



## Calcio Como S.r.l.

### THE STORY OF CALCIO COMO 1907

#### 1907

Foundation of the F. C. Como, decided from a committee of partners with seat bar Taroni, of 5 Giornate Street.

#### 1908-11

Activity to local character with meetings with the lineups of the surroundings, in greatest part the activity was based on matches with teams of the close Switzerland.

#### 1912-13

It set up with the student Club "Minerva" maintaining the name of F. C. Como.

#### 1912-13

The Como, began officially its soccer activity in the year 1912-1913, participating in the Championship of Promotion, a regional division B in those days.

The first match was played the 17th November 1912 on the field in Via dei Mille and saw the win of the Como for 5-0.

In the final listing of this championship on notice the difference in the total of the matches of each team.

It is necessary to consider that the soccer organization was to the dawn and that some Society, to go on of the tournament and for the logistic difficulty, will renounce to complete the engagements.

The Federation attended the following year recalling the Clubs to keep the engagements of calendar, penalty the exclusion from the Championship.

#### 1913-14

The "Como F.C." calls a general meeting June 18 1914 during that confirms the will to continue the activity and guarantees a serious and shrewd administration.

Here the text of the document:

A vow of the F. C. Como.

The annual and general meeting of the "Como F.C." succeeded lively for the large presence of the all members active and taxpayers.

Here the incorporation of the new council how was built:

#### **President:**

Verga dottor Carlo

#### **Vice-president:**

Del Col rag. Giovanni

#### **Councillors:**

Albonico Romeo, Gorli rag. Umberto, Polinesio Riccardo, Ruggeri Ageo, Setti rag. Alvaro, Torlaschi dottor Nino, Violini Cesare.



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### **Play committee**

Director  
Bazzi rag. Mario

### **Councillors:**

Carrer Gustavo, Martelli Claudio, Parravicini Guelfo

Finally with unanimous approval was approved the following agenda:

*“The Como F. C. convened in General Assembly, considered the needs of a most intense advertising on the Province, advertising that can be obtain only spreading in the public and teaching to the youth, the play in better details, does vows because the Federation applies, for the next championships, the Rules in its integrity, holding the Lombardy divided from the other regions, and allow to the most Italian Lombard team, the presence to the greatest championships, considering not only of the gained merits and of the sacrifices met from the Society for the spread of this sport, but also of the opportunity to increase the championship to all the region”.*

So the Como attends in the Championship of First Category, included in the Lombard – Piemontese round, in which were included also the F.C. Juventus of Turin and the Novara F. C., here the list of the attending teams:

Juventus, Novara, Milan, Internazionale, U.S. Milanese, Racing Libertas Milan, Nazionale Lombardia of Milan, Ass. Milanese Calcio, Juventus Italia of Milan, F.C. Como of Como

NOTES: The bigger defet in away: 0-9 with the Juventus.

### **1914-15**

The first world conflict knocks now to the doors and the interest for the sport reduces. In the northern Italy, it is not however so.

The Como is included in the group 5° of the Italy of First Category, with Brescia, U.S. Milanese, International, Modena and Cremonese.

The Iariana team is placed to the second, behind to the Inter and gains the right to beat itself for the semifinals.

### **1919-20**

Gone away the fury of war with its loaded with victims, very slowly takes again also the sporty activity.

The Como is the first team to welcome to the lineup of the Istrian Grion in a friendly match, played November 29 1919.

The Como was included in a Lombard round of First Category, also Saronno, Legnano, Varese and the milanese: U. S. Milanese and National Lombardy. The Championship begins October 12 with the away match in Legnano.



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### 1920-21

After the previous season of arrangement, the F.C. Como in the beginning of the season, organizes on the field of Via dei Mille, the Gorio Cup, in memory of his "ex" leader, dead in war.

The show is developed in the days of 5th and 12th September 1920. To the competition takes part also the Legnano, great favorite in that time, the Atalanta Bergamasca and the Juventus Italy of the suburban district of the Bovisa of Milan, called then the "flags" for them their characteristic shirts.

The first two matches see opposite: Juventus Italy-Como and Legnano-Atalanta. The milanese win with 2-0; while the "lilac" of the town of the Carroncio stand out to the bergamaschi (2-1).

