ASSOCIAZIONE SPORTIVA ROMA

Foundation – June 7, 1927
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**Introduction**

This club document, established and approved by AS Roma, is intended to:

1) Document the fact that the agreement which ratified the merger between Fortitudo-ProRoma, Alba-Audace and Foot Ball Club di Roma giving life to Associazione Sportiva Roma was reached on Tuesday June 7, 1927. Therefore, this is incontrovertibly the date of the club’s foundation.

2) Document the fact that since June 7, 1927, Roma has been in full and continuous operation. This operation also included the contesting of some friendly matches before July 22.

3) Illustrate how, on the basis of the testimonies of Vittorugo Foschi Junior (son of Vittorugo Foschi Senior, the brother of Italo Foschi, founder of the club) and Vittorio Zingarelli (son of Italia Foschi, the sister of Italo Foschi), it is possible to name the building of Via Forli 16 as the physical location where the agreement that gave life to the club was reached. On this point it is necessary to proceed with caution, on account of the elements illustrated hereinafter. Rather than certainty, it is a case of very high probability. As of today, it has not been possible to match any written evidence to the verbal testimonies.

4) Restore the true historic significance to the document named Agenda No. 1, dated July 22, 1927.

5) Illustrate the frequent references made to the date of June 7, 1927 between 1946 and 1983.
I,

June 7, 1927

The attribution of AS Roma’s date of foundation to June 7, 1927 is based on extensive press coverage. Between the 8th and 16th of that month, eight journalistic publications (Il Giornale d’Italia, Il Lavoro d’Italia, Il Messaggero, Il Popolo di Roma, Il Tevere, La Gazzetta dello Sport, La Tribuna and l’Impero) covered the establishment of the new club. By comparing the elements published by the press, some fundamental pieces of information can be found in all sources. These are:

- The name of the club, Associazione Sportiva Roma (only La Gazzetta dello Sport incorrectly reported this as AC Roma in an article on June 8, subsequently correcting this in its June 9 edition).

- The positions of executive president and honorary president, which were assigned to Italo Foschi and Umberto Guggielmotti respectively, and the position of CEO (Ulisse Igliori).

- The club colors – the yellow and red of the Comune di Roma flag.

- The playing field and training base, respectively Motovelodromo Appio and Testaccio.

- The choice of the first badge intended to adorn the new team’s shirts, a crest with the Capitoline Wolf in a green field (the only element that didn’t come into effect).

The uniformity of elements in identical news stories across several publications – together with reports of the news arriving “in the evening” – leads one to suppose that an announcement was circulated (via telephone or in paper form – it is difficult to establish) to the editorial teams of Rome’s main daily newspapers.
II, The club in operation from June 7 to July 22, 1927

Having established that the announcement of the birth of Associazione Sportiva Roma was made on June 7, 1927 and published the following day, it is necessary to describe the club’s activity in that period of time.

A particularly significant event in the first days of the club was the letter sent by Augusto Turati (general secretary of the National Fascist Party) to the vice federal secretary to congratulate him on the “merger of the Alba, Fortitudo and Roman football clubs that will allow Rome to be properly represented.” Turati’s letter, cited by Il Giornale d’Italia on June 18 – and therefore written just after the birth of the club – provides further written confirmation of the events of June 7 (on June 9, La Gazzetta dello Sport expressly spoke of “signing”, as well as preannouncing the appointment of Giuseppe Stinchelli as head of the AS Roma cycling section).

It should also be remembered that Italo Foschi granted an interview to Il Messaggero in his capacity as president of AS Roma, which was published on June 26. Foschi, on June 10 and June 14, had already written two open letters to the Roman daily newspaper Il Tevere in the midst of an ill-tempered dispute with the vice president of SS Lazio, Giorgio Vaccaro, signing off as “Presidente Associazione Sportivo Roma”.

It goes without saying that a club with an operative president is an entity that, besides clearly existing, has already officially set out its organizational structure.

As well as having a club structure, AS Roma also organized friendly matches. On July 12 Il Messaggero announced that a double friendly against UTE (Újpest) was to be played on July 16 and 17, 1927.

