

Juve shell out €15.3m for Amauri

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Juventus have made their first acquisition ahead of their return to UEFA Champions League action by signing Brazilian striker Amauri from Serie A rivals US Città di Palermo for €15.3m plus Antonio Nocerino.

Goal haul

The Sao Paulo-born Amauri, 27, scored an impressive 15 goals in 34 league appearances for the Sicilian outfit in 2007/08 and joins the Bianconeri on a four-year contract. Amauri moved to Palermo from AC Chievo Verona in summer 2006 as a replacement for Luca Toni, having previously spent time with SSC Napoli and on loan at FC Messina and Piacenza Calcio.

Makeweight

Travelling in the opposite direction is midfielder Nocerino. The 23-year-old made his Italy debut in October's friendly against South Africa and was a regular as Juve finished third in the top-flight to qualify for the third qualifying round of Europe's premier club competition. He will face competition for a place in the Rosanero midfield from Fabio Liverani, 32, who has agreed a three-year contract after a free transfer from ACF Fiorentina.

European chance

Meanwhile, Antonio Langella has left Atalanta BC to join UEFA Cup contenders Udinese Calcio for an undisclosed fee. The 31-year-old, who has penned a one-year-deal with the Zebrette, was lured by the chance to play in UEFA club competition, admitting that "the possibility of playing in Europe had a big impact on my decision". (uefa.com)