

## Busi gets green light for football socks

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Brescia - The new double layer sports socks sock made by Busi Giovanni has been approved by the Italian Football Federation and can now be worn by footballers in official matches.

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The socks are produced on the Twin Layer, a new machine based on the same technology as the Brescia-based company's well established Idea Terry system. The key difference is that the Twin Layer also uses the dial needles and a special patented device, which is integrated in the dial itself, to produce the double layer.

The knitting technique creates a pouch inside the socks, which can then be used to hold sports items such as shin-pads attached inside a soccer sock. This means there is no direct contact between the shin guards and the skin, thus avoiding excessive perspiration and unpleasant irritations.



"The Italian Federation of Football has approved our new patented football sock with pouch for the shin guards," said the company's Catina Busi. "The Committee of Referees of F.I.G.C. has given its positive evaluation (see attached letter), which is a very important step as this new sock can now be used on the occasion of official matches."

The Twin Layer system is actually capable of knitting two fabrics at the same time - one inside the other. The external sock is produced in a conventional way by the cylinder needles while the internal sock is knitted by the dial needles.

According to Busi export manager Federica Ambrosi, this provides sock manufacturers with the opportunity to use completely different fibres for the inside of the sock than the outside of the sock, thus opening up new perspectives in the field of technical sport socks.



The double layer structure can be extended to the whole of the sock which sees the two fabrics joined at the welt, at the heel and at the toe. This will prevent the sliding of the inner layer in respect of the outer layer. It is also possible to knit the socks with a double layer in just a part of the sock, for example only in the sole and in the high-heel.

Optional elements on the Twin Layer system include a device for the production of 3-dimensional patterning and the installation of the Rimaglio device for classic linking.

Available in 4 ins diameter, the Twin Layer is available with between 72 and 132 needles and in gauges 24G and 36G.