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OUR HISTORY

Venezia Foot Ball Club was established by about twenty enthusiasts, on 14th December 1907 at the Trattoria "Da Nane" in Calle dell'Orso, near Campo San Bortolomio. The elected president, Davide Fano, was a wealthy Jewish merchant and he was only 34. Many other founders, managers and players were students or very young workers who came from football sections of Reyer and Marziale. The boys with blue and red shirts – black and green colours came only in February 1911 – were battle hardened and competitive, they did not make a bad impression against many other venetian football team that were very popular. As a matter of fact, Venezia was the first football team that did not belong to the triangle "Turin-Genoa-Milan" to participate to the FIGC national championship in 1908/1909. In the same football season, Venezia was the first venetian team to win the Italian gymnastic federation national championship.

During the years between the two World Wars, Venezia participated in different circumstances and always with satisfying results to the Italian First Division championship, almost succeeding in the qualification for the first Serie A round-robin championship in 1928/1929. These years are economically difficult for the club and it was forced to change name to "Serenissima" from 1930 to 1934 to escape creditors. The relegation in Serie C in 1934/1935 marked a turning point, kind of a both company and technical "refoundation" that brought the team in Serie B. It brought also a new real president, the Ligurian entrepreneur Arnaldo Bennati, after years of Fascist ras at the lead.

With Bennati as president, Venezia became a company managed at an entrepreneurial level where nothing is overlooked. Thanks to this management, Venezia gained a new headquarter, a modern stadium and top players. Results were gratifying: promotion in Serie A in 1938/1939; six major championships on a row; the third place in the major championship on 1941/1942; the victory of the Coppa Italia on 1940/1941 and the achievement of the final of the Coppa Italia on 1942/1943. Furthermore, three Venezia players, Loik, Mazzola and Corbelli, made their debut in the national team.

After the war, the comeback to social and civil normality coincide with the relegation in Serie B in 1946/1947 and with the president Bennati departing from the scene. These were all signs of a new period of crisis for Venezia, confirmed by the last participation in the major Italian championship on 1949/1950, where Venezia collected a series of negative results. Then the club was entrusted to different provisional presidents and drifted in Serie C, where it stayed for four seasons.

The president Mario Manera and the coach Carlo Alberto Quario brought Venezia to the forefront. Venezia regained the Serie B and satisfactorily celebrated its first fifty years. Thanks to the triad Linetti – Ligabue – Volpi, it did a radical improvement and reached again the Serie A after the 1960/1961 season.

Then Venezia played two honourable championships in the major league, but experienced the retirement of the black and green management that set the realization of a new stadium a condition to remain.

The two years later saw Venezia gaining the 14th and 13th place in the Serie B championships. In 1965/1966 Venezia went in Serie A, trained by Armando Segato. There it remained only one season. The retirement reasons were different. On the one hand venetian entrepreneurs did not supported Mario Gatto at the peak of the company, on the other hand managers missed the opportunity to build a new sta-



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dium. In a solar year, Venezia fell down from Serie A in 1966/1967 to Serie C in 1968/1969. It even fell to Serie D in 1976/1977, on the last year of the Bruno Bigatton management.

The company is then saved from bankruptcy by Mazzucato brothers, who lead with passion the company, and played good championships in C/2 until 1986. At the end of the 1986/1987 season, Maurizio Zamparini, who became president on January 1987, achieved the melting of Venezia with Mestre.

So, Venezia bought and incorporated Mestre, modifying the colours of the shirt in orange and black and green. Temporarily, it also took on the name Veneziaestre that will be abandoned after two seasons to go back to the traditional "A.C. Venezia 1907". The change of name is not present in any of the FIGC official documents, theory confirmed by the victory on the property of the name Venezia, against Danilo Maddalena, in front of a judge. The team immediately conquered the promotion in Serie C/1, three years later the promotion in Serie B and other 6 years later the promotion in Serie A. After 32 difficult years, Venezia went back to Serie A. Unfortunately, this new glorious season did not last very long: after three seasons in Serie A between 1998 and 2002 and the abandonment of Zamparini, who went to Palermo, Venezia went bankrupt in 2005.

Thanks to the families Marinese and Poletti who took over the company, the team rose from the ashes with "S.S. Calcio Venezia" as its name and won the C/2 championship. In 2007 Venezia celebrated its first hundred years of its history.

After three years in Serie C/1, S.S. Calcio Venezia went bankrupt in 2009, bringing also the past and everything concerning the original A.C. Venezia 1907 along.

Then, a new company called "F.B.C. Unione Venezia" was founded. It chose orange and black and green as colours, but it did not acquire titles nor company names of the previous companies. Trademarks and company names of "S.S. Calcio Venezia" and "A.C. Venezia 1907" are acquired by the official receiver.

At the end of the season 2014/2015, F.B.C. Unione Venezia went bankrupt. Meanwhile, on 17th May 2015, the lawyer Gianalberto Scarpa Basteri bought the traditional trademark of "S.S. Calcio Venezia" from the bankruptcy judge of the Tribunal of Venice. This trademark perished on 2009, but it included logos of Calcio Venezia and Calcio Mestre.

So, on 10th July 2015 "Venezia 1907 ASD" was born, thanks to the will of the president Gianalberto Scarpa Basteri, the vice president Ludovica Leuzzi Del Secco, the secretary Matteo Settimo, the advisors Marco Semenzato, Giorgio Scarpa and Gianni Scarpa and the venetians supporters to give again to the city of Venice a team that could cherish qualities and traditions of the city. On 21st July 2015 the company joined FIGC with 943473 as federal identification number. On 27th July 2015 the team was enrolled in the Terza Categoria Venezia championship. The official first appearance was on 13th September 2015 in Coppa Provincia di Venezia against Polisportiva Saccafisola.