

2025 CEV Cup



Wednesday 12th March 2025

iLT quotidiano Arena

Starting Time: 8:30 p.m.

Semi Finals

Home Match

TEAM ROSTERS

TRENTINO Itas (Ita)							ZIRAAT BANK ANKARA (Tur)						
N°	Player		Pos.	Age	Hei. (cm)	Nat.	N°	Player		Pos.	Age	Hei. (cm)	Nat.
3	PESARESI	Nicola	Libero	1991	190	Ita	1	ANDERSON	Matthew J.	Spiker	1987	204	Usa
4	KOZAMERNIK	Jan	Blocker	1995	204	Slo	2	TER MAAT	Wouter	Oppos.	1991	199	Ned
5	MICHIELETTO	Alessandro	Spiker	2001	211	Ita	3	SAHIN	Hilmi	Setter	2003	186	Tur
6	SBERTOLI	Riccardo	Setter	1998	190	Ita	4	ERGÜN	Ünal	Setter	2005	188	Tur
7	FEDRICI	Marco	Spiker	2006	198	Ita	5	STERN	Toncek	Oppos.	1995	200	Slo
8	PELLACANI	Marco	Blocker	2004	210	Ita	6	SAVAS	Vahit Emre	Blocker	1995	205	Tur
10	GARCIA F.	Gabi	Oppos.	1999	200	Usa	7	BÜLBÜL	Bedirhan	Blocker	1999	201	Tur
11	RYCHLICKI	Kamil	Oppos.	1996	204	Ita	8	BAYRAK	Bugra	Spiker	2006	194	Tur
12	MAGALINI	Giulio	Spiker	2001	196	Ita	9	SAHIN	Haci	Blocker	2000	204	Tur
13	LAURENZANO	Gabriele	Libero	2003	177	Ita	11	YENIPAZAR	Murat	Setter	1993	194	Tur
15	LAVIA	Daniele	Spiker	1999	200	Ita	13	ZONCA	Paolo	Spiker	1997	197	Ita
22	BARTHA	Bela Florian	Blocker	2000	206	Rou	14	GÜNES	Faik Samed	Blocker	1993	205	Tur
23	GUALBERTO	Flavio	Blocker	1993	200	Bra	17	CLEVENOT	Trévor	Spiker	1994	199	Fra
25	ACQUARONE	Alessandro	Setter	1999	183	Ita	18	KIR	Zeka Ç.	Libero	2002	188	Tur
							19	BAYRAKTAR	Berkay	Libero	1998	190	Tur
							20	GEDIK	Aykut	Spiker	2003	198	Tur
Head Coach: Fabio SOLI							Head Coach: Mustafa KAVAZ						
Assistant Coach: Adriano DI PINTO							Assistant Coach: Alkan Samet AYDOGAN						
First Referee: Atanas VARBANOV (Bul)													
Second Refreee: Ágnes BÁTKAI-KATONA (Hun)													
Cev Supervisor: Igor DOLINSEK (Slo)													

NEXT MATCH IN ILT QUOTIDIANO ARENA

Sunday 23rd March 2025, Starting Time 3.30 p.m.

