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It is always with great emotion that I talk about the Memorial Germanetto.

Marco was a child from my neighbourhood; he used to play with my children, and they shared the same dreams, problems and hopes.

He always showed a great talent for athletics. It didn't surprise me at all when he soon joined the azzurro group. He was good at running the middle distance, the crosscountry and the mountain running. He was surely destined to succeed at international level as well.

Now, when I see the young athletes attending the Memorial dedicated to him, I have the feeling that I can see him running again over his and my mountains, in the Alta Val di Susa.

I like to think that, through them, his passion for athletics will go on in time.

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