

= 2014 Coppa Italia Final =

The 2014 Coppa Italia Final decided the winner of the 2013 ? 14 Coppa Italia , the 66th season of Italy 's main football cup . It was played on 3 May 2014 at the Stadio Olimpico in Rome , between Fiorentina and Napoli . Napoli won the game 3 @-@ 1 , with two early goals from Lorenzo Insigne and a late third by substitute Dries Mertens , although they had Gökhan Inler sent off in the second half . Juan Manuel Vargas scored Fiorentina 's goal .

As Napoli qualified for the UEFA Champions League by their league position , Fiorentina as runners @-@ up qualified for the Group Stage of the 2014 ? 15 UEFA Europa League . This was the last season in which cup runners @-@ up could qualify for the Europa League if the winner had already qualified for the Champions League . Napoli went on to play in the 2014 Supercoppa Italiana against the 2013 ? 14 Serie A champions Juventus , and won .

The final was marred by pre @-@ match violence , which delayed the scheduled kick @-@ off time . Three Napoli fans were shot , one of whom died following a two @-@ month coma . Club President Aurelio De Laurentiis dedicated Napoli 's victory to the wounded fans .

= = Background = =

Fiorentina played their 10th Coppa Italia final , having won six , including their last in 2001 . It was Napoli 's ninth , and they had previously won four , including their last final in 2012 .

During the league season , Fiorentina and Napoli had already played each other twice . The first fixture , on 30 October 2013 at the Stadio Artemio Franchi , resulted in a 2 ? 1 away win for Napoli which ended Fiorentina 's unbeaten home record . All of the goals came in the first half ? José Callejón opened the scoring , Giuseppe Rossi equalised with a penalty and Dries Mertens scored the winner in the 36th minute . In the closing stages of the game , Christian Maggio was sent off for the visitors , and Juan Cuadrado for the hosts . In the reverse fixture , at Napoli 's Stadio San Paolo on 23 March 2014 , Fiorentina were victorious as Joaquín scored the only goal of the game with three minutes remaining ; Faouzi Ghoulam had been sent off for the hosts in the first half for fouling Marko Baki? when the Fiorentina midfielder had an opportunity to score .

Prior to the cup final , Napoli were in third place in Serie A and therefore in the last position to qualify for the Champions League , eight points ahead of Fiorentina with nine points left to play for . Fiorentina manager Vincenzo Montella said before the game that his priority was to finish fourth and win the Coppa Italia . His Napoli counterpart , Rafael Benítez , warned his players not to expect to win solely based on their league position .

Players and staff of both clubs were invited to Vatican City the day before the final , where they listened to a speech by Pope Francis . Managers Montella and Benítez presented souvenirs of their clubs to the Pope .

= = Road to the final = =

= = = Fiorentina = = =

Fiorentina , of Serie A , entered the tournament in the Last 16 at home to Chievo , also of their league . They won 2 ? 0 with first @-@ half goals from Joaquín and Ante Rebi? , despite the dismissal of Massimo Ambrosini . In the quarter @-@ final on 23 January , again at home , they beat Serie B Siena 2 ? 1 with Josip Ili?i? opening the scoring and Marvin Comppeer scoring the winner . Fiorentina 's semi @-@ final against Udinese began with a 2 ? 1 away defeat on 4 February , but the second leg on 12 February was a 2 ? 0 home victory with goals from Manuel Pasqual and Cuadrado .

= = = Napoli = = =

Napoli , also of Serie A , entered in the Last 16 on 15 January with a 3 ? 1 home win over Atalanta , in which Callejón scored twice and Lorenzo Insigne the other goal . Their quarter @-@ final on 29 January was a 1 ? 0 victory at home over cup holders Lazio , with a late goal from Gonzalo Higuaín . Like Fiorentina , Napoli began their semi @-@ final with an away defeat ( 3 ? 2 against Roma ) , but secured their place in the final with a 3 ? 0 victory at home on 12 February , with goals from Callejón , Higuaín and Jorginho .

= = Match = =

= = = Team selection = = =

Fiorentina were without record signing Mario Gómez , the German striker having suffered with injury all season . Their top scorer of the season , Giuseppe Rossi , had been injured since January but was included as a substitute . Montella opined that Rossi would be ready to represent Italy at the World Cup in June . Goalkeeper Neto and midfielder Borja Valero had been doubts due to recent finger and knee injuries respectively , but made the starting line @-@ up . Midfielder Cuadrado was suspended , having been given a yellow card towards the end of their semi @-@ final victory over Udinese .

Napoli 's top scorer of the season , Higuaín , started despite a bruise to his shin from his last match . Benítez said " Not everyone in the team is 100 per cent , but we are in good shape " .

= = = Pre @-@ match violence = = =

Three Napoli fans were shot outside the stadium before the match , two with arm injuries . Ciro Esposito , who was in a critical state after being shot in the chest , died in hospital on 25 June .

Police , who found the gun , have stated that they do not believe that the shootings were related to other clashes by the two sets of fans : prior to the game , there were reports of firecrackers and other projectiles being thrown between them in the Tor di Quinto area of Rome . Kick @-@ off was subsequently delayed as Napoli fans did not want the match to start without knowing the condition of the shot fans . When match organisers attempted to speak to the Napoli fans , accompanied by their midfielder Marek Hamšík , they were " pelted with flares and smoke bombs " .

= = = Summary = = =

Napoli winger Insigne opened the scoring in the 11th minute by cutting in from the left and curling a shot past Fiorentina goalkeeper Neto . He doubled the lead six minutes later by connecting to Higuaín 's cross and forcing a deflection off Nenad Tomović . With two goals in the final , he equalled the amount of goals that he had scored in the entire Serie A season . Fiorentina responded in the 28th minute , when Josip Ilić chipped the defence and Juan Vargas volleyed the ball into the goal . In the last minute of the half , Alberto Aquilani put the ball into Napoli 's goal , but it was disallowed for offside .

Fiorentina had chances to equalise in the second half , with a long shot from substitute Matías Fernández tipped over the crossbar by Napoli goalkeeper Pepe Reina , and Ilić missing a one @-@ on @-@ one . The team also brought on Rossi in place of Joaquín after 72 minutes , his first action since his injury in January . Despite being reduced to ten men for the last 10 minutes after a second booking for Gökhan Inler after he fouled Ilić , Napoli extended their lead in injury time when substitute Mertens scored a third after being set up by Callejón .

= = = Details = = =

= = Post @-@ match = =

Napoli supporters invaded the pitch to celebrate following their team 's victory . However , they were brought under control in order to allow the trophy ceremony to take place .

Aurelio De Laurentiis , club president of Napoli , dedicated the cup win to the then unidentified fan who had been shot before the match and operated on . On the pre @-@ match violence , Demetrio Albertini , vice president of the Italian Football Federation , said " It certainly wasn 't a great scene , what we displayed today alongside football , for a football lover like me , it was an ugly display . "

As cup winners , Napoli qualified for the 2014 Supercoppa Italiana in which they would face Serie A champions Juventus . The match had traditionally taken place in August , but Napoli requested it be moved due to their Champions League play @-@ off that month . The fixture was eventually played on 22 December during the league 's winter break , at the Jassim Bin Hamad Stadium in Doha , Qatar . It finished 1 ? 1 after 90 minutes , 2 ? 2 after extra time , and Napoli won 6 ? 5 in the penalty shootout .