The Gorio Cup contends, therefore between the Legnano and the Juventus Italy of Milan. The Legnanesi win easily for 4-0, while the consolation final between Atalanta and Como is won from the bergamaschi for (2-1).

THE CHAMPIONSHIP starts the 20th of October.

Between the 24 enrolled to the Championship of First Category, the Como is included in the list with Chiasso, Legnano and Stelvio. Useless to say the big favourite Legnano gets round.

### 1921-22

It's a positive year for the soccer comasco. The Esperia, established in 1919 winning the lower championships, has carried just like the Como and supports also in First Category; will join in the semifinals and the access to the greatest Division, above all in virtue of the win of the first derby comasco. The Como is included in the Group A of First Category together with Chiasso, Varese and Saronno.

### 1922-23

With the Esperia in First Division (division A current) and the Como in Second Division, the soccer comasco has of that to amuse itself: will be lacking the derby, nevertheless the defeats of the one will be delights for the other and back, like always happened in the big cities with more of a lineup. The walk of the Esperia in the greatest division will be put out quickly like a meteor, while the Como, will be placed in half listing in the round C of Second Division, made of other seven teams: Piacenza, Atalanta, Monza, Chiasso, Fanfulla, G.S. Miani of Milan and the usual competitors of the Juventus Italy of the milanese Bovisa.

### 1923-24

The Esperia comes back in Second Division, after the fleeting period in the greatest Division, the derby comes back in Como that set on fire the town in the year 1921-1922. This time however the blue will outnumber in both occasions. The F.C. Chiasso a field will be built in via Comacini in the boundary city and so will play with the Helvetic teams. The championship sees both the city teams included in the round C of Second Category with Pavia, Atalanta Bergamasca, Juventus Italy of Milan, U.S. Milanese, Monza and Saronno. The championship starts the 20th of October and will finish to February.



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### 1924-25

It's shining year for the F.C. Como which grazes the promotion in First Division, just on home field when loses for 3-2 against the Udinese. The right occasion for the usual "fans" which gives the fault of that defeat to the referee -Rinaldo Barlassina- he will become the number one of the Italian referee and will set up in 1932 the "Diary of the Soccer", ancestor of the present Almanacco Illustrated of Soccer, source of consultation for all lovers of the soccer figures.

In that year starts the derby with the provincials of the Canottieri Lecco, today Soccer Lecco, while the city will live its last two derbies with the Esperia that, at the end will relegate in Third Division, for then to disappear from the provincial soccer. In the round B of Second Division, besides the Como, to the Esperia and the Canottieri Lecco are included U.S. Milanese, Trevigliese, Pro Patria, Biellese, Monza, Atalanta Bergamasca and the "usual" Juventus Italy of Milan. The Championship begins the 9th of November.

### 1925-26

Relegated the Esperia in Third Division, the Como stays in Second Division included in the round A with the usual Juventus Italy of Milan, the Vercellesi Erranti, the second team of Vercelli, in those days the "Pro Vercelli" supported, with honor, in First Division, Fanfulla of Lodi, U.S. Milanese of Milan, Atalanta, Pro Patria of Busto Arsizio, the Derthona of Tortona, the Canottieri of Lecco and the Monza.

For the first time, the Como engaged a foreign player, this is the Hungarian centre forward Gulias, coming from the Ujpest of Budapest, he will stay only a season to Como, to leave then to Mantua, before come back definitely in homeland. It will be a championship to the sign of the gold mediocrity that will point out a strong Como above all in house.

### 1926-27

It is the year of the merger between the two city societies, how decided from the partners' meeting and also from the will of the political authority at that time. The new name of the Society will be Association Soccer Comense.

They will change also the colors of the shirt: to the traditional white blue of A.C. Como and those white-starry of the Esperia will succeed the red colors that will be in height for a decade. Some players of the Esperia will join in the Comense and other will leave for other lands.

The Hungarian Gulias will leave for Mantua and to his place will arrive Hamacek, Magyar too. He will not have the ability of his predecessor (15 nets to the active, with a couple of unsuccessful penalties, they make up always, a considerable loot). The elderly remember, which support in that time, in the Como that of Hamacek was proverbial ... a lot of eating to catch up on, that not even the big steaks given out succeeded to fill up.

