to 22 august

BEN YOUNGS

Youngs is a former England rugby union scrum-half, the nation's most-capped men's player and a long-time Leicester Tigers standout.



from 22 to 29 august

Rachael BURFORD

Burford is a former England rugby union centre with over 80 caps and a 2014 World Cup title, widely recognised for her impact on the women's game.



from 22 to 29 august

Emily SCARRATT

Scarratt is an England rugby union centre and fullback, a 2014 World Cup winner and one of the most influential players in the women's game.



from 22 to 29 august

Mike FRIDAY

Friday is a former England Sevens player and a highly regarded coach, best known for leading the USA Men's Sevens team to major international success.



from 22 to 29 august

MARTIN JOHNSON

Johnson is a former England rugby union lock, World Cup-winning captain in 2003 and one of the most iconic forwards in the sport's history.



NETBALL and HOCKEY LEGENDS

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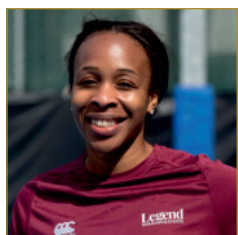
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from 25 to 30 may  SPORT FESTIVAL

SUSANNAH TOWNSEND - HOCKEY 

Townsend is a former English field hockey player who played a key role in the national team's success, including the 2016 Olympic gold. Known for her versatility and tenacity, she remains an inspirational figure in the sport.



from 25 to 30 may  SPORT FESTIVAL

PAMELA COOLEY - NETBALL 

Cooley is remembered as a seven-time Superleague champion and one of England's most consistent and inspirational players, also helping shape the sport through coaching, commentary, and advocacy.



from 25 to 30 may  SPORT FESTIVAL

GEVA MENTOR - NETBALL 

Mentor is regarded as one of England's greatest netballers, known for her longevity, defensive dominance, and leadership, and continues to influence the sport through mentoring, advocacy, and international experience.



from 11 to 18 july

SOPHIA CANDAPPA - NETBALL 

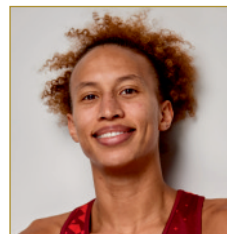
Sophia Candappa is known as a dynamic mid-courter for England and in the Superleague, valued for her control, vision, and leadership, and continues to support the sport through coaching and development roles.



from 18 to 25 july

KAREN ATKINSON - NETBALL 

Atkinson is recognised as one of England's most accomplished netballers, noted for her playmaking intelligence and leadership, and continues to shape the sport through coaching, and high-performance development.



from 15 to 22 august

SERENA GUTHRIE - NETBALL 

Guthrie is remembered as one of England's most influential netballers, admired for her speed, energy, and tactical intelligence, and continues to inspire as a mentor, speaker, and ambassador for women's sport.



from 15 to 22 august

TAMSIN GREENWAY - NETBALL 

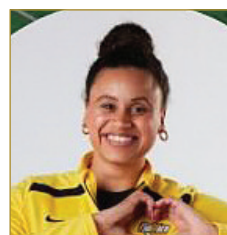
Greenway is remembered as a creative playmaker and leader, both on court and from the sidelines. Her player-coach role at Surrey Storm was groundbreaking, and she remains a key ambassador for netball in the UK.



from 22 to 29 august

KAREN GREIG - NETBALL 

Karen Greig is a former England shooter and respected Superleague coach, known for her tactical clarity, leadership, and ongoing contribution to high-performance netball.



from 22 to 29 august

LAURA MALCOLM - NETBALL 

Laura Malcolm is known as a versatile England mid-courter, valued for her defensive pressure, leadership, and consistency, and continues to support the sport through coaching, mentoring, and development work.



TENNIS | PADEL | PICKLEBALL LEGENDS

STAR ACADEMIES powered by **HEAD** | **MINI**

from 4 may to 31 october



from 20 july to 3 august

PAT CASH - TENNIS

Cash is remembered as a Wimbledon champion, a charismatic figure, and one of Australia's most iconic tennis players. His victory celebration in 1987 remains one of the most memorable moments in tennis history.



from 1 to 9 july

PAOLO CANÈ - TENNIS

Canè was one of the most charismatic figures in Italian tennis during the 1980s & 1990s, known for his clay-court talent, his explosive backhand, and several victories that have become part of the sport's collective memory.



from 3 to 16 august

EMILIO SÁNCHEZ - TENNIS

Sánchez is remembered as one of Spain's greatest doubles specialists and a key figure in the rise of Spanish tennis. His impact extends beyond his playing career, shaping future generations through coaching and academy work.



from 2 to 12 july

ERNESTS GULBIS - TENNIS

Gulbis is remembered as one of Latvia's greatest tennis players, admired for his flair and unique character. His run to the French Open semifinals and entry into the world's top 10 stand as the peak of his career.