The club was thus already in a position to establish contacts with other clubs, manage and accommodate the economic aspect of the friendly matches (i.e. meet the fee charged by the Hungarian clubs who came to play in Rome) and field not one but two teams. Indeed, on July 16, the AS Roma ‘B’ team drew with UTE, while on July 17 at the Motovelodromo Appio the AS Roma first team defeated the same opposition 2-1 thanks to first-half goals from Cappa and Heger. On July 21, the press would announce two further matches against Hungarian opposition to be
played on July 23 (AS Roma ‘B’ v Attila ‘B’ at Due Pini) and July 24 (AS Roma v Attila at the Motovelodromo Appio).
Therefore, AS Roma had already played two games and planned four before July 22. Given that AS Roma v UTE was the first match in the history of the club, and considering that logically Roma could not play a match before being formed, we must recognize that the club's foundation date was before July 22 and, on the basis of the aforementioned illustrations, was in fact June 7, 1927.

III, Via Forlì 16

In the examination of the events relating to the birth of Associazione Sportiva Roma there is another element to consider, and it is not of secondary importance. Where did the meeting of June 7, 1927, which resulted in the creation of the club, take place?
As of today, despite the extensive research carried out in the notarial archives, the club’s memorandum of association has not yet been located, nor has it been possible to identify the name of the notary who must have been tasked with drawing up the papers for the merger between Alba-Audace, Fortitudo-ProRoma and Foot Ball Club di Roma.
We should note that, in a commemorative article by Piero Di Biagio published in Il Messaggero newspaper on December 21, 1977 to mark the 50th anniversary of the club, as well as citing the date of foundation (“June 7”), he also stated the date of registration of the notary deed (“July 11”). In April 2015, the journalist Di Biagio went into detail on the article written in 1977 and informed the club that he had identified the date of the registration of the notary deed as July 11, 1927 thanks to a document that was shown to him by a founding partner of AS Roma at a hotel reception, probably in Montreal, during the 1976 tournament that saw AS Roma play in North America. According to Di Biagio, the document mentioned both
dates, June 7, 1927 and July 11, 1927. The journalist posted a copy from Canada to the Il Messaggero editorial team.

None of the journalistic sources found thus far have made any reference to the location of the meeting between Ulisse Igliori, Vittorio Scialoja and Italo Foschi. It is thus appropriate to renounce the idea of attributing the physical location of the meeting to Via Uffici del Vicario 35, the headquarters of Roman Football Club and future headquarters of Roma. Those prestigious premises in fact make their entrance into Giallorossi history in July 1927.

The issue would be completely shrouded in mystery were it not for two verbal testimonies issued by Vittorio Zingarelli (son of Italia Foschi, the sister of the founder of Roma) and Vittorugo Foschi Junior (son of Vittorugo Foschi Senior, the brother of the founder of Roma).

In an interview granted to Massimo Izzi on November 10, 1991 (of which there exists an audio recording), Vittorugo Foschi states: “My father always used to say he was Roma’s uncle, because Roma was born in my house in Via Forlì 16 […]. The meeting was between Fortitudo, Roman Club and Alba and it took place in Via Forlì.”

This testimony was the basis for the publication, in January 2000, of the first installment of a history of Roma by Izzi and Francesco Campanella in the monthly magazine Rosso & Giallo. That was the first time that Via Forlì 16 was named as the physical location of the birth of Roma.

In a telephone interview given by Vittorugo Foschi Junior to Izzi on June 8, 2005 and published the following day by the daily newspaper Il Romanista, the lawyer – commenting on the idea of the installation of a commemorative plaque in Via Forlì – stated: “Roma was born in Via Forlì 16, for me that’s certainly nothing new. I’ve always heard that said in my family. I don’t know what will happen, whether the Comune will effectuate any changes or not, but as I have already said, I can only say that Roma was founded within these walls, where I still live with my family.”

