



Beautiful initiative between the Army and Rugby for Italy-Scotland at the Six Nations

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The Italy-Scotland match of the "Guinness Six Nations" tournament, held on Saturday, March 9 at the Stadio Olimpico in Rome, offered an emblematic example of how sport and national service can share common values and inspire society. The event saw a now-established synergy between the [Italian Army](#) and the [Italian Rugby Federation \(FIR\)](#), highlighting the potential of the union between different disciplines in encouraging team spirit, respect, and dedication.

At the start of the match, the stadium witnessed a solemn moment: a representation of 44 Army athletes carried the Italian tricolor onto the field along with the rugby ball, the insignia of the Army, the FIR, and Scotland, accompanied by the evocative notes of the Bersaglieri fanfare of the "Garibaldi" Brigade. The emotion reached its peak with the performance of the national anthem by the Army Band, creating a visceral connection with the audience and the players of the Italian National Rugby Team, [who were victorious at the end of the match, defeating Scotland 31-29.](#)

Outside the sports arena, the experience for fans was enriched by numerous activities that allowed direct contact with the reality of the armed forces. Information stands and an exhibition of historical and modern vehicles offered a glimpse into military life, while the flight simulator of the Army Aviation and the areas dedicated to fitness and athletics, managed respectively by the paratroopers of the ["Folgore" Brigade](#) and the Army Olympic Sports Center, attracted and engaged the public, demonstrating how athletic preparation is fundamental both in sports and in the military field.

The presence of institutional figures, such as the [Undersecretary of Defense Senator Isabella Rauti](#) and the [Chief of Staff of the Army, Paratrooper Corps General Carmine Masiello](#), emphasized the importance of the event on the national scene, consolidating the bond between the armed forces and the world of sports.

The collaboration between the Army and the FIR not only celebrates shared values but also aims, we add and hope, to promote these ideals among the new generations, contributing to the individual and collective growth of society.

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