

## The mysteries, the flag and Vomito.

“The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team.” — Phil Jackson

According to the Oxford Dictionary a mystery is “something that is difficult or impossible to understand or explain”. We can totally understand and explain that IUE Calcio beat Vomito<sup>1</sup>, we are aware of the Spettacolo Puro and strength of our team... but we cannot explain exactly how this victory happened.<sup>2</sup> Let’s go step by step, it all started at 8pm at via Manfredo Fanti corner with via P. Paoli: all the team met together. After some warming up exercises the match could finally begin. The starting team was a classical IUE Calcio’s 4-4-1-1 composed by: San Cosimo, the defenders from the left to the right Byku, Vasyl “4 lungs”, Matijn “Nocciolone” and Jan “Potter”. In the midfield: Gabo “Mancuso”, Gazza, “Clark Kent” Castra and Albert “Florenzi”<sup>3</sup> as two forwards we had Dieguito “Hutton” and Metin. The awesome technical skills of Cosimo and Dieguito have been studied all around the globe so Vomito had two special guests this week: Seaman as goalkeeper and a bold version of Eric Cantona as #18.

Figure 1: Dieguito “Hutton” (in the middle) during an action of the match



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<sup>1</sup>According to some references the real name of the opponent team is Romito but nobody has proven it yet. So far the only time I heard it mentioned was during the motivational talk and I am pretty sure that our Coach “Il Pazzo” said Vomito.

<sup>2</sup>As far as I am concerned only three people know “Il Pazzo” who shot, Seaman who did not move and “El Eternal” because he has always been in existence.

<sup>3</sup>They don’t resemble each other but they both brush their hair during matches in the same way!

Figure 2: Gabo “Mancuso” star actor in the movie Nuovomondo



At this point the match was ready to begin, IUE defended greatly and took the first chance of the match to build a fast and unlucky counterattack, unlucky because it trasformed in a Vomito’s post-counterattack where Eric Cantona could score an easy gol in front of San Cosimo. 1-0, Suddenly the temperature decreased to  $-15^{\circ}\text{C}$  it was extremely cold at Affrico for our heroes... But now the show began, many times during our training session we praised the soul of this team and all the deeds that happened next are nothing else than a proof of the perseverance and obstinacy for which IUE calcio is famous! Gazza and Clark Kent took the control of the midfield, the match’s rythm was dictated by their passes and the first goal was just a matter of minutes. So it happened, Metin saw a narrow a space and he shot, the ball took a weird direction and went beyond the goal’s line. 1-1! It took just few minutes for il “Treno” to score another goal and we finished the first half with a more than comforting 1-2!

Figure 3: Vomito’s goalkeeper after 2nd goal.



The second half started with many changes. On one hand there were our subs warming up. On the other hand Affrico’s pitch possibly saw the best linesman they ever had! Now IUE did not have the clear-headedness of the first half, “Il Pazzo” from the bench noted it and made some substitutions: Lorenzo, “Tata” Martino, Torito and “Il Pazzo” in and Dieguito “Hutton”, Metin, Clark Kent and Nocciolone out. During the second half something totally irrelevant happened: Vomito scored the second goal. But now our heroes were too tough, too brave and the mysteries were about to start. A free-kick from the edge of the area was assigned to IUE, “Il Pazzo” took care of it... he set off a bomb shot that crashed on the cross-bar. Vomito believed in the luck<sup>4</sup>, but we mustered up courage and so after less than 5 minutes Gazza saw “Il Pazzo” alone running towards the opponent goal and gave him an amazing pass. In this very moment, “Il Pazzo” was running alone in front of Seaman and here it is when the mystery took place... nobody really knows what happened but Seaman did not move and the ball got in... There are many stories about the truth, some say that Seaman was astonished by “Il Pazzo”’s beauty, some say “Il Pazzo” farted in front of Seaman, some say the ball just materialized inside the goal,...<sup>5</sup> The referee could not believe yet what he saw in front of his own eyes, but there was nothing to do **the linesman pointed**

<sup>4</sup>In Rome we would call it “bucio”...

<sup>5</sup>According to another version the linesman guided telepathically “Il Pazzo”!

**the midfield with his flag:** the goal was scored! There was still time for another great save by San Cosimo and the match was over!<sup>6</sup> To complete the mysteries of that night the linesman's flag magically appeared in Finnegan's signed by the author of the two goals: Metin.

It is true neither Andrea DeA nor I played a single second of this match, but it does not matter: this is one the biggest strength of this team we are all one, no matter who goes to the pitch, **WE ARE ALL IUE CALCIO!**

Figure 4: Our heroes at the end of the match in Finnegan's



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<sup>6</sup>From Rome we heard that Pope Francis is seriously considering Cosimo's canonization!