Vittorugo Foschi Junior learned the facts from the accounts of his father Vittorugo Foschi Senior and from Fanny Foschi, the widow of Italo Foschi, who continued to live in the building in Via Forlì until the 1980s.
Confirmation of his version of events came on March 24, 2007, in an interview given by Vittorio Zingarelli to Izzi, at that time an independent researcher and now a consultant at AS Roma Historic Archives, an office created by the club in April 2012. A nephew of the founder, Vittorio Zingarelli had Italo Foschi as a witness at his wedding and lived for a few years with his uncle, both in Via Forli and Viale Parioli, beginning at the end of November 1946.

“I was sitting in front of a primary source who confirmed to me that the meeting on June 7 was held at number 16, Via Forli,” wrote Izzi in a report brought to the attention of AS Roma and subsequently incorporated into this club document. “During the interview (of which there is a recording), I began to formulate a question: ‘The meeting with Igliori for Alba-Audace, Foschi for Fortitudo ProRoma and Scialoja for Roman as far as I know happened...’ At that stage I was interrupted: ‘Stop there,’ Zingarelli said. ‘...where I was born, where that desk was. That was Uncle Italo’s chair. It happened at number 16, Via Forli.’ I stopped and, as you can hear on the tape, said: ‘Look, this is a very important detail, did you ever talk to your uncle about it?’ Zingarelli replied, ‘It was a fact.’”

On April 25, 2007, another interview appeared in daily Il Romanista, in which – among other things – Zingarelli stated: “The key meeting occurred at number 16, Via Forli, at my house. Absolutely. There is no doubt about that. In our family it’s always been treated as a fact.”

The building at Via Forli 16, according to what the founder of Roma himself wrote, was bought by Italo Foschi in 1911. Foschi lived on the mezzanine, according to a police statement in July 1948. It’s here, from what we can ascertain today, that on June 7, 1927 AS Roma was founded.
IV,       July 22, 1927

In 1953, La Storia illustrata della Roma (An Illustrated History of Roma) by Ezio Saini included a copy of Agenda No. 1 (‘Ordine del Giorno Numero 1’ in Italian) dated July 22, 1927. This is a hugely important document, currently the oldest among those linked to the history of the club. What is it?

Agenda No. 1 was not a memorandum of association but a circular letter sent to the members of the committee, finance, technical and head office (25 in all), who would be tasked with contributing to the working and running of certain vital areas of the life of the club. The circular letter, dated July 22, was sent to the interested parties and also forwarded onto the press on July 26 (Il Popolo published the names of the committees on July 27 in an article entitled, “The roles at AS Roma” and Il Messaggero also reported the investitures on the same day).

We are sure that the date it was sent on was July 26, since an example of the document is kept at the archive of Casa Sacchetti and was exhibited from February to August 2014 at ‘Roma Ti Amo-La Mostra’. A copy of Agenda No. 1 was sent to the Marquis Giovanni Sacchetti because he was on the Finance committee.

The agenda was accompanied by a typed document (dated July 26, 1927) signed by Cesare Conti, secretary of the Finance committee, who wrote: “Dear Sir. I am pleased to inform you that, as per the wishes of AS Roma president Italo Foschi, you are invited to be a part of the Finance committee in the role of adviser. The president is sure that you will accept this position, thereby enabling us to work with an invaluable collaborator. I take this opportunity to enclose Agenda No. 1, dated 7/22/1927, drafted by the president of AS Roma.”

Marquis Sacchetti, a significant patron on Fortitudo, received a personalized letter from Cesare Conti, but it is quite likely the Agenda was accompanied by a further two typed documents. Enrico Mania, who in 1977 was charged by president Anzalone with creating a celebratory volume for the club’s 50th anniversary – “Una città una squadra” (One city, one team) – wrote that he found a copy of Agenda No. 1 at Roma headquarters, which had disappeared from the club archives, together with two notes. On the first was written: “I am pleased to announce the enclosed
agenda.” The second read: “We ask you to come to the club’s offices at number 35 Via Uffici del Vicario tomorrow at 21:30. Italo Foschi will be in attendance and he asks you be there.” At this stage, it is clear that several copies of Agenda No. 1 were produced and its aim was to inform the interested parties and the public of those appointed to club positions. The same occurred over the coming days and months for the playing squad and members.

