

THE ONES WHO BROUGHT FOOTBALL TO ROME...



Società Sportiva Lazio is an Italian professional sport club, most noted for its football section, founded 9th January of 1900 in Rome. Lazio participates in thirty-seven sports disciplines in total, more than any other association in Europe.

It is the 9th of January, the beginning of the century, when Luigi Bigiarelli shocks his nine friends with an innovative idea, an idea that will break the hearts of his friends: “In



Rome we have many companies, but they are inaccessible to ordinary young people... we can create one! It will be called ‘Lazio’ and it will have the colours of Greece, the home of the Olympic games...”

During his ultra-centenary history, Lazio has won two Italian Championships (1974, 2000), four Italian Cups (1958, 1998, 2000, 2004), two Italian SuperCups (1998, 2000), A Cup of the Cups (1999), An Alps Cup (1971) and his best title: European SuperCup against Manchester United in 1999 that gave Lazio the possibility to become, in 1999, the first team in the world in Uefa Ranking.



the Lazio fans have waited 74 years before seeing their team win the first championship... the hero of that season was **Tommaso Maestrelli**, who was able to bring together a



bunch of lunatic and crazy guys, united in the field but divided outside.

And now about the 80s. The 1979/1980 is perhaps the most tragic year for this team in all its history: during the derby, a Lazio fan, Vincenzo Paparelli, is killed by a rocket launched by A.S. Roma supporters and at the end of this season S.S. Lazio is behind in the Second Division with nine points of penalty. The following year the team is able to attend a saving from the third division with a lot of heart on the part of its players and its fans, that will be remembered as “the glorious Lazio of minus 9”.



The 90s are opened with the arrival of Sergio Cragnotti to build one of the strongest football world teams. During this decade Lazio becomes one of the best football teams of the world, winning titles and trophies with world class players.



Lazio wins after 26 years the championship and wins the European Supercup against Manchester, a match that will remain in the history of both Lazio and the Italian football.

Unfortunately at the end of this decade Lazio has risked bankruptcy

and has undergone a major downsizing that has led to the present day.

I have told in a nutshell a part of S.S. Lazio history, but pages and pages wouldn't be enough to tell what Lazio is for me ...

Finally I would like to devote a thought to Gabriel, a biancoazzurro fan killed by a wicked shot on 11 November 2007 ...



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