from 13 to 20 july

ANDREAS SEPPI - TENNIS

Andreas Seppi is admired for his professionalism, endurance, and versatility, competing in over seventy Grand Slam tournaments. He remains a respected figure in Italian tennis, inspiring younger generations with his dedication and calm playing style.



from 21 june to 2 july

MAGNUS LARSSON - TENNIS

Larsson is a former Swedish professional tennis player who was a prominent figure on the ATP Tour during the 1990s. A powerful competitor with a strong serve and an especially effective backhand, he achieved significant results in both singles and doubles.



from 24 july to 2 august

SEBA NERONE - PADEL

Nerone is remembered as one of the founding figures of professional padel, helping transform it into a global sport. His tactical intelligence, and charisma made him a role model both on and off the court. Today, he remains a respected voice in the padel community.



from 10 to 17 august

RODRI OVIDE - PADEL

Rodri Ovide is regarded as one of the most influential padel coaches of the modern era, shaping champions across both men's and women's circuits. His philosophy emphasizes daily work, communication, and tailoring training to each athlete's strengths.



from 18 to 26 july

MAXI SANCHEZ - PADEL

Maxi Sanchez is one of the most prominent padel players of his generation. A complete and powerful athlete with strong tactical awareness. Winner of numerous tournaments including major Opens and Master Finals, he became world No. 1 in 2018.



TBC

HERNAN AUGUSTE - PADEL / PICKLEBALL

Auguste is remembered as a trailblazer in padel, both as a top-ranked player and as a leader in the sport's modern era. His influence has been crucial in transforming padel from a regional pastime into a global professional sport.

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FENCING LEGENDS

ACADEMY powered by **VALENTINA VEZZALI**
Fencing Academy

from 25 may to 30 august



from 25 to 30 may  SPORT FESTIVAL | from 11 july to 16 august

VALENTINA VEZZALI 

Valentina Vezzali is an Italian former fencer and one of the most decorated athletes in Olympic history, with six gold medals in foil. Renowned for her precision and determination, she is widely regarded as the greatest Italian athlete of all time. Active in promoting fencing and sports as tools for education and social inclusion.



from 22 june to 12 july | from 8 august to 1 september

STEFANO PANTANO 

Pantano is remembered as one of Italy's leading épée fencers of the late 20th century. His achievements at the World Championships and Olympics cemented his place among Italy's fencing greats. Beyond medals, he is admired for his dedication to sport as a tool for education and personal growth.



TABLE TENNIS LEGEND

ACADEMY powered by **DK**
DARIUS KNIGHT

from 25 may to 6 september



from 25 to 30 may  SPORT FESTIVAL | from 6 july to 2 august

DARIUS KNIGHT 

Knight is a former English table tennis champion who represented Great Britain in international competitions and became a youth ambassador for the sport. Known for his dynamic playing style and charisma, he has worked to inspire young athletes and promote table tennis across the UK.



BOXING LEGENDS

ACADEMY powered by **Wise Guy**

from 25 may to 6 september



from 25 to 30 may  SPORT FESTIVAL | from 25 july to 8 august

FRANK BUGLIONI 

Buglioni is a former British professional boxer who held the British light-heavyweight title from 2016 to 2018. Known for his resilience and entertaining fighting style, Buglioni retired with an impressive career record, earning respect both in and out of the ring.



from 10 to 24 july

LEWIS RICHARDSON 

Richardson is admired for his resilience, having come back from serious injuries to reach the Olympic podium. His achievements have made him one of Britain's most promising boxing talents, and his professional career is closely followed by fans and analysts.



DANCE LEGEND

ACADEMY powered by **Daniela Caputo**

from 25 may to 6 september



from 25 may to 6 september

DANIELA CAPUTO 

Caputo is a professional dancer, aerial performer, and coach specializing in flexibility, yoga, pilates, and acrobatic disciplines. Her vision of flexibility is deeply connected to psychophysical well-being. For her, working on the body means cultivating balance, grace, and respect for one's limits, turning training into a path of personal growth.

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SPECIAL FENCING CAMP

Elite Coaching Sessions
from 3 to 9 august

FENCING LEGEND

LEE KIEFER   

Lee Kiefer is one of the most important figures in contemporary fencing, known for her achievements in foil and for reshaping the history of the sport for the United States.

Her career has seen successes such as 3 Olympic gold medals, 2 individual (Tokyo '20 and Paris '24) and 1 team gold (Paris 2024). An individual world title in 2025 in Tbilisi, after years of podium finishes and major results. Numerous medals at the World Championships, the Pan American Games, and the Pan American Championships, where she dominated for over a decade.



FENCING LEGEND

GEREK MEINHARDT   

Widely regarded as a cornerstone of U.S. fencing, Gerek has helped elevate the technical level and visibility of American men's foil. His career is marked by exceptional longevity and steady results: Five Olympic appearances ('08, '12, '16, '20, '24); 2 Olympic bronze medals in the team event (Rio '16 and Tokyo '20); Numerous podium finishes at the World Championships, especially in the team competition, with medals spanning from '10 to '25. Two-time NCAA individual Champion ('11 and '14); The first American foil fencer to reach world No. 1 in the international rankings.