On August 7, for example, Il Messaggero published an article entitled, “AS Roma club statement.” The short text read, “Associazione Sportiva Roma announces: All those who were previously members of SS Alba Audace, SS Fortitudo and Football Club di Roma have been sent a circular letter and registration form.” Thus dozens of registration forms were dispatched from Via Uffici del Vicario, which became thousands when it was time to send a circular letter to members of the three founding clubs (2000 were sent to raise awareness over the category of ‘Effective Members’, as documented on page 14 of the General Club Report, presented on March 29, 1928). As regards the club structure, reference should also be made to the June 17 edition of the daily newspaper L’Impero (“Positions at AS Roma”, pg. 5), which states: “We understand that the highly operational AS Roma president has already begun the job of building the framework of the club. For that purpose, he has called on Baldoni Danilo and Tedeschi Federico to be technical secretaries. His private secretary is Bartoli Sebastiano and the secretary for premises and club activities is Mr Turchi. Mr Foschi could not have chosen better collaborators. These young men are already proven and well regarded in the context of Roman football. Warm congratulations.” It is important to underline the fact that these announcements would be almost completely confirmed by the Agenda issued five days later. Danilo Baldoni would be called to form part of the Technical Commission and Sebastiano Bartoli would be named in the same commission with secretary duties, whilst Renato Turchi would, in effect, be appointed to the Headquarters Commission. Only Federico Tedeschi would be among the appointments, perhaps because, like Marquis Sacchetti, he declined the investiture. It seems evident that the journalist source was first-hand and extremely close to the highest-ranking Roma figure, and that Agenda No. 1, was not a merger document between the three clubs but in fact a Executive Organizational Chart of great
importance. Having established the true purpose of Agenda No. 1 does not, however, undermine the extraordinary importance of this document, nor, clearly, the moral, sentimental and traditional value which links and will always link the club to that date. AS Roma was thus born on June 7 and made its management structure fully operational on July 22.

V, The history of a date

The affirmation that AS Roma was founded on June 7, 1927 does not constitute a recent and unprecedented historical revision. Rather, it is the simple reinstatement of a formerly known, incontrovertible historic truth. In order to demonstrate this, there follows (as well as a list of 31 journalistic sources published between June 8 and July 24, 1927) a symbolic and by no means exhaustive list of 13 newspapers and other types of publications that, between 1946 and 1983, cited the date of June 7 or at least the month of June 1927 as the moment of Roma’s foundation. Of these, we can highlight that the ‘Fotosport’ supplement No. 16 of 1946 – a presentation of the teams that had qualified for the final stage of the 1945-46 Serie A season – described Roma thus: “The club appeared in the 1927-28 season (date of foundation: June 7, 1927) through the fusion of three Roman football clubs: Alba, Fortitudo and Roman.”

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La fusione Fortitudo-Alba-Roman

Il nuovo Ente si chiamerà "Associazione Sportiva Roma", Guglielmo, pres. onorario; Roschi, pres. effettivo; Igliori, amm. delegato

Gli sportivi romani sull'altorilevato benevole entusiasmo e riconoscenza apprendono che finalmente è stato raggiunto l'accordo fra tre delle massime associazioni calcistiche. Accordo raggiunto per quanto tanto desiderata fusione di forze e di valori che dovrà dare al calcio romano un nuovo assetto e una nuova forza vivificatrice. L'ormai avvenuta fusione delle tre società "Alba", "Fortitudo" e "Roman" è quanto di più desiderabile, nell'interesse dello sport romano, potevano augurarsi le fonti sportive. Al di sopra di interessi minimi di entità personale è stato posato finalmente un'unico e grande interesse: quello dello sport.

Di ciò va data ampia lode ai beneficiari dirigenti le tre Associazioni ed al presidente comun. Italo Roschi, anima delhe auspizie fusi, on. Uliii Igliori e avv. Vittorio Stacchini.

La data, la quale abbiamo appreso la notizia, non ci sembra un po' ampio commento.

Il pubblico sportivo, quello che da sopra di tutto e di tutti pon gli amore e l'interesse del rinnovato sport romano, convinto con la sua approvazione morale, il miglior commento alla notizia che più solito diamo nei suoi particolari.

