

= Sergio Pellissier =

Sergio Pellissier (born 12 April 1979) is an Italian footballer who plays as a striker and captains Chievo Verona .

He started his career playing for Torino 's youth team , having been called up once as part of Torino 's senior team . After two years at Torino , Pellissier moved to A.S. Varese 1910 in 1998 , and subsequently to Chievo in 2000 . He was promptly loaned for two seasons to SPAL 1907 . Upon his return to Chievo , Pellissier established himself as a first team player . He helped Chievo to reach the UEFA Europa League and the UEFA Champions League , and played for the team in those competitions . He remained at the club after Chievo were relegated to Serie B in the 2006 ? 07 season and became the squad 's captain in the following one . Pellissier has achieved historical records for the club and became an idol for Chievo . Pellissier has played five times for Italy 's national youth squad and appeared in a single match for the senior team .

= = Club career = =

= = = Early career = = =

Pellissier was born in Aosta , and started playing football in the region of Aosta Valley . He was 12 when he scored three goals against Torino F.C. on a tournament in Nus and Fénis for the local team Fenusma , and Torino showed interest on him . He then moved alone to Turin but after some time he wanted to return to his home ; when Pellissier was 14 he returned definitively to Torino . He made his senior debut and played one match in Serie B during the 1996 ? 97 season against Salernitana . In 1998 , Pellissier was on the team that won the under @-@ 21 tournament Torneo di Viareggio , and also appeared in a Coppa Italia match . He moved on loan to the Serie C1 side Varese , where he made 53 appearances and scored nine goals between September 1998 and 2000 . He was then signed by Chievo Verona , but was loaned in his first year to Ferrara @-@ based club SPAL , for which he scored 17 goals in 44 appearances during one and a half seasons .

= = = Chievo = = =

= = = = 2002 ? 2008 = = = =

Pellissier returned to Chievo for the 2002 ? 03 season , making his Serie A debut on 22 September 2002 , when he played for 46 minutes in a 2 ? 1 loss against Brescia Calcio . On 3 November , Pellissier played as a 63rd @-@ minute substitute for Luigi Beghetto and scored his first goal ? the only in that match ? against Parma F.C. During that season , he played 25 matches in the league and scored five goals ? two of which were scored in consecutive matches against Piacenza Calcio and Como Calcio . Outside the Italian League , Pellissier appeared four times in the Coppa Italia , and once in the 2002 ? 03 UEFA Cup as a 79th minute for Massimo Marazzina in the second match against Red Star Belgrade .

The following season , Pellissier made 27 league appearances , scored three goals ? two of which were scored against Robur Siena in a 2 ? 1 victory . During the 2004 ? 05 season , he scored seven times in 34 appearances . He scored twice in a 3 @-@ 1 victory against Brescia . 2005 ? 06 was Pellissier 's breakout season ; he made a significant contribution to Chievo 's campaign , scoring 13 league goals of Chievo 's 54 . Among them , Pellissier scored in four consecutive matches and twice in the matches against U.S. Lecce and Reggina Calcio . The season was an important one ; the 2006 Italian football scandal ensured that Chievo finished in fourth place because of various points deductions to other sides , qualifying Chievo for the 2006 ? 07 UEFA Champions League .

In the Champions League , Chievo were eliminated by Levski Sofia after losing two matches 2 ? 0 and 2 ? 2 ; Pellissier played these matches and did not score in either . Chievo were also knocked

out of the UEFA Cup by Sporting Braga in two matches , in which Pellissier was not on the team 's lineup . For Pellissier it was a good season ; he was voted Chievo 's best player by its supporters , winning the " Cangrande del Bentegodi " . He scored 9 league goals in 36 appearances , but on the final day , Chievo were relegated to Serie B for the first time . Pellissier chose to stay with Chievo despite their relegation and was made captain in the 2007 ? 08 season . He was a key player of their return to Serie A , scoring a career best 22 goals for the year and winning the Cangrande award again . His total of 22 surpassed Raffaele Cerbone 's record of 20 goals in a single season for Chievo .

= = = = 2008 ? present = = = =

In 2008 ? 09 , Pellissier played all of Chievo 's 38 Serie A matches and scored 13 goals , including two on 15 March 2009 in a 3 ? 0 victory over Lazio at the Stadio Olimpico . Three weeks later , on 5 April , he scored the first hat @-@ trick of his career in a 3 ? 3 draw against Juventus in Turin ; this was followed on 19 April by a brace in a match against Siena . Pellissier 's 2008 ? 09 performance won him the Cangrande award for the third consecutive season . He played 35 matches and scored 11 goals in the 2009 ? 10 season , with consecutive scores in the third and fourth round , in the 21st and 22nd , and in the 34th and 35th . In 2010 ? 11 , Pellissier made the same numbers of appearances and scored the same number of goals as in the previous season . He scored two braces in the season ? the first in a 3 ? 1 win against Napoli and the other in a 3 ? 0 win against Brescia . He made his 100th appearance for Chievo on 6 February 2011 in a 2 ? 1 loss against Lazio .

In a 2 ? 1 victory against Novara Calcio on 2 February 2012 , Pellissier scored his 100th goal for Chievo . On 18 February , he was accused of being involved on the 2011 ? 12 Italian football scandal , which affected his performance . Nevertheless , he also scored in consecutive matches against Fiorentina and Catania Calcio , and a brace in a 4 ? 4 draw against Palermo . He scored a 8 league goals in 35 appearances in the 2011 ? 12 season , when he won his fourth Cangrande award . On 26 August 2012 , in his 300th Serie A match for the gialloblù , he scored his first goal of five in his 24 appearances of the 2012 ? 13 season .

In July 2013 , Pellissier renewed his contract with Chievo for two years . Starting the 2013 ? 2014 season as a first @-@ team man , he eventually became a substitute under the coach Eugenio Corini . He made 22 appearances in the season and scored his only goal in a 2 ? 1 victory over Udinese Calcio on 21 September 2013 . On 22 August 2014 in a 1 ? 0 defeat by Pescara Calcio during the Coppa Italia , Pellissier reached 400 appearances for Chievo . During the 2014 ? 15 season , he played 27 matches and score seven goals in Serie A ; among them , on 9 November 2014 , Pellissier came as 46th @-@ minute substitute and scored two goals on a 2 ? 1 victory against Cesena after more than a year of his last goal .

= = International career = =

Pellissier made five appearances for Italy national under @-@ 17 football team between April and May 1997 ; he scored no goals . In May 2009 , Pellissier received his first call up to the Italian national team by coach Marcello Lippi to play in a friendly against the Northern Ireland . In the match , he entered as a substitute for Giampaolo Pazzini in the 62nd minute and scored a goal 11 minutes later . About reaching the national squad , he declared , " It 's a dream that came true . L 'azzurra is the cherry on the cake of an extraordinary season . But the merit is not mine , but all of Chievo . "

= = International goal = =

Scores and results list Italy 's goal tally first .

= = Personal life = =

In 2001 , during the time Pellissier was playing for SPAL in Ferrara , he met Gian Micaela Viadana in a restaurant she worked . After some time exchanging e @-@ mails with Micaela , they started a relationship . Since 19 June 2004 he is married to Micaela , and he is the father of a son , Matteo , and a daughter , Sofia .

= = Career statistics = =

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Statistics updated up to 9 April 2016 .

= = = International = = =