



## Abbondanzieri Roberto Carlos

19-08-1972, Bouquet, Santa Fe. 183 cm 83 kg  
Goalkeeper

**Selection:** 2004-2008 49 0  
WC 2006, 5 0

### Clubs:

Rosario Central 1994-95 14 0  
Rosario Central 1995-96 25 0  
Rosario Central 1996-97 18 0  
Boca Juniors 1996-97 8 0  
Boca Juniors 1997-98 13 0  
Boca Juniors 1998-99 8 0  
Boca Juniors 1999-00 8 0  
Boca Juniors 2000-01 17 0  
Boca Juniors 2001-02 21 0  
Boca Juniors 2002-03 33 0  
Boca Juniors 2003-04 32 0  
Boca Juniors 2004-05 31 0  
Boca Juniors 2005-06 33 0  
Getafe Spain 2006-07 36 0  
Getafe Spain 2007-08 34 0  
Getafe Spain 2008-09 13 0  
Boca Juniors 2008-09 19 0  
Boca Juniors 2009-10 3 0  
Internacional RS 2010 8 0

### Achievements:

Champion of Argentina 1998a, 1999c, 2003a, 2005a, 2006c, winner Libertadores Cup 2000, 2001, 2003, Intercontinental Cup 2000, 2003, CONMEBOL Cup 1995, Recopa Sudamericana 2004



Abbondanzieri's professional debut took place on 6 December 1994 at Santa Fe's Rosario Central, with whom Roberto Abbondanzieri would soon after win the 1995 CONMEBOL Cup. Roberto Abbondanzieri played with the club until 1997, when Roberto Abbondanzieri moved to Boca Juniors to be the reserve goalkeeper.

Abbondanzieri trained in the shadow of Óscar Córdoba until the Colombian goalie suffered an injury during the Clausura tournament of 1999. However, Abbondanzieri himself then suffered a shoulder injury during a match against Club Atlético River Plate, and the club's third-choice goalkeeper, Cristian Muñoz, took Roberto Abbondanzieri place. When Roberto Abbondanzieri recovered from Roberto Abbondanzieri injury Abbondanzieri was once again Córdoba's understudy until February 2002, when Córdoba moved to Serie A club Perugia Calcio.

Abbondanzieri changed Roberto Abbondanzieri name in July 2002 from Abbondancieri, a misspelling that arose at Argentinian customs when Roberto Abbondanzieri grandfather immigrated there, to the original spelling that Roberto Abbondanzieri uses today. The name change was prompted by Italian citizenship concerns in the case of Roberto Abbondanzieri transfer to the European football leagues. Roberto Abbondanzieri was named South American Goalkeeper of the Year in 2003.

Until September 2006, when Boca achieved their third Recopa Sudamericana 2006, Roberto Abbondanzieri held the Boca Juniors record of 14 titles, surpassed later by Guillermo Barros Schelotto.

In July 2006, after weeks of speculation, Abbondanzieri signed a three-year contract with Spain La Liga Getafe CF, claiming that "it's the right time for me to go to Europe".

On April 10, 2008 in a UEFA Cup quarterfinal second-leg match against Bayern Munich, Abbondanzieri made a vital error in extra time, as the goalkeeper failed to hold a routine ball from a distant free-kick. The ball slipped under Roberto Abbondanzieri legs while in the six yard box, allowing Bayern striker Luca Toni to tap the ball into the back of the net. Bayern was still in deficit of goals on aggregate , as the score was 2-3 after the goal (3-4 on aggregate), but only five minutes later Bayern would level the score at 3-3 (4-4 on aggregate) and allow themselves passage to the UEFA Cup semifinals via the away goals rule.