La riunione di ieri sera

Ieri sera si sono riuniti i presidente delle tre società Alba, Fortitudo e Roman.
4. La Gazzetta dello Sport, Thursday June 9, 1927 (1 of 2)

La fusione delle società romane

Le modalità e le conseguenze dell’accordo

ROMA, 8. — La notizia della fusione ieri deliberata fra l’Alba, la Fortitudo e il Roman ha messo il campo sportivo romano a rumore, ed i commenti sono in generale favorevoli all’avvenuto accordo. Abbiamo già dato ieri l’annunzio della fusione; oggi non sarà però inopportuno tornare sull’argomento. Le voci sulle progettate fusioni erano da qualche settimana tante e naturalmente discordi. Sembrava però che la fusione più probabile — alcuni la davano già per sicura — fosse quella tra Fortitudo e Lazio. Lunedì sera v’è stata la riunione dei rappresentanti per addivenire all’unione legale dei due Clubs, unione che avrebbe potuto comprendere anche l’Alba. All’ultimo momento l’accordo è però andato in fumo, sembra per le condizioni poste dalla Lazio.

Il ritorno di Bernasconi da Ostenda

Come il campione narra il suo successo

COMO, 8. — Michelangelo Bernasconi è tornato stamattina, accompagnato dall’avv. Paolo Porta, da Ostenda, ove domenica scorra vinse da forte la Golden Cup, battendo nettamente lo stesso campione europeo Schneider e dimostrandosi così il miglior schiavista del momento.

Il simpatico “Piastrella” è stato ricevuto da dirigenti e consoci della Lario e molto festeggiato.

Abbiamo potuto avere dal campione qualche particolare sulla vittoriosa gara di Ostenda.

« Il tempo da me ottenuto sui tremila metri del percorso — ha detto Bernasconi — sembrerebbe a prima vista modesto. Chi però ha assistito alla gara, può affermare come i 9’34” siano ottimi se si considera la fortissima corrente d’aria che ci ha investito in pieno per tutta la gara. Per tirare e vincere ho dovuto raccogliere...
Italo Foschi, presidente della Fortitude, allora ha intavolato il giorno dopo, con l'on. Iglioni, presidente dell'Alba, e con il comm. Scialoja, presidente del Roman delle trattative che hanno avuto favorevoli accoglienza dalle parti. L'accordo è stato concluso rapidamente e nella serata la firma dei rappresentanti delle tre società romane ha sanzionato l'avvento che è stato, ripetiamo, simpaticamente accolto negli ambienti sportivi romani. Il nuovo club assume la denominazione di «Associazione Sportiva Roma», veste i colori giallo-rosso, con sul petto il fascio lottorio e la lupa romana in campo verde. Il cap. comm. Umberto Guiglielmi, segretario federale dei Fasci dell'Urbe ha accettato la Presidenza onoraria, mentre la Presidenza effettiva sarà affidata all'avv. comm. Italo Foschi; l'on. Ulisse Iglioni dirigerà in qualità di consigliere delegato la sezione amministrativa.

L'Associazione Sportiva Roma potrà così contare sui seguenti elementi:
- Portieri: Rapetti, Ballante, Vittorio e Ricci; terzini: De Michelis, Corbyons, Bianchi, Mattei e Nebbia; halfs: Rovida, Degni, Ferraris IV, Socco, Zamperlini, Sansoni III, Fosso, Delle Fratte, Caini; forwards: Bramante, Cappa, Ziroli, Chini, Mazzalumo, Canestrili, Jacoponi, Galluzzi, Sbrana.

Si parla poi, naturalmente, di acquisti, che per adesso si riducono a due excellenti forwards settentrionali, entrambi di divisione nazionale; non possiamo farne i nomi per evidenti ragioni di opportunità. La squadra, che sarà affidata ad un trainer di provato valore, avrà così un'efficienza sicura ed una larga «rosa» di riserve. Il nuovo sodalizio non si interesserà però unita la mia forza e mai una gara di skiff m'è sembrata così dura.

— Forse perché ha voluto giungere al traguardo con troppo netto vantaggio sul secondo?