Also his apparitions in first team were so rare. It will be a hard year for the Comense that will be placed to the second-last place, avoiding however the relegation in Second Division. More than other it will be an adjustment year. The A.C. Comense is included in the round B of First Division with Triestina, Udine, Treviso, Venice, Fiumana, Atalanta, Mantua, Pro Patria and Monfalcone. In the contest between Venetian, Giuliani and Lombard will overcome clearly the Lombard.



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### 1927-28

It is a happy year for the Comense that finally has its new stadium: is the ancient and glorious "Sinigaglia" that will be opened with the competition of the Cup "Alessandro Volta". This is the year of the centenary who invented the battery and his city wants to celebrate him, succeeding in the better way. The managers give a lot to do and therefore the organization of the international match Vienna-Lombardy is awarded to Como, that played the 4th September.

In both lineups play names rich of glamour and recall. The Austrian lineup, trained from the wizard Ugo Meisl, overcomes for 3-1. For the competition is appointed an exceptional referee, Avv. Giovanni Mauro. Here the schedule of the competition:

### VIENNA-LOMBARDIA 3-0

Scorer: Molzer, Juranitscht, Molzer

Vienna: Lazar, Heidingsfeld, Cihak, Bernhauer, Hummenberger, Briza, Pet, Juranitscht, Jizna, Molzer, Langer.

Lombardy: Degani, Farina, Schenoni, Pietroboni, Franzini, Papa, Rivolta, Conti, Santagostino, Agostinelli, Tansini.

In the Lombard selected team play the Comaschi Farina, Franzini and Agostinelli. In the second half instead of Schenoni is behind Rivolta, replaced from Torriani, Papa is halfback, replaced from De Franceschini. The 11th September on contend the prestigious "Volta Cup", taking part also the association Soccer Comense, the International, Genoa and U.S. Milanese

### TURATI CUP

The Lombard Executive Board of the Federation Soccer during the period pre-Olympic, had announced a tournament reserved to the lineups of the Lombard provinces, for the assignment of the Turati Cup. In the first shift the Comense was versus to the province of Varese. The match was stopped on the 1-1 for excesses of the public. Played again in Lecco, the competition had been won for 4-3 from the Comaschi. In the second shift the Comense won on the Pavia for 2-1. The final, therefore, saw opposite Brescia and Como; the first match played in Milan finished on 3-3 after 120 minutes of game, the match was played again on the field of the Inter and the winner was the team of Como with nets of Preziati and Agostinelli.

### 1928-29

A good year for the A.C. Comense. It starts the politics of the local young; they lay bases for that team that in couple of years, will be gained unbeaten in 32 matches the right to play in Division B, one way division. The second place behind the Parma, will reward a Garibaldian team, which will know to admire on all fields for its game lacking frills, but very practical.

With the A.C. Cremonese in Division B of First Division, are included: Derthona of Tortona, Monza, Seregno, Fanfulla, Crema, Varese, Valenzana, Piacenza, Gallarate, Lecco, Parma, Saronno and Codogno. From three days the conclusion the team of Guido Ara (coach of the

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Comense) is still in head to the listing, but an unexpected psychological let up will make to loose the record to Parma, team more provided in fact of nerves, also because in its rows there were athletes that already had supported in National Division, thus called "A" in those days.

Nevertheless it happened the final award of the local young like Donadeo, Moretti and he begins to do his occasional apparition, the centre forward Romano, that for years will be the leader of the team.

### 1929-30

Left the coach Guido Ara, the Hungarian Weiser will arrive like a replacement, however he will not find the suitable conditions and he will be replaced from the comasco Airodi. The team will play well and only on the wool thread will give in, also for a decision to desk, to the Derthona, the right to the play-off to get by the "B". From Cremona arrives, exchange with Franzini and Agostinelli, the centre forward Prosperi. He will score eight nets, but will end to play the comaschi Della Torre and Monti. From Milan will arrive Paride who with Preziati will form an enviable couple of wings to the team comasca. Other precious arrival that of the middle weight Biffi, from Milan too, that then he will find his award in the red-black row of the Milan.

