

General Information

Country:	ITA
Gender:	M
Handedness:	Right-handed
Date of birth:	1998-04-18
License:	18041998003

Further Personal Information

Residence	Naples, ITA
Occupation	Police Athlete
Languages	English, Italian
Higher education	Law - University of Campania Luigi Vanvitelli: Caserta, ITA

Sport Specific Information

When and where did you begin this sport?	He began fencing at age 11. "For years I preferred football to fencing until I started high school. So let's say that I felt I had to take only one path, and I realised that as much as I like football, it's not a sport I love. Fencing immediately gave me experiences that helped me grow a lot, and it began to become a serious commitment for me around the age of 16."
Why this sport?	His father encouraged him to try fencing. "I played football and was good at it, but then I started to follow my father to the gym and I became passionate about fencing. I still love football, but fencing is my sport."
Club / Team	Club Schermistico Partenopeo [ITA] / GS Fiamme Oro [ITA]:
Name of coach	Daniele Pantoni [Fiamme Oro]; Dario Chiado [national]
Handedness	Right

General Interest

Nicknames	Valy (Instagram profile, 07 Jul 2018)
Hobbies	Football, riding motorbikes, watching television series and movies. (Club Schermistico Partenopeo Facebook page, 27 Dec 2022; ilmattino.it, 25 Apr 2020)
Memorable sporting achievement	Winning the individual epee competition at the 2022 World Cup event in Sochi, Russian Federation. (ilmattino.it, 18 Feb 2022)
Hero / Idol	Italian fencer [and his father] Sandro Cuomo, Italian Moto GP rider Valentino Rossi. (Club Schermistico Partenopeo Facebook page, 27 Dec 2022; ilnapolionline.com, 24 Mar 2018)
Sporting philosophy / motto	"The life of an athlete has its ups and downs, and it's thanks to these peaks and the hasty falls that you become what you are. A straight line with no wins and no defeats has nothing, it sows no emotions." (Facebook profile, 24 Nov 2020)
Famous relatives	His father Sandro Cuomo has represented Italy in fencing, and won gold in team epee at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta. His younger brother Fabrizio has competed in the sport for the Italian junior national team, winning team epee gold at the 2020 European Cadet and Junior Championships in Porec, Croatia. (SportsDeskOnline, 08 Apr 2022; ilmattino.it, 16 Jan 2020; napoli.repubblica.it, 13 Apr 2017)