ITAS TRENTINO

CISTERNA VOLLEY

2025 SuperLega Play Off Scudetto – 4th Finals, game day 3

2025 CEV Cup

Final Draw



16th FINAL	8th FINAL	PLAY OFF	4th FINAL	SEMIFINAL	FINAL
Home match: 12/11-14/11/2024 Away match: 19/11-21/11/2024	Home match: 03/12-05/12/2024 Away match: 17/12-19/12/2024	Home match: 14/01-16/01/2025 Away match: 28/01-30/01/2025	Home match: 11/02-13/02/2025 Away match: 25/02-27/02/2025	Home match: 12/03/2025 Away match: 19/03/2025	Home match: 02/04/2025 Away match: 09/04/2025
LAUSANNE UC 1 2					
	Draisma Dynamo APELDOORN 3 1				
Draisma Dynamo APELDOORN 3 3		PafiaKos PAFOS 1 0			
PafiaKos PAFOS 3 0					
Golden set 15-10	PafiaKos PAFOS 2 3				
Lindemans AALST 1 3					
Orion Stars DOETINCHEM 0 0			Fenerbahce Medicana ISTANBUL 1 1		
	Asseco Resovia RZESZOW 3 3			Asseco Resovia RZESZOW	
Asseco Resovia RZESZOW 3 3		Asseco Resovia RZESZOW 3 3	Asseco Resovia RZESZOW 3 3		
VK Lvi PRAHA 3 3					
Blue Volley OSTRAVA 0 0	VK Lvi PRAHA 0 0				
Omonia NICOSIA 3 0					
Golden set 15-12	Omonia NICOSIA 2 0				
Deya Volley BURGAS 1 3		Volley AMRISWIL 1 3			
Crvena Zvezda BEOGRAD 0 3					
	Volley AMRISWIL 3 3				
Volley AMRISWIL 3 2					
Mladost ZAGREB 3 2			Knack ROESELARE 2 0		
	Mladost ZAGREB 1 0			TOURS VB	
VfB FRIEDRICHSHAFEN 1 3		TOURS VB 3 2	TOURS VB 3 3		
Volley SCHÖNENWERD 2 1					
	TOURS VB 3 3				
TOURS VB 3 3					
CSM Corona BRASOV 3 3					
	CSM Corona BRASOV 3 3				
Vojvodina NOVI SAD 1 0		CSM Corona BRASOV 1 0			
Selver x Taltech TALLINN 3 3					
	Selver x Taltech TALLINN 0 0				
C.S. Rapid BUCURESTI 1 1					
Sport LISBOA e Benfica 3 3			CHAUMONT Vb 52 1 0		
	Sport LISBOA e Benfica 0 3			TRENTINO Itas	
Calcit KAMNIK 0 0			TRENTINO Itas 3 3		
		TRENTINO Itas 3 3			
C.S. Arcada GALATI 1 0					
	TRENTINO Itas 3 2				
TRENTINO Itas 3 3					
Guaguas LAS PALMAS 3 3					
	Guaguas LAS PALMAS 3 3				
TSV Raiffeisen HARTBERG 0 0		Guaguas LAS PALMAS 2 0			
SK JEKABPILS Lūši 1 2					
	AONS Milon ATHENS 0 1				
AONS Milon ATHENS 3 3					
Fino KAPOSVAR 2 0			ACH Volley Ljubljana 0 2		
	Galatasaray HDI ISTANBUL 1 0			Ziraat Bank ANKARA	
Galatasaray HDI ISTANBUL 3 3		Ziraat Bank ANKARA 3 3	Ziraat Bank ANKARA 3 3		
VaLePa SASTAMALA 1 0					
	Ziraat Bank ANKARA 3 3				
Ziraat Bank ANKARA 3 3					



SEMI FINALS

HOME MATCHES - Tuesday 11th March 2025 and Wednesday 12th March 2025

Asseco Resovia RZESZOW - TOURS VB

11/03/2025 - h. 5.30 pm - Hall: RCWS Podpromie - Rzeszow (Poland)

Referees: Andreas Daniil and Volodymyr Paievskyi

TRENTINO ITAS - Ziraat Bank ANKARA

12/03/2025 - h. 8:30 pm - Hall: iLT quotidiano Arena - Trento (Italy)

Referees: Atanas Varbanov and Ágnes Bátkai-Katona

AWAY MATCHES - From Tuesday 18th March 2025 to Thursday 20th March 2025

TOURS VB - Asseco Resovia RZESZOW

19/03/2025 - h. 8.00 pm - Hall: Salle Robert Grenon - Tours (France)

Referees: Juan Antonio Erce Alvares and Rossella Piana

Ziraat Bank ANKARA - TRENTINO ITAS

19/03/2025 - h. 5:00 pm - Hall: TVF Ziraat Bankkart Volleyball Hall - Ankara (Türkiye)

Referees: Predrag Balandzic and Fuad Aghayev

2025 CEV Cup, on Wednesday at iLT quotidiano Arena the Semifinal Home Match (8:30 pm): the guide to Trentino Itas vs. Ziraat Bank Ankara

Trentino Itas shifts its focus back to the 2025 CEV Cup: on Wednesday, March 12, at the iLT Quotidiano Arena in Trento, the reigning European Champions will host Turkey's Ziraat Bank Ankara for the first leg of the Semifinal. First serve is scheduled for 8:30 PM, with live coverage on DAZN and Radio Dolomiti.

TRENTINO ITAS REPORT The Yellow blue are set to play the most crucial match of their European campaign, entering the fixture with an impressive record of fourteen wins in their first fifteen matches of 2025 and three consecutive straight-set victories, the most recent secured just last Saturday against Cisterna on the same court.