### 1930-31

It's a golden year for the Comense association Soccer. The arrival of the Hungarian coach Lukas agrees with the pass between the professionals with a walk really triumphant. The team ends unbeaten into the preliminary leg and that of the finals scoring 90 nets in 32 matches and collecting only 24. A true record stays in the gold register of the society. The force of this team is given from the harmony that rules between the young and from the fact that a lot of them are original comaschi and therefore hear the love to the devotion to the flag. Pointless to say that sports Como is proud of its team that then supports for four years between the "junior" of the national soccer. The Federation will recognize the merits of the society assigning the international match Italy B-Luxemburg that will be played to the "Sinigaglia" the 10th April 1932 and will be ended with a stratospheric score to favour of the blue-bis for 12-0.

### 1931-32

The beginning between the A.C.Comense junior is more than positive. The team plays well: its game is admired above all for the exploit of the different famous young: Romano will win in two occasions the listing of the goal-scorer. Left Biffi for Milan; arrived the halfback centre Comelli, the reserve of the Ambrosian Buttarelli, from Lecco is came back the goalkeeper Guarisco, from Gloria, team nursery of Milan, come withdrawn Zoppi and Riboldi. Well Lukas did a good work and the results give him reason.



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### 1932-33

The return in homeland of the coach Lukas and to his place arrives the "national" Adolfo Baloncieri, who in the critical period of the championship when the ranks, for accidents or disqualifications, are at the bone, will not scorn to come down for three situations in field to give a hand to his boys. The Comense improves its previous position gaining a sixth good place.

### 1933-34

The third year of permanence in Division B, shared out logistic and financial reason in two legs, is really best: the team struggles until the last with Bari for the acquisition of the possibility of to play the "little leg" for the admission in Division A. It enforces in house, where it is folded only from the Modena at the end of a match dominated for la long time and lost for the opposing defensive soundness and it grants two draws to Pistoiese and Atalanta. In away they win to Verona, Vicenza and Ferrara and draws to Pola (Grion) and Cremona. Still in sight the centre forward Romano (3 nets against Verona and Grion), will leave then to Novara. Also in this year he will be the goal-scorer prince of the Comense with 13 nets, in the previous championship he scored 29 nets and winning the listing of the "bomber", with him the Comense will begin the politics of to exploit the young that will continue until today.

### 1934-35

It is a black year for the association Comense Soccer. The left of the coach Baloncieri, towards Milan, where will train the Milan, carries to Como, in quality of coach the famous Ceverini III, which will not scorn to come down also in field and to draw. The available players, although the lost of Romano, is excellent, will be lacking however the harmony and the final six consecutive defeats is the suitable photography of that. From here it will begin the blackest period of the history of Como, then the vertical fall will continue also in the following year and will end in First Division.

### 1935-36

It is a disastrous year for A.C. Comense: 8 points gleaned in 30 matches constitute a really mysterious booty: only a draw in 15 away matches, two wins with Cusiana and Gallaratese to the stadium "Sinigaglia" and the three draws with Fanfulla, Monza and Crema give back the idea of the difficulty in which it is discussed the team. It has not participated in the Italy Cup for lack of time to prepare a proper team. The championship began in delay respecting the calendar. Well, a year to remember only for the engagement of the managers to hold alive the flame of the soccer in Como. They succeeded, even though more difficulties and the walk will begin again from the First Division, the provincial championship between Milan and Como. But only who fell it is able to raise itself and from these dark years begins recovery who sees today to flap the blue flagstaff on the top of the Division A.



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### 1936-37

To be able to keep in life the competitive soccer of Como, thanks to few braves, that heedless of the critics and of the negative results, prepared a team of young that did from "mother hen" Cesare Butti, halfback some roaring years than also in the bad fate, wanted to stand in the breach to make himself that the soccer did not disappear for ever in Como. After a partners' meeting, the society returned at the ancient name of Soccer Como, leaving the name of A.C. Comense in the story. Also the official shirt of the society was changed: has returned at the blue one. The contest with Monza, Lecco, Lissone, Breda, Falck are supported against the reserves of the abovementioned line-up, that plays in Division C.