SWIMMING LEGENDS

ACADEMY powered by **akron**

from 1 may to 31 october



from 25 to 30 may  | 22 - 27 july | 16 - 23 august

DOMENICO FIORAVANTI 

Fioravanti is remembered as a trailblazer for Italian swimming, inspiring future champions like Federica Pellegrini and Gregorio Paltrinieri. His double Olympic victory in Sydney remains one of Italy's greatest sporting achievements.



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MARTINA MORAVCOVÁ 

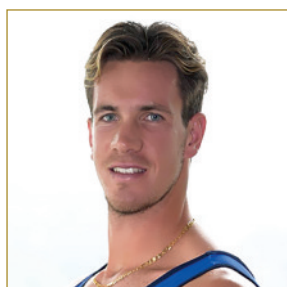
Moravcová is remembered as a trailblazer for Slovak swimming, admired for her longevity, versatility, and international success. Her Olympic medals and dominance at the collegiate level cemented her place among the sport's legends.



COASTAL ROWING LEGEND

ACADEMY powered by  **AJOHA**

from 1 may to 31 october



from 25 to 30 may  | 22 - 27 july | 16 - 23 august

GIACOMO GENTILI 

Giacomo Gentili is an Italian Olympic canoeist known for his strength and precision in sprint events on the international stage. A European and World Championship medalist, he has represented Italy with distinction, showcasing his dedication and passion for the sport.



GO-KARTING LEGENDS

ACADEMY powered by **PGK**
PAOLO GAGLIARDINI KARTING

from 29 june to 30 august



from 25 to 30 may  | from 3 to 14 august

PAOLO GAGLIARDINI 

Gagliardini is admired as both a champion driver and a visionary circuit designer. His career reflects a unique blend of sporting success and technical innovation, helping to make karting more accessible and exciting worldwide.



from 10 to 20 july

GIANCARLO FISICHELLA 

Fisichella is remembered as one of Italy's most consistent F1 drivers, admired for his professionalism and longevity. His career bridged both F1 and Endurance racing, making him a versatile and accomplished competitor. Today, he remains active in motorsport as a Ferrari ambassador and GT driver.



CLIMBING LEGEND

ACADEMY powered by 

from 6 july to 30 august



from 6 july to 30 august

ALESSIO TESTA 

Testa is admired not only as a climber but also as a community leader in Italian Climbing, blending sport, and entertainment. His work continues to inspire new generations of climbers, showing that climbing is both a discipline and a way of life.



MOUNTAIN BIKE | ROAD BIKE LEGENDS

ACADEMIES powered by  AJOHA |  PPRTEAM

from 25 may to 31 october



from 25 to 30 may  SPORT FESTIVAL | from 14 july to 2 august

FABIO ARU 

Aru is remembered as one of Italy's top climbers of his era, admired for his attacking style and resilience. His victory at the Vuelta and his battles with rivals like Vincenzo Nibali and Chris Froome made him a fan favorite. Fabio Aru remains a symbol of Sardinian pride in international cycling.



from 6 to 18 july

FABIAN CANCELLARA 

Cancellara is remembered as one of the most dominant classics riders and time trialists in cycling history. His nickname "Spartacus" reflects his reputation for strength, resilience, and tactical brilliance. He remains a national hero in Switzerland and an enduring figure in the global cycling community.



TBC

VINCENZO NIBALI 

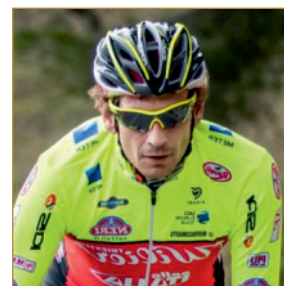
Nibali is remembered as one of Italy's greatest cyclists, admired for his courage, tactical brilliance, and consistency across all terrains. His victories in all three Grand Tours and major classics cement his place among the sport's legends.



from 15 july to 25 august

PAOLA PEZZO 

Paola Pezzo is remembered as a trailblazer in women's mountain biking, admired for her Olympic triumphs and world titles. Her success helped popularize mountain biking in Italy and worldwide, inspiring future generations of riders.



TBC

FILIPPO POZZATO 

Filippo Pozzato is remembered as one of Italy's most talented riders of the 2000s, admired for his elegance on the bike and his victories in prestigious races. His Milan-San Remo triumph and consistent performances in the classics cemented his reputation as a specialist in one-day races.



TBC

CLAUDIO CHIAPPUCCI 

Claudio Chiappucci is remembered as one of the most spectacular and aggressive Italian cyclists of the 1990s, famous for his relentless attacking style and his ability to turn any race into a long-range battle. Among his most notable victories are: Milan-Sanremo (1991); Three stages at the Tour de France (1991/92/93); One stage at the Giro d'Italia.

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