



## Napoli vs Inter Coppa Italia clash postponed as coronavirus fears persist

Inter's Coppa Italia semi-final second leg at Napoli has become the latest fixture to be postponed as a result of the coronavirus crisis engulfing Italian football.

Juventus' Coppa tie at Milan, which was originally due to take place on Wednesday, has already been called off and the fixture between Napoli and Inter scheduled for Thursday at Stadio San Paolo will now also not be taking place.

Italian football is enduring chaos with its schedule due to the threat of the spread of coronavirus, of which there have been over 2000 confirmed positive cases in the nation. Several Serie A fixtures have been postponed over the past two weekends, including the Derby d'Italia between Juve and Inter, which was due to take place last Sunday.

ANSA reported that the government will implement measures to cancel all sporting events for 30 days, although football matches may yet be allowed to take place behind closed doors. Inter CEO Giuseppe Marotta, speaking prior to a Serie A council meeting on Wednesday, insisted the club will accept whatever measures are implemented in the coming days and weeks, stating: "We will adapt to what they

decide."

Inter lost the first leg of their Italian Cup clash 1-0 at San Siro, with Fabian Ruiz scoring the winner for Napoli.

Antonio Conte's side will now look ahead to a meeting with Sassuolo at the MAPEI Stadium on Sunday, but it is not yet clear whether the fixture will go ahead as planned.

The same goes for Napoli as they prepare for a trip to Verona this weekend, with more disruptions to the Serie A calendar expected.

The Italian top flight is not the only league to have experienced issues due to the coronavirus, with the entire Swiss Super League being suspended indefinitely until March 23.

In Germany, Bundesliga outfit RB Leipzig have been forced to apologise for ejecting 20 supporters from their stadium during a 1-1 draw with Bayer Leverkusen on Sunday over fears they were carrying the virus.

The Premier League are reportedly now coming up with a contingency plan to deal with the outbreak should it affect English football, with matches likely to be played behind closed doors, and doubts have already been raised over whether Euro 2020 will go ahead this summer.



## Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang 'one of three' Premier League transfer targets for Inter Milan

Aubameyang is yet to officially commit his future to Arsenal with just over a year remaining on his current contract, as Inter eye a swoop for him and two other stars

Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang is reportedly one of three players Inter Milan are interested in signing as they prepare a fresh raid on the Premier League.

Inter boss Antonio Conte has already prised several players from English shores since taking over at the Serie A giants.

Ashley Young, Alexis Sanchez and Romelu Lukaku all arrived from Man Utd, along with Victor Moses from Chelsea, and Christian Eriksen from Tottenham .

Now Inter are said to have identified three more signings they want to add to their ranks this summer, according to CalcioMercato .

Arsenal captain Aubameyang tops the list, along with Man Utd youngster Tahith Chong , and out-of-contract Spurs defender Jan Vertonghen .

Aubameyang has been linked with a move away from the Emirates as he lingers towards the final year of his contract at Arsenal.

The 30-year-old striker has been urged to consider leaving The Gunners if they don't qualify for Champions League football next season.

Real Madrid and Barcelona have both been touted as potential destinations for Aubameyang, but Inter now look set to compete for his signature.

Barca have shown an interest in Inter forward Lautaro Martinez, which could make room for Aubameyang in Conte's squad.

The Gabonese international reaffirmed his commitment to Arsenal back in January, but is so far no closer to sealing a new deal.

Arsenal will be concerned not to let Aubameyang's contract run down completely, which could force them into a sale out of fear of losing him for nothing.

That's the scenario facing Tottenham, who have failed to persuade Vertonghen to stay at the club. There will be no shortage of offers for the Belgian defender, who will be available on a free at the end of the season, and he could join up with former teammate Eriksen at the San Siro.

Meanwhile Chong's contract is also due to expire at United in the coming months, and the 20-year-old has rejected the chance to remain at Old Trafford.

Chong's representatives are already believed to be in talks with Inter over a five-year deal, report Tuttosport, though it is thought they plan to loan him out during his first season.

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