### 1937-38

It is ending in this season the "purgatory" of the Como, in the anonymity of the First Division. How the all things strong wanted, the conquest of the "place to the sun" was sweat and uncertain until the last one. The suffered defeats to Erba and Seregno in the preliminary leg and those of Brescia with Casalini and Bareggio, held until the last with bated breath, managers, players and fans. Only to the last day, in fact, it has had the sureness of to be able participate in the final leg to four with three promoting (Casalini, Como and Bareggio). Some young coming from Ardita helped the revival; while it highlights the centre forward Guarnieri, withdrawn from the milanese team of Gloria, become almost irreplaceable point of force. He will emigrate then to the Ambrosiana Inter and with 22 attendances he will contribute to the conquest of the fourth shield of the milanese of the year 1939-40. The mergers of coaches in the season were carried out from Cesarino Butti, the popular "Butina" that also put on in many occasions the stud shoes.

### 1938-39

The return in Division National C, after three years of absence, was no doubt positive. The public began again to flow on the steps of the "Sinigaglia" and to clap the team, considering which prevalently leaning on expert players had. In the beginning on paid the penalty of the "apprenticeship" and only to the tenth day on the head of list Brescia the first victory arrived followed then from the shining leg of return that allowed to the team to close the tenth place. Coach and to the event player Antonio Cetti, that in the most delicate stages made available his experience of forty (he was born 01-02-1900 in our city). Other player highlighted, the comasco Armando Varini, with his impetuosity knew to drag the playmates. Closed to the beginning instead in Italy Cup, with the defeat of Seregno.

### 1939-40

The throw of the young comaschi keeps on: is the time now of Moresi and Panzieri coming from Borgo Vico, and Gaffuri. This is a year nothing exceptional: keep the regret to be behind to the cousins of Lecco and Cantù, but to defeat them in the direct contest to "Sinigaglia". The war period still is not begun, but begin to wind the first symptoms, also because the Europe already is involved in the second world conflict. Positive note: the nets scored exceed those collected.



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### 1940-41

The cocktail of youth and continuous experience for the society comasca, other comaschi thoroughbred: Quadri, Taroni know the delights and the honors of the first team after the apprenticeship between the reserves. The coach Cetti puts one more time the stud shoes and the Como benefits from that: the foreign wins stand out from Cantù, Meda, Legnano, Seregno, Lecco, Carate Brianza balanced from unexpected defeated housewives against the "strong" of the leg: Biellese, Varese, Pro Patria. It ends to the second turn the walk in Italy Cup.

### 1941-42

It has been the "usual" championship for the Como of division C. Nice exploit, some also shrill: the win for 9-2 to Meda, the final exploit to Carate Brianza and unexpected rest, like the unexpected of Cantù. Nevertheless the coach Cetti changes often line-up because the young and youngless were busy with the military service. Marco Romano, the centre forward of the first conquest in division B, returned to put on, is too for few matches, the shirt comasca after a long permanency to Novara. Varese and Vigevano arrived both to 51 points, they lead an exciting match until the last day, changed into the first one, trained from Janni, thanks to the best quotient nets. Well, although the war, it was a rich year of game and nets, which in part are served to forget the horrors of the cannon that for now thunders only on the shores of the Africa. The always present, between the comaschi, was the goalkeeper Grilletti, who took in the heart of the fans the place of the Pavian Bondioli, recalled to the arms. Coach and in case of need factotum of the team Antonio Cetti, flag of the soccer comasco. Outstanding 18-0 of the Gallaratese to the Caratese, with 9 nets of the centre forward Subinaghi, repeated then himself with 7 nets to the Meda and winner of the listing goal-scorer with 47 nets in 28 competitions. The Como this year did not participate in the Italy Cup.

### 1942-43

It is championship lived at the sign of the duel between the cousins of Como and Lecco, the black-blue Manzoniani get one's own way, they will unbeaten in 24 competitions of the championship, but that they will not succeed to achieve the division B, in the play-off with Lecce, Verona, Gorizia, Carrarese, Parma. Nevertheless the blue sky will be admitted to the junior championship at the end of the war period but will return in C, in the following season. For the Como, it is necessary to report the most foreign win of all story obtained to Giussano on the Vis Nova for 14-0. The two defeats collected from the business team of Sesto San Giovanni in the first leg practically excluded the comaschi from the play-off for "B". The newspapers of the period write: "The Como ended with a flourish its tournament. With Vis Nova the comaschi showed to be a team of the spring, or rather loving of soft ground. If the championship latest more and if the players like Fovana had given back how give back now, the entry in final of Lecco would have been no doubt not so easy". The two contests "fratricides" have been resolved both on 0-0, but the comaschi complained to long on the bad luck for the goalposts hit in both the contests from the "blond" Guido Fovana, left wing from the upright foot.