— Può darsi, Ad ogni modo, Schneider, dopo la gara, si è complimentato meco e il giorno successivo, lunedì, seconda giornata di quelle regate internazionali io e lui abbiamo fatto dei dianzi al re del Belgio tra gli applausi entusiastici degli spettatori.

Terminata la nostra breve intervista, Michelangelo Bernasconi, accompagnato dagli entusiasti cav. aff. Nino Torlaschi, ing. Felice Monza e dott. Garaventa, è stato presentato in municipio all'on. Baragiola, podestà di Como, che si è vivamente congratulato con lui.

Intanto Bernasconi a Lucerna, in quelle regate internazionali, il 25 corrente crollerà in skiff e in double e in quest’ultimo arrivo insieme al fido campione italiano Sandro De Col.

__AUTOMOBILISMO__

__Il Circuito di Bologna__

__19 giugno__

__I primi iscritti__

BOLOGNA, 8. — Nessun dubbio può più nutrirsi sul grande successo cui è destinato il Gran Premio automobilistico che l'A. C. Bologna farà svolgere il 19 corrente. Due dozzine di concorrenti figurano di lati già regolarmente iscritti e tra essi, come avevamo lasciato sperare, si contano anche Gaspare Bona e Materassi. Altra iscrizione degna di rilievo è...
Il Tevere, Friday June 10, 1927 (1 of 2)
7. **Il Tevere, Friday June 10, 1927 (2 of 2)**

8. **“Il Tevere, Tuesday June 14, 1927**
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Appendix

Competitive and friendly matches played by the AS Roma Football Section (first and second team) in the 1927-28 season

Thanks to the research carried out by the club it has been possible to locate records of 21 friendly matches played in the 1927-28 season by the AS Roma first team and B team (20 if we consider July 1 as the start of the season).

Besides those 21 friendlies, the first team played 35 games in official competitions: 20 in their maiden league campaign (Divisione Nazionale Group B, finishing eighth) and 15 in the Coppa CONI (won after a two-legged final and a play-off against Modena).

Italo Foschi was president at the start of the season, having taken on the role in the first half of June 1927. He would stand down on March 29, 1928, with Renato Sacerdoti replacing him.

After the club's foundation, the players selected from the founding clubs began training with the two coaches who were initially placed in charge of on-field matters: Jozsef Ging of Hungary, whom Roma would later face as coach of Modena in the Coppa CONI final, and Pietro Piselli, previously head coach of Alba. July 15, 1927 was the first day 'on the field' for AS Roma. The players called up to form the roster met with Ging and Piselli for the first four friendlies in club history. The first Giallorossi squad disbanded at the end of July.

The team then met up for the start of the new season on September 4, 1927, when the pre-season training camp – held in the city – began.

The first competitive match was Roma 2-0 Livorno at Motovelodromo Appio on September 25, 1927. Luigi Ziroli and Cesare Augusto Fasanelli scored the goals while Englishman William Garbutt was in the dugout. He would remain in charge of the first team until the end of 1928-29.

Below is the complete list of all 35 competitive and 21 friendly matches played by the first team and the B team in the AS Roma Football Section's inaugural season.
COMPETITIVE MATCHES

Competitive match No. 1, Divisione Nazionale Group B, Matchday 1
September 25, 1927, Rome, Motovelodromo Appio

Roma 2-0 Livorno
(Ziroli, Fasanelli)

Competitive match No. 2, Divisione Nazionale Group B, Matchday 2
October 2, 1927, Genova Cornigliano

La Dominante 0-0 Roma

Competitive match No. 3, Divisione Nazionale Group B, Matchday 3
October 9, 1927, Rome, Motovelodromo Appio

Roma 3-1 Verona
(Cappa, Cappa, Fasanelli)

FRIENDLIES

Friendly
July 16, 1927, Rome, Motovelodromo Appio
Roma II 2-2 U.T.E. Újpest
(A.Bianchi II, Scardola)

Friendly
July 17, 1927, Rome, Motovelodromo Appio
Roma 2-1 U.T.E. Újpest
(Cappa, Heger)

Friendly
July 23, 1927, Rome, Due Pini
Roma II 0-6 Attila Budapest

Friendly
July 24, 1927, Rome, Motovelodromo Appio
Roma I-0 Attila Budapest
(Sbrana)

