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Viterbo (Vetus Urbs) is a medieval city, residency of Popes, place of monumental churches and precious artefacts. Pianoscarano is one of its neighbourhoods, a working-class district embellished by ancient buildings and a magnificent basilica, Sant'Andrea, one of the most beautiful among its beautiful churches.

Viterbo is a special place. In the nineteenth century, the prominent figures of the city went to Rome asking the government that the soon-to-be-built Florence-Rome railway shouldn't pass through the town's territory (fearing severe damage to the flourishing agriculture). Therefore, the city is proud of itself and its history and wants to safeguard its values.

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In my day, in the 1950s, there was a football club, Pianoscarano. They played in the amateur league with varying degrees of luck. However, they earned the reputation of being as tough as the people of the district were and still are. Our boy was born there on 1 May 1987; he grew up in the neighbourhood and played for Pianoscarano. It was a training ground for enthusiasts and young promises. Then, he went to Viterbese, where he played as a midfielder and became a central defender.

At that time, his horizon was local and remained local until clubs in higher categories noticed him and took him away from the city of popes.

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In 2005, he joined Inter, where he won several trophies with the youth teams.

Then, after one year (2009-2010) in Bari, he arrived at Juventus, where he became one of the strongest central defenders in the world under the guidance of Antonio Conte and then Massimiliano Allegri.

From the outskirts of a suburban town like Viterbo, step by step, with serious professional commitment and continuity, he grew in the esteem of the sporting world and strengthened his sporting and human prestige. Several times Italian champion, he has played 107 games in the Nazionale. Now he is a European champion. His name is Leonardo Bonucci: an Italian.