

# Juventus' Dominance 2012-2020



## 1) Discussion

- a) What are your favourite Italian teams?
  - b) Who have been your favourite Juventus players?
  - c) Can you think of any teams that *always* win their league?
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## 2) Vocabulary

### a) Match the vocabulary to the definition.

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| 1) Relentless (adjective) | a) To get something from someone else.    |
| 2) To Orchestrate (verb)  | b) Looking back.                          |
| 3) Well-oiled (adjective) | c) Come back after going down.            |
| 4) To Inherit (verb)      | d) Never stopping, determined.            |
| 5) Resurgence (noun)      | e) To take apart; to defeat in a big way. |
| 6) To Dismantle (verb)    | f) Lasting for a long time.               |
| 7) Retrospect (noun)      | g) To be smooth and efficient.            |
| 8) Perennial (adjective)  | h) To plan and arrange things carefully.  |
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**b) Complete the sentences with the vocabulary from exercise 2a.**

Relentless	To Orchestrate	Well-oiled	To Inherit
Resurgence	To Dismantle	Retrospect	Perennial

- 1) David Moyes \_\_\_\_\_ an ageing squad when he joined Manchester United in 2013.
- 2) AC Milan's status as a \_\_\_\_\_ contender in European competitions disappeared during the 2010s.
- 3) Thanks to his tactical intelligence, Arrigo Sacchi \_\_\_\_\_ one of the most successful periods in AC Milan's history.
- 4) Bayern Munich's \_\_\_\_\_ attacking play allowed them to dominate German football in the 2010s.
- 5) Cristiano Ronaldo's \_\_\_\_\_ pursuit of excellence has propelled him to the top of world football.
- 6) In the 2014 Champions League semi-final, Real Madrid \_\_\_\_\_ Bayern Munich over two legs, winning 5-0 on aggregate.
- 7) Looking back in \_\_\_\_\_, Didier Deschamps' impact as both a player and manager has been remarkable.
- 8) Despite facing setbacks, Liverpool's \_\_\_\_\_ in recent years has been remarkable, culminating in winning the Premier League title in 2020 after a 30-year drought.



### **3) Quick Read - Read the article quickly and answer the question.**

a) What made Juventus so successful during the 2010s?

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#### **Storia di un Grande Amore**

Between 2012 and 2020, Juventus FC, the pride of Turin, exerted an unparalleled dominance over Italian football, carving out a legacy never before seen in Serie A history. This era was marked by a relentless pursuit of excellence, characterised by their iron grip on the league title and memorable campaigns in European competitions.

At the heart of Juventus' resurgence in the 2011-2012 season were key players who formed the backbone of the team's success. The midfield maestro Andrea Pirlo orchestrated proceedings with his vision and pinpoint passing, while the defensive duo of Giorgio Chiellini and Leonardo Bonucci provided a solid backline. Gianluigi Buffon, the legendary shot-stopper, marshalled the goal with his unparalleled reflexes and leadership.

Under the astute guidance of managers such as Antonio Conte and later Massimiliano Allegri, Juventus transformed into a well-oiled machine, blending tactical acumen with raw determination. Conte's revolutionary 3-5-2 formation laid the foundation for success, instilling a winning mentality within the squad. Allegri, inheriting a formidable team, added his tactical nous, steering Juventus to further glory.

The 2014-2015 and 2016-2017 seasons witnessed Juventus' resurgence on the European stage, culminating in appearances in the UEFA Champions League final. Buoyed by the brilliance of Paul Pogba, Arturo Vidal, and Carlos Tevez, Juventus stormed past formidable opponents en route to the finals. Although they fell short of clinching the coveted trophy, their performances showcased the club's pedigree and resilience.

However, it was in Serie A where Juventus truly asserted their dominance, clinching an unprecedented string of consecutive league titles. From 2012 to 2020, they reigned supreme, dismantling challengers with ruthless efficiency. With each passing season, Juventus raised the bar higher, setting new standards of excellence in Italian football.

The acquisitions of Cristiano Ronaldo and Matthijs de Ligt in 2018 and 2019 injected further star power into the squad, ensuring Juventus remained one of the dominant forces in



European football. Their sheer dominance was a testament to the club's unwavering ambition and commitment to success.

In retrospect, Juventus' reign between 2012 and 2020 was a golden age for the Bianconeri, etching their name into the annals of footballing greatness. Their legacy as serial champions and perennial contenders in Europe remains an indelible mark on the sport, serving as an inspiration for generations to come.

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#### **4) Discussion**

- a) What are your thoughts on Juventus' dominance from 2012 - 2020?
- b) Which year do you think was the most impressive for Juventus?
- c) Do you think one team winning the league all the time is healthy for the league?

