

International Football

Ante Coric: Modric's 'successor' who played at Almeria finds a team... after a year and a half without playing!!

At Dinamo they claimed that he had more talent than Modric, Kovacic, Boban and Prosinecki



Ante Coric (Zagreb, 1997) was considered, as was the case with [former Barça player Alen Halilovic](#), **as the next great star of Croatian football.** At 17 years and 2 days old he had already made his debut with Dinamo Zagreb, **at 17 and 157 days he became the youngest scorer in the history of the Europa League** and at the age of 19, he made his debut with the Croatian senior team. All the big European clubs, **with Real Madrid and Barcelona at the head,** sighed for his services.

"He has more talent than Modric and Kovacic at his age. He's a treasure, *Coric is more talented than Modric and Kovacic at his age. It's a treasure*" said Zoran Mamic, Manager Dinamo Zagreb and the coach who made him debut.

"He's better than Boban or Prosineki when they were his age. I'm impressed," said Zdravko Mamic, Dinamo's president.

The 'soufflé', little by little, was lowered and, finally, Coric signed for Roma in 2018 in exchange for 6 million euros. In five years as a 'giallorossi' - his contract ended last summer - **he barely played 48 minutes spread over three games.**



In between he went on loan to Almeria, VVV-Venlo, Olimpija Ljubljana and Zurich. "Am I the new Modric? I prefer to talk on the pitch," he said as soon as he arrived in LaLiga. However, his time at the Power Horse Stadium is summarized in 17 games (683') and three assists.



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As incredible as it may seem, you have to go back to May 22, 2022, more than a year and a half, to find the last official match of the former 'child prodigy' of Croatian football. Last season, back at Roma, he spent 'blank'. Now, as Halilovic also did, now at Fortuna Sittard, with his signing for Rijeka, he has decided to return home to relaunch his career: Coric has just signed for NK Rudes, bottom of the Croatian League



"I'm happy to be back in Zagreb. Rude and I have a common vision and we will do everything we can to keep the club in the elite of Croatian football. Personally I'm at a good pace, although my legs are still a little heavy from the preseason, but at the start of the league everything will be in the right place," said Coric.

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Former Croatia international Josip Simunic, now president of Rudes, is delighted to have him in their ranks: **"We know what Ante can and should give us. We saw how he made the difference in the friendly against Rogaska. In addition, it can teach young people a lot. His signing is a double victory for our club."**