"We are facing a high-level double clash, perfectly fitting for a European competition semifinal" explained head coach **Fabio Soli**. *"Ziraat Bank Ankara, whom we will meet twice in one week, is a team of great quality, featuring an outstanding trio of outside hitters and currently leading the standings in one of the strongest national leagues, the Turkish Championship. For the first time this season, we will play the first leg at home before chasing qualification in the return match. Our approach to the game will be a key factor in this encounter; we are up against a team with no evident weaknesses and strong fundamentals. It will be crucial to make the most of every opportunity we create in different game situations"*.

iLT Quotidiano Arena is set to host Trentino Volley's 87th international match. The club's European record stands at 73 wins and 13 losses, only three of which have come in the CEV Cup. The last defeat in this specific competition dates back to nearly a decade ago: April 4, 2015, a 1-3 loss to Dinamo Moscow in the first leg of the 2015 final, which was ultimately lost to the Russian side in the golden set.

TWELFTH CONTINENTAL SEMIFINAL IN TRENTINO VOLLEY HISTORY The semifinal kicking off on Wednesday will mark Trentino Volley's fourth semifinal appearance in five CEV Cup campaigns. The only time they were eliminated before this stage was in the 2004 edition—their debut in the competition—when their journey ended in the Round of 16. In the three previous semifinals they contested (2015, 2017, and 2019), Trento always secured a spot in the final, winning the trophy once (2019 edition). Overall, the Yellow blue have played eleven European competition semifinals, including eight appearances in the CEV Champions League (2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2016, 2021, 2022, and 2024). In seven of these instances, they successfully advanced to the final.

THE OPPONENTS Ziraat Bank Ankara arrives in Trento for its second consecutive European competition semifinal, the third in club history. The red-and-white team, founded in 1981, had previously reached this stage in the last edition of the CEV Champions League (eliminated by Poland's Jastrzębski) and in the 2021 CEV Challenge Cup, where they advanced to the final but narrowly missed out on the title, which went to Allianz Milano—a team that featured Sbertoli and Pesaresi in its roster. Domestically, Ziraat Bank boasts an impressive trophy cabinet, including three consecutive Turkish league titles (2021-2023), one Turkish Cup (2010), four Super Cups (2010, 2021, 2022, 2023), and a Balkan Cup (2018). This season marks their eighth appearance in the CEV Cup, where they have been dominant so far, winning all eight matches, including victories over high-profile teams like Galatasaray and Las Palmas. In the Turkish league, they sit firmly at the top of the standings, with only three losses in 23 matches and a commanding 13-point lead over their closest rival, Fenerbahçe. Head coach Kavaz, who took over from Italian Stefano

Santilli in February 2022, has a roster packed with talent, particularly in high-ball situations. The starting outside hitters are American Anderson (formerly of Vibo, Modena, and Perugia) and Frenchman Clévenot (MVP of the Paris Olympics, previously with Milano and Piacenza in Italy). In the opposite position, Kavaz has two top-tier options: Slovenian Stern (ex-Latina, Padova, and Verona) and Dutchman Ter Maat. All other players are domestic, except for the third outside hitter, Zonca (Italian, formerly with Santa Croce and Ravenna). Several members of the Turkish national team feature in the starting lineup, including setter Yenipazar, middle blockers Bülbül and Savaş, and Bayraktar, completing the six-man core. **Ziraat Bank Ankara's Lineup:** 1. Matt Anderson (sp), 2. Wouter Ter Maat (o), 3. Hilmi Sahin (se), 4. Ünal Ergün (se), 5. Toncek Stern (o), 6. Vahit Emre Savas (m), 7. Bedirhan Bülbül (m), 8. Bugra Bayrak (sp), 9. Hacı Sahin (m), 11. Murat Yenipazar (se), 13. Paolo Zonca (sp), 14. Faik Samed Günes (m), 17. Trevor Clevenot (sp), 18. Zeka Cagatay Kir (l), 19. Berkay Baykatar (l), 20. Aykut Gedik (sp). Coach Mustafa Kavaz.

THE COMPETITION FORMAT The 2025 CEV Cup includes the execution of seven double turns (back and forth) of matches (Round of 64, Round of 32, Round of 16, Play Off, Quarterfinals - already disputed, Semifinals and Finals) with direct elimination; the team that gets the most points in the two games qualifies itself for the next round, with the points awarded like in the championship: 3 for the victory by 3-0 or 3-1, 2 for success at the tie break, 1 for defeat at the tie break (golden set to 15 points in case of tie). Whoever makes it through the round will be facing the winning team between Rzeszow e Tours (first leg scheduled today in Poland).

