



Pre-season

After the kick off of the pre-season at Milanello on July 9, the team played many friendly matches including their debut against Novara (2-0 for AC Milan thanks to the goals scored by Suso and Calabria).

FIRST TEAM - ICC 2018

In summer 2018, AC Milan participated in the International Champions Cup, the summer competition held in the US from July 22 to August 5, 2018.

During these ten days AC Milan challenged top international team in US iconic stadiums:

MILAN-MANCHESTER UNITED 1-1 (9-10 d.c.r.): Wednesday July 25 at the StubHub Center in Los Angeles

TOTTENHAM-MILAN 1-0: Tuesday July 31 at the U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis (Minnesota)

MILAN-BARCELONA 1-0: Saturday August 4 at the Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara (Bay Area)

From California to Minnesota, the 2018 ICC was the perfect occasion to consolidate and develop productive relationships in the US and to ensure a first-class visibility to our commercial partners.



AC Milan and PUMA in the US

The partnership with Puma, the Club's new Main Sponsor, included also two exclusive events in California, with the participation of many footballers of the First Team.

Puma event in los angeles

On July 24, 2018, AC Milan participated in an exclusive event downtown Los Angeles, during which seven Rossoneri were PUMA's guests. A total-Rossonero party, fittings, colors, food and beverage, organised by Puma to celebrate the new partnership in the **US**. The Donnarumma brothers, Borini, Bonaventura, Bonucci and Kessié were involved in a pleasant evening at the iconic Californian venue **The Reserve**.

Launch of puma's third kit in san francisco

On August 2, 2018 evening **Locatelli, Romagnoli, Calabria, Cutrone** and **Kessie** participated in the event at the Street Event organised by Puma for the launch of the third kit. In a very characteristic location, the 5 footballers posed for pictures and signed autographs for the many supporters attending.



Massaro meets the AC Milan Club Toronto

During the 2018 ICC, AC Milan was a star both in the US and in Canada. During the US tour, the club has organized various meetings with the **fans**. First stop in Toronto, where on July 25, 2018, the Gloria Rossonera **Daniele Massaro** met **AC Milan Club Toronto**, bringing to the Canadian fans a very welcomed surprise: the **UEFA Champions League cup**, one of 7 won by the *Diavolo*.

Meeting the Minnesota Vikings

A tour in the US also means to embrace America's sporting culture, a unique experience that occurred on July 28, 2019 at the wonderful **Performance Center** of the Minnesota Vikings. **Fabio Borini, Davide Calabria, Patrick Cutrone, Alen Halilovic, Manuel Locatelli** and **Stefan Simic** met the Vikings during their first pre-season training day. Great enthusiasm, organisation and cutting-edge structures are the top qualities of the American Sports that our footballers experienced during the one-hour and half visit to one of NFL's most successful teams.

Santiago Bernabéu Trophy

After the tour in the US, the Rossoneri continued their pre-season training in Milanello before the last friendly match of the summer on August 11, 2018 in Madrid against Real Madrid. The home team won 3-1 thanks to the goals by Benzema, Bale e Mayoral for Real Madrid and by Gonzalo Higuain for AC Milan.



First Team and Primavera Medical Area

Three doctors work in the Milanello Sports Center:

- Stefano Mazzoni: AC Milan Medical Director
- Mario Brozzi: First Team Doctor
- Lucio Genesio: Primavera Doctor and First Team Support

The working group operating at Milanello is completed by:

- Roberto Morosi: Physiotherapy Area Coordinator
- Marco Paesanti: Massophysiotherapist
- four **physiotherapists**, who work both on rehabilitation from injuries and preparation of players before entering on the field
- two **re-activators**, whose intervention is fundamental for those players who need a re-initialization phase after a period of forced inactivity

This team is actively supported by valuable consultants:

- Pierluigi Gennari: Podiatrist
- Stefano Arata: Chiropractic Area
- Francesco Avaldi: Nutritionist
- Alberto Dolci: Laboratory Doctor

