

AS ROMA:THE HEART OF ROME

On the 21st July 1927, Alba, Roman and Fortitudo, three Roman football clubs, merged and they founded the Associazione Sportiva Roma, generally called AS Roma. During the 1920s throughout the 1940s the team played on the mythical field "Testaccio", where the legend of this incredible football team capable to beat the prestigious Juventus 5-0 was created.



The first Italian championship was won during the season 1941-1942, in 1961 the club won its first only international trophy, the UEFA Cup.

After a long period of not such brilliant results, in 1982-1983 AS Roma won the championship once again and in the following year the club was beaten by Fc Liverpool in the Champions League final on the penalties.

After this event the team did not manage to win anything important until its third championship in 2000-2001.

Lots of important football players have always played for this team, like the Brazilian Falcao, Cafu, Aldair, the French Vincent Candela, the Argentinian Batistuta and the Italian champions of the world Bruno Conti, Francesco Totti and Daniele De Rossi.

Today AS Roma is one of the most important European football teams, it always takes part in the Champions League and its name and its players are known all over the world.

Its supporters are known as hearty and passionate and they support the team in a very folkloristic way. The heart of supporters is Curva Sud, the hottest part of the Olympic stadium, in which people always watch the matches singing, standing up and making stained colourful coreographies.

During the last years the supporters have showed a great affection to one of the most talented players ever, the team captain Francesco Totti, the symbol of



Rome.

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