Friendly
September 11, 1927, Rome, Motovelodromo Appio
Roma 3-2 Livorno
(Chini, Chini, Rovida)

Friendly
September 18, 1927, Rome, Stadio Nazionale
Roma 5-4 Slavia Sofia
(Rovida, Bussich, Degni, Chini, Corbyons pen)
Competitive match No. 4, Divisione Nazionale Group B, Matchday 4
October 16, 1927, Novara
Novara 2-1 Roma
(Bussich)

Competitive match No. 5, Divisione Nazionale Group B, Matchday 5
October 30, 1927, Bologna
Bologna 3-0 Roma

Competitive match No. 6, Divisione Nazionale Group B, Matchday 6
November 13, 1927, Rome, Motovelodromo Appio
Roma 0-0 Juventus

Competitive match No. 7, Divisione Nazionale Group B, Matchday 7
November 20, 1927, Modena
Modena 2-0 Roma

Competitive match No. 8, Divisione Nazionale Group B, Matchday 8
November 27, 1927, Rome, Motovelodromo Appio
Roma 1-1 Casale
(Canestrelli)

Competitive match No. 9, Divisione Nazionale Group B, Matchday 9
December 4, 1927, Busto Arsizio
Pro Patria 0-3 Roma
(Bussich, Fasanelli, Bussich)

Competitive match No. 10, Divisione Nazionale Group B, Matchday 10
December 11, 1927, Milan
Internazionale 3-3 Roma
(Bussich, Bussich, Chini)

Friendly
October 16, 1927, Perugia, Piazza D'Armi
Perugia 1-2 Roma II
(scorers not known)

Friendly
November 1, 1927, Rome, Motovelodromo Appio
Roma 1-0 Brescia
(Chini)

Friendly
November 20, 1927, Rome, Campo Ostiense
FS Ostiense v Roma - (result not known)

Friendly
December 4, 1927, Rome, Motovelodromo Appio
Roma IIB v SF Trasimeno B (result not known)

Friendly
December 4, 1927, Rome, Motovelodromo Appio
Roma IIA v SF Trasimeno A (result not known)
Competitive match No. 11, Divisione Nazionale Group B, Matchday 11
December 18, 1927, Livorno
**Livorno 2-1 Roma**
(Chini)

Competitive match No. 12, Divisione Nazionale Group B, Matchday 12
December 26, 1927, Rome, Motovelodromo Appio
**Roma 4-2 La Dominante**
(Ziroli, own goal, Bussich, Ziroli)

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Friendly
December 29, 1927, Rome, Motovelodromo Appio
**Roma 4-2 AC Milan**
(Chini, Chini, Chini, Chini)

Friendly
January 1, 1928, Roma, Campo Rondinella
**Roma 1-1 Bastya Szeged**
(Bussich)

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Competitive match No. 13, Divisione Nazionale Group B, Matchday 13
January 8, 1928, Verona
**Verona 2-0 Roma**

Competitive match No. 14, Divisione Nazionale Group B, Matchday 14
January 15, 1928, Rome, Motovelodromo Appio
**Roma 4-1 Novara**
(Narizzano, Chini, Chini, Bussich)

Competitive match No. 15, Divisione Nazionale Group B, Matchday 15
January 22, 1928, Rome, Motovelodromo Appio
**Roma 1-1 Bologna**
(Chini)

Competitive match No. 16, Divisione Nazionale Group B, Matchday 16
January 29, 1928, Turin
**Juventus 3-0 Roma**

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Friendly
January 29, 1928, Cagliari, Viale Trieste
**Cagliari 4-7 Roma B**
(Canestrelli, own goal, Narizzano, Maddaluno, Narizzano, Bramante, Bramante)
Competitive match No. 17, Divisione Nazionale Group B, Matchday 17
February 5, 1928, Rome, Motovelodromo Appio
Roma 3-3 Modena
(own goal, Chini, Corbyon, pen)

Competitive match No. 18, Divisione Nazionale Group B, Matchday 18
February 12, 1928, Casale Monferrato
Casale 3-2 Roma
(Fasanelli, Ziroli)

