

# ANDREA PREGONI

Academica de Coimbra, Second Division Portugal

## PLAYER PROFILE

Nationality:	Italian
Passport:	EU and USA
D.O.B:	January 4, 1999
Role:	Center-Back, Full-Back, Defensive Midfielder
Preferred foot:	Right
Height:	180cm
Weight:	72kg

## KEY ATTRIBUTES

- Great physique and exceptional athleticism;
- Uncompromising and tough in the tackle;
- Good at opponent marking and intercepting danger;
- Comfortable in possession, dual-footed and accurate distribution;
- Excellent pace and recovering possession;
- Good positional sense/peripheral vision;
- Excellent character;
- Credible leadership qualities, having been nominated captain three times.

## PLAYING HISTORY

- 1st team CD Alberite (3rd division, Spain).
- GPS International Academy-Valencia U19 (Captain);
- Pateadores Academy (Captain);
- L.A. Galaxy Academy;
- U.S.D Tor Di Quinto (Captain);
- Calcio Federale Italiana Coni;
- Current: Associação Académica de Coimbra (2nd division, Portugal);

## CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Season 2017/2018** | Captain for GPS Spain International Academy, Valencia, Spain. 13 goals as center back;
- **Season 2018/2019** | 3rd Division Spain. Youngest player in the squad; started every game, with 2697' minutes in 3rd Division. One of the youngest players with most minutes of the Division (number 4);
- Awarded the All Tournament Player, and Most Valuable Player of the German playoffs and also included in the *Dream Team* list, of 11 players, selected by all coaches in Germany playoffs.



## SUMMARY

A speedy centre back since he was 5-years old, Andrea reads the play and understands all aspects of the game while being the ultimate defender. His major strengths are:

- **Exceptional Defending Ability:** an expert at tackling, sticking with his opponent off the ball, double teaming, delaying, winning headers and implementing defending tactics;
- **Speed:** excellent positioning and strength and exceptional acceleration;
- **Strength/Shielding Ability:** ability to push offensive players off the ball, win headers, and shield the ball well;
- **Heading Ability:** defends consistently against aerial passes, crosses, and set pieces. Ability to header far and wide to remove the ball from the defensive half;
- **Passing Ability:** always looks up and passes the ball with time and space. Consistently passes to feet and makes effective long passes through the air.

Andrea has consistently been the backbone of all the teams he has played with, possessing the grit and determination needed to do whatever it takes to prevent the opposition from scoring. He is a master at protecting the goalkeeper from breakaways and serving as options for midfielders in the defensive half. Andrea has the mental capacity, toughness and determination to succeed.

Andrea has played in **Italy** (Rome) for Tor Di Quinto and Calcio Federale Italiana Coni; **L.A. Galaxy Academy** in **USA** (Los Angeles); Pateadores Academy USA (Los Angeles); and CD Alberite **Spain**.

Throughout 2017-2020, Andrea has been awarded the captaincy 3 times, twice winning player of the year (MVP), and winning 3 leagues. He was recently selected Captain of GPS International Academy, Valencia.

## VALUES

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| Forward-thinking | always looking ahead and thinking laterally and creatively with purpose; |
| Teamwork         | a collaborative mindset;   |
| Accountability   | committed, loyal and above all, dependable;                              |
| Truth            | speaking the truth with respect and integrity;                           |
| High Performance | setting high expectations and passionate about achieving success.        |

Football references and relevant video footage available upon request.