THE BACKGROUND Wednesday will be the first official confrontation in history between the two Clubs; the only other encounter was a friendly pre-season match played in Trento on the 3rd of October 2014 (3-1 for the home team with sets of 25-21, 25-23, 23-25, 25-19). Trentino Volley has played two matches in its history against another team from Ankara (the Halkbank) right in the CEV Cup, losing both: 2005 edition of the tournament, double 1-3 in the round of 16 (on 7 December 2004 at home, eight days later in Turkey). It was the only occasion where Trento did not play in the CEV Cup Final the moment it took part in the competition. Against Turkey, the yellow-blue Club has played a total of fifteen official matches, with twelve wins and just three losses.

THE REFEREES The match will be refereed by Atanas Varbanov, first Bulgarian referee from Sofia, and Agnes Batkai-Katona, second referee from Budapest (Hungary). Both have previous experience compared to Trentino Volley: Varbanov crossed the yellow-blues on the 19th of February 2019 in the CEV Cup quarter-final return match, which was won 3-0 over the Swiss Amriswil (debut of Alessandro Michieletto in first team) and then also on January 15th, 2025 in Brasov (3-1 for Trento, first leg of the Play Off), while Batkai-Katona met them during the first leg of the Final of the 2017 CEV Cup on April 12th (Trento-Tours 3-0).

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Trentino Volley: last match for...

3-0	Trento-Cisterna	08/03/2025	in Trento	POQ
3-1	Trento-Civitanova	22/02/2025	in Trento	RS
3-2	Trento-Piacenza	08/02/2025	in Trento	RS
2-3	Trento-Civitanova	25/01/2025	inBologna	CIS
1-3	Trento-Cruzeiro	15/12/2024	in Uberlandia	MCF
0-3	Trento-Milano	24/04/2024	in Trento	POF3

Last home match for...

3-0	Trento-Cisterna	08/03/2025		POQ
3-1	Trento-Civitanova	22/02/2025		RS
3-2	Trento-Piacenza	08/02/2025		RS
2-3	Trento-Monza	14/04/2024		POS
1-3	Trento-Perugia	27/10/2024		RS
0-3	Trento-Milano	24/04/2024		POF3

Last away match for...

3-0	Trento-Padova	02/03/2025	in Padova	RS
3-1	Trento-Chaumont	11/02/2025	in Chaumont	CEV4
3-2	Trento-Perugia	12/01/2025	in Perugia	RS
2-3	Trento-Civitanova	25/01/2025	inBologna	CIS
1-3	Trento-Cruzeiro	15/12/2024	in Uberlandia	MCF
0-3	Trento-Piacenza	22/04/2023	in Piacenza	POS

Identification match number in current season

38

(played: 22 regular season + 2 Italian Cup + 2 Italian Supercup + 1 Italian Championship Play Off + 5 Club World Championship + 8 CEV C

Today Trentino Volley is going to play its match number

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(played: 612 regular season + 52 Italian Cup + 161 Italian Championship Play Off + 22 Italian Supercup + 233 Internation

RS	Italian Championship - Regular season
MCF	Fivb Club World Championship - Final
MCSF	Fivb Club World Championship - Semifinal
CIS	Italian Cup - Semifinal
POS	Italian Championship Play Off - Semifinal
POQ	Italian Championship Play Off - Quarter of Final
POF3	Italian Championship Play Off - 3rd Place Final
CEV4	CEV Cup - 4th Finals
CLQ	Champions League - Quarter of Final