Competitive match No. 19, Divisione Nazionale Group B, Matchday 19
February 19, 1928, Roma, Motovelodromo Appio
Roma 0-1 Pro Patria

Competitive match No. 20, Divisione Nazionale Group B, Matchday 20
March 4, 1928, Rome, Motovelodromo Appio
Roma 3-0 Internazionale
(Cappa, Cappa, Bussich)

Competitive match No. 21, Coppa CONI Group A, Matchday 1
April 8, 1928, Rome, Motovelodromo Appio
Roma 4-1 Napoli
(Fasanelli, Cappa, Fasanelli, Fasanelli)

Competitive match No. 22, Coppa CONI Group A, Matchday 2
April 15, 1928, Genoa
La Dominante 1-0 Roma

Competitive match No. 23, Coppa CONI Group A, Matchday 3
April 22, 1928, Rome, Motovelodromo Appio
Roma 2-0 Cremonese
(Cappa, Mattei)

Friendly
February 7, 1928, Rome, Motovelodromo Appio
Roma 0-2 Pro Vercelli

Friendly
February 18, 1928, Bari
Bari 1-1 Roma
(Bussich)

Friendly
April 18, 1928, Civitavecchia
Civitavecchiese 2-1 Roma B
(Narducci)
Competitive match No. 24, Coppa CONI Group A, Matchday 4
May 6, 1928, Busto Arsizio
**Pro Patria 1-2 Roma**
(Cappa, Chini)

Competitive match No. 25, Coppa CONI Group A, Matchday 5
May 13, 1928, Rome, Motovelodromo Appio
**Roma 1-0 Novara**
(Chini)

Competitive match No. 26, Coppa CONI Group A, Matchday 6
May 17, 1928, Brescia
**Brescia 1-2 Roma**
(Ferraris IV, Chini)

Competitive match No. 27, Coppa CONI Group A, Matchday 7
June 24, 1928, Napoli
**Napoli 2-0 Roma**

Competitive match No. 28, Coppa CONI Group A, Matchday 8
June 28, 1928, Genoa
**Roma 6-0 La Dominante**
(Chini, Fasanelli, Bussich, Fasanelli, Fasanelli, Fasanelli)

Competitive match No. 29, Coppa CONI Group A, Matchday 9
July 1, 1928, Rome, Motovelodromo Appio
**Roma 2-2 Brescia**
(Chini, Degni)

Competitive match No. 30, Coppa CONI Group A, Matchday 10
July 5, 1928, Cremona
**Cremonese 2-3 Roma**
(Chini, own goal, Fasanelli)

Friendly
May 13, 1928, Rome, Motovelodromo
**Roma 'B' 2-0 FS Ostiense**

Friendly
May 17, 1928, Rome, Campo Rondinella
**Roma 1-0 Genoa**
(Zirolli)

Friendly
June 3, 1928, 'Coppa Rosa' a La Spezia
**Spezia 2-3 Roma**
(Cappa, Narizzano, Bussich)
Competitive match No. 31, Coppa CONI Group A, Matchday 11
July 8, 1928, Novara
**Novara 2-2 Roma**
(Mattei, Fasanelli)

Competitive match No. 32, Coppa CONI Group A, Matchday 12
July 15, 1928, Rome, Motovelodromo Appio
**Roma 5-1 Pro Patria**
(Bossi, Maddaluno, Bianchi I, Bianchi I, Ricci)

Competitive match No. 33, Coppa CONI Group A, Final, first leg
July 22, 1928, Rome, Motovelodromo Appio
**Roma 0-0 Modena**

Competitive match No. 34, Coppa CONI Group A, Final, second leg
July 26, 1928, Modena
**Modena 2-2 Roma**
(Fasanelli, Ferraris IV)

Competitive match No. 35, Coppa CONI Group A, Final, play-off
July 29, 1928, neutral ground in Florence
**Roma 2-1 Modena (act)**
(Corbyons pen, Bussich)

Training match
August 2, 1928, Rome, Stadio Nazionale
**Roma 0-3 Nazionale Universitaria**

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