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### 1943-44

The war period does bear its effects: and the soccer itself safe how is able. They prepared tournaments to fill up the Sundays of the Italians busy with quite more serious problems. The aim is quite reached, however the technical results are dubious, due the adversity and the inconveniences that they have to face in the away match.

The Como wins to the large scale the preliminary leg with 14 wins and 2 draws. Then falls in the end phase not brought to a conclusion. A positive note for the comaschi: the beginning of the young centre forward Giorgio Aebi, son of the forward of Inter Ermanno, entered then in the Executive Council of the society. He will leave to Genoa in the red blue ranks, but with lack of luck, for his bent more for the tennis that for the football.

### 1944-45

An anomalous tournament is been about: nevertheless had the quality to lower a thick fan around the team comasca, that for the requisition of the "Sinigaglia" from the Fascists and German and had to move to Solzago, not without to have wandered and played a friendly contest with Varese ended on the 1-1 to the "Nidri" of Brunate, it is against the rules some soccer authority and also from the opponents. It was the year of the definitive consecration of Giorgio Aebi, Guido Quadri and of "Tremezzina" Pesenti.

### 1945-46

It has been the first championship of the post war period for the second division. The teams of the High Italy were grouped in three legs of twelve teams, the first two played a play-off to six teams with to the Italian leg that saw to the end the promotion of the Alessandria, to be placed first before Pro Patria, Vigevano, Reggiana, Cremonese and Padua. In the following season on returned at the normal B, shared out in three legs of twenty teams: North, Centre and South and Islands. The budget of the Como in the first season post war, was rather disappointing: although the big names coming from Turin, among which Ferrini, Cozzi, Canalli, Macchi, ex-laziale Ramella, the team resented some passage from the traditional method to the system.

Positive notes: the definitive enhancement of Guido Quadri, Renato Cottaneo the first one moves to Padua and the second to Cremona. The Aebi's accident prevented the player to give his offensive push to the attack. Riccardo Carapellese, after the season, to the sign of "genius" and "lack of moderation" moved to the Milan and then will become captain of the National.

### 1946-47

The marathon of the year 1946-47 is useful from breaking-in for the Como that has placed in half listing. It has been a championship that saw the come back of Aristide Nosedà, citizen of San Rocco, and the definitive throw of another comasco thoroughbred: Carletto Maesani that with his headers will drive crazy the opposing goalkeepers and will score several nets, even if will share out the fans about his technique not so refined. From the International arrive in loan Manlio Cipolla, present manager traumatologist of the same Inter, Trevisan, Cazzaniga and Frigerio.



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Alessandro Benedetti will be still a mixed blessing for public and management, in according to inspired from his "moons".

A championship of arrangement which found correspondence in a reasonable public's influence to the "Sinigaglia". The odd fact of Guido Fovana who, antifascist convinced, was born in Omegna where lead with the relatives a typography. Convinced from the management comaschi not to stay up there in occasion of the birth of Ossola Republic in 1943, he ended in prison defendant to be a Republic, only for the event he was assigned to the surveillance of the Minister Zerbino. After a period spent to San Donnino, experienced his political belief, came back to the soccer, with lack of success and also not so trained. He played two matches and then came back to put on the shirt red-black of the Omegna. It begins the third foreigner in the Como: the stateless Arpad Fekete. The first were: Gulias and Hemacek. Another player plays in the Como, that he was national: Egidio Capra.

### 1947-48

It has been the year of the sows in wait of the crop that it will come the next year with the yearned for promotion in first division. The defence based on the trio Viola, Travia, Bosco and the halfback with Nosedà, Villa, Maronati, constitute a framework of all respect, while the attack with the dualism Renica-Benedetti and the lack of a moped to all field, although the attractive tests of Cipolla and sometimes of the generous Dossi, showed the cord above all in away where sometimes is necessary determination and decision.

The change of coach has been useful to the team, in the sense that the Hungarian Winkler knew to make feel responsible the players which, in view of the reform on the division B, in only national leg, like "A", succeeded with a final rush to be one of the places available to stay between the second division. The young Melli, pick up from Mariano, Mazzetto, Magnabosco and Morbioli appeared as meteors in the firmament of "B". The goalkeeper Giovanni Viola dressed up the blue of the National one. The Lariana society begins to do a breeding ground for reputation.

### 1948-49

Working in depth on the loom acquired in the previous years, with the coming of Mario Varglien, the team gets an exact face: resolved the usual dilemmas in attack with the leaving of Benedetti and Renica, with the arrival of the moped Ercolino Rabitti and of Mario Stua in production room the game flows glistening and exciting like in house that in away. Although the accident of Zanollo, to the first day of championship, the scheme flows natural and careful with the only aim of the net. To the end the Como will be first in all: the year 1948 will see from the beginning, with the coming out of Cardani, in the top of listing and the opponents will see it only from distance. It's a conclusion of a dream followed a long time from everyone those who changes at the helm of a lariana ship from the beginning to the happy conquest. For four years, the Como sport flag will flap on the yard of the Italian stadium, marked of liking and shining game.



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### 1949-50

It stays the best year of the soccer story of A..C. Como in its eighty years of life. A team saucy and reckless that excited liking and admiration for its sparkling game and incisive. It "performance" blue crowned from the sixth place ex-aequo with Turin.

Above all is remained in the memory of the comaschi the fact that some isolated apparition of the Czechoslovakian Chawko, moreover already in Italy coming from the Palermo, recommended to the coach from the brother Varglien II, that some isolated apparitions in first team had not some positive effect, the blue always preferred to manage with a team "all Italy". The thing makes smile was when to the arrival of the big urban team the "Sinigaglia" swarmed of posters of "Italy vs ONU".

A year had reply only in the fantastic sprint of the team driven from Marchesi to the end of November 1985 (in full relegation zone) and driven to the ninth place. We think an unrepeatable exploit, also for the relation matches points 38-41.

### 1950-51

After the shining beginning between the "selected" the Como is itself quite allowed also in the permanence of second year in First Division, confirming itself like the team queen of the "provincial" although some athlete have begun to hear the wear and tear of a long career.

To difference of the previous year, the Como has dedicated a yield much steady between the wall friends where was beaten only from Naples and Udinese, the two teams come up from the B, and compelled to the draw from the Milan, that will become champion of Italy. All the other sixteen teams knew to the "Sinigaglia" the bitterness of the defeat and between these the titled teams Juventus and Inter.

The arrival of Turconi II, did not create the requirement for a leap of quality; nevertheless in the season the Como will begin to churn out "young excelling": two of these will dress up the national shirt A in Rome and will begin the 5<sup>th</sup> December 1954 in the victorious match to the Olympic against Argentina (2-0). It is discussed of Mario Bergamaschi, withdrawn from Crema and of the Rovellaschese Luigi Moltrasio, who will leave to Turin to dress up the grenade shirt. More highlight the comaschi Gianfranco Gatti and Giovanni Migliorini, went to the Inter, then they will not have more luck with soccer. Of outstanding the victories on the field of the Juventus and Bologna.

### 1951-52

Although a deep crisis that clutched the team after the good beginning that saw head of list to the third day, the relegation was reached happily. Nevertheless the game of the team enough bright in attack shows the wear and tear in the defense. The 53 active nets, there are the loot of eight players; between these Giuliano Giovetti, that will pass to dress up the grenade shirt of the Turin, not forgetting however the happy year lived in shore to the Lario. For the first time a player of the Como, Mario Bergamaschi, dresses up the blue of the national one, is too in "B" to Bellinzona the 28<sup>th</sup> December 1952 when in the friendly match with the equal-rates Swiss, Italy wins for 5-0. Another comasco, leaving to Novara, Edoardo Galimberti, was the first to dress it on 5<sup>th</sup> April 1936 to Novara in the friendly match won for 2-0 always for the National "B", still on the Swiss. After Bergamaschi, the other player that will arrive at the blue shirt playing in the Como team is Pietro Vierchowood: will be the shirt

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of the "A", when he will play the "Mundialito" in Uruguay in the January of 1981 with two presences.