2025 CEV CUP, INDIVIDUAL STATS

TRENTINO ITAS

N°	Player	Played Set	POINTS			SERVE			Effic.	RECEPTION			ATTACK			BLOCK									
			Tot	Won	BP	Tot	Ace	Err		Ace per Set	Tot	Err	Neg.	Exc.	Exc.%	Effic.	Tot	Err	Blk	Exc.	Exc. %	Net	Pts	Point per Set	
2	BRISTOT Alessandro	4	11	5	6	18	4	5	1,0	-6%	19	1	6	5	26%	21%	21	0	6	7	33%	5%	0	0	0,0
3	PESARESİ Nicola	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0,0	-	29	1	7	5	17%	14%	0	0	0	0	-	-	0	0	0,0
4	KOZAMERNIK Jan	13	14	4	10	45	7	6	0,5	2%	2	0	1	1	50%	50%	11	0	1	5	45%	36%	0	2	0,2
5	MICHIELETTO Alessandro	24	97	51	46	92	11	17	0,5	-7%	101	5	20	25	25%	20%	142	13	5	82	58%	45%	0	4	0,2
6	SBERTOLI Riccardo	23	9	3	6	90	2	4	0,1	-2%	0	0	0	0	-	-	4	1	0	3	75%	50%	0	4	0,2
8	PELLACANI Marco	9	16	7	9	22	1	4	0,1	-14%	2	0	0	0	0%	0%	19	0	0	13	68%	68%	0	2	0,2
10	GARCIA FERNANDEZ Gabriel	19	49	36	13	46	8	11	0,4	-7%	0	0	0	0	-	-	62	7	4	39	63%	45%	0	2	0,1
11	RYCHLICKI Kamil	21	73	48	25	52	2	13	0,1	-21%	0	0	0	0	-	-	142	10	11	61	43%	28%	0	10	0,5
12	MAGALINI Giulio	8	33	23	10	26	1	5	0,1	-15%	32	3	6	7	22%	13%	45	2	6	29	64%	47%	0	3	0,4
13	LAURENZANO Gabriele	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0,0	-	118	5	19	33	28%	24%	0	0	0	0	-	-	0	0	0,0
15	LAVIA Daniele	24	81	46	35	111	6	16	0,3	-9%	135	7	31	34	25%	20%	140	9	7	65	46%	35%	0	10	0,4
22	BARTHA Bela Florian	17	40	20	20	59	2	14	0,1	-20%	11	0	2	1	9%	9%	33	0	1	21	64%	61%	0	17	1,0
23	GUALBERTO Flavio	24	61	33	28	78	4	12	0,2	-10%	9	0	0	3	33%	33%	65	4	1	39	60%	52%	2	18	0,8
25	ACQUARONE Alessandro	14	4	0	4	43	0	4	0,0	-9%	0	0	0	0	-	-	3	0	0	1	33%	33%	0	3	0,2
Totals			234	490	277	213	684	49	112	-	464	23	94	114	-	-	690	47	42	366	-	-	2	75	0,3

ZIRAAT BANK ANKARA

N°	Player	Played Set	POINTS		SERVE			RECEPTION				ATTACK				BLOCK									
			Tot	Won	BP	Tot	Ace	Err	Effic.	Tot	Err	Neg.	Exc.	Exc.%	Effic.	Tot	Err	Blk	Exc.	Exc. %	Effic.	Net	Pts	Point per Set	
1	ANDERSON Matthew J	25	97	46	51	126	12	23	0,5	-9%	128	6	25	34	27%	22%	166	9	8	77	46%	36%	2	8	0,3
2	TER MAAT Wouter	14	65	45	20	59	4	16	0,3	-20%	1	0	0	0	0%	0%	106	11	4	57	54%	40%	1	4	0,3
3	ŞAHİN Hilmi	10	2	0	2	37	1	9	0,1	-22%	1	0	1	0	0%	0%	0	0	0	0	-	-	0	1	0,1
5	STERN Tonček	16	64	44	20	63	4	16	0,3	-19%	2	0	1	1	50%	50%	104	4	13	57	55%	38%	0	3	0,2
6	SAVAŞ Vahit Emre	22	44	22	22	88	6	24	0,3	-20%	1	0	0	1	100%	100%	44	3	3	25	57%	43%	1	13	0,6
7	BÜLBÜL Bedirhan	28	77	43	34	89	5	17	0,2	-13%	3	0	1	0	0%	0%	63	9	2	43	68%	51%	1	29	1,0
9	ŞAHİN Hacı	4	3	0	3	11	1	7	0,3	-55%	1	0	0	1	100%	100%	1	0	0	0	0%	0%	0	2	0,5
11	YENİPAZAR Murat	21	16	3	13	67	2	11	0,1	-13%	3	1	1	1	33%	0%	14	0	0	6	43%	43%	0	8	0,4
13	ZONCA Paolo	12	31	19	12	51	6	14	0,5	-16%	55	4	15	17	31%	24%	54	10	4	24	44%	19%	1	1	0,1
14	GÜNEŞ Faik Samed	6	10	7	3	20	0	2	0,0	-10%	1	0	0	1	100%	100%	14	1	2	9	64%	43%	0	1	0,2
17	CLEVENOT Trévor	27	98	55	43	96	5	12	0,2	-7%	75	1	23	13	17%	16%	157	7	8	82	52%	43%	1	11	0,4
18	KIR Zeka Çagatay	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0,0	-	24	5	4	4	17%	-4%	1	0	0	0	0%	0%	0	0	0,0
19	BAYRAKTAR Berkay	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0,0	-	170	8	30	50	29%	25%	0	0	0	0	-	-	0	0	0,0
Totals			217	507	284	223	707	46	151	-	465	25	101	123	-	-	724	54	44	380	-	-	7	81	0,4