In spite of the accident of Ghiandi, trouble the knees, Pinela Baldini, to the centre offense did not regret it. Antonio Giorgetti, coming from Salernitana, was not so wonderful.

Pedroni will go to Milan and will have the big marks to point out to the red-black society Gianni Rivera, when the blond player will be to the near end of the career, in Alessandria and the abatino will begin hisflight in the soccer firmament. Left also Travia and Meroni, for Busto Arsizio and Padua. Stua will end to Cantù where will find other ex - football player comaschi of the war period. Well it is had the impression that the fine game of "Italy against ONU" is broken itself. And the new "A" to 18 teams will confirm it.

### 1952-53

This is the year of relegation: the team feels the left of Giovetti, inspirer of the game and besides feels a drop in your performance in away match: in 17 competitions will scrape up only 3 draws. Nevertheless if the justice was been more quick, the Como has been able to keep its place between the selected, because the 31<sup>st</sup> of May with the Como, detached of two points in listing from the Udinese to 29 points, happens at Busto Arsizio an attempt to corruption to the damages of the player of the Pro Patria, practically in "B"; then it has been found out, after two seasons, the Udinese will move down in "B". It is hoped in a ready go back; but before to see the Como in "A" should get beyond twenty years.

### 1953-54

After the fall in "B", have to be the year of the ready gone back: hired a new coach, Ugo Lamanna, left Baldini, Bergamaschi, Luosi and Cottaneo arrived Gritti, Caprile and Battistella. Besides it has gotten to the smaller division: Rigamonti, Baucè, Moneta; from the Milan arrived in loan the young Radaelli, while from the Florentine arrived Bartoli, Viciani and Palazzoli entered in the business Guido Gratton, ended also him in National with good peace of the local critics. Unfortunately the thing did not go like in the predictions: after a departure like a shot, the team lost a lot of its initial enamel, accusing a sensitive bending and keeping at the end the fourth place to three lengths from the Catania, winner and one behind Pro Patria and Cagliari.

That is due also from the missed yield of some "elderly" and from the incapability of determination in the direct comparisons with Pro Patria and Cagliari. It begins to wide in the team the defensive idea just of the "trainer" and so the dreams of prides come sent again of beyond twenty years. Seasonal curiosity: the Como engages the left wing Piemonte, grandchild of the namesake of the referee, with short results: he will play a competition and will end in the oblivion.

To the limelight the young Giovanni Cazzaniga, milanese grown in the society, that will end with short prides to the Inter, with disappointment of the brunatesi, where the boy leaved. The takings became from 72 millions of 1952-53 to 38 at the present.

### 1954-55

It is a championship of transaction, in which the youngs have been improved: Mazzucco, coming in loan from the Milan, Favini, Santoni, Marsili and Gandini. The attack hinders



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easily, although the explosion of Santoni, withdrawn by Turin from the Bari. Mino Favini, will begin to Parma, will not score any net, except one in a friendly match with the Atalanta ended 1-1 in January. The arrival of Baldini and the ripe of other young like Ezio Bettini from the Brescia, comes back the card of the back to the season 1955-56. Well a year to the sign of the gold mediocrity.

### 1955-56

Besides the Udinese, relegated for illicit, the Como has to face also the Catania, relegated for liquidated corruption one of its employee towards the referee Scaramella that will be struck off. The team has a disastrous departure, because lack of mixture, but to the distance succeeds to place itself to the third final place ex-aequo with Monza. It sees fine game to the stadium and the large number of people runs up. Unfortunately the "zebrette" friulane are unbeatable: record for the "B", 17 home wins. And the Palermo better supplied in technical line succeeds to keep a certain margin on the Como; although a fall to the distance, will be exceeded from the Udinese in finishing straight.

The famous youngsters flying from the Como, will begin to attract the care of the observers and Palazzoli will leave from Catania, how had done in the previous years Boniardi and Origgi.

Certainly that with a little one more luck, the goal would have been able to reach. Ezio Bettini, after a striking beginning, he fade away into the road and the team resented of it, above all in away match when the his long buckjumps could have given precious nets: the team above all in offensive phase is been lacking. Noting the television renewal of three competitions: two home wins and one draw.

### 1956-57

The coach Lamanna, can't be cured must be endured, above all considering that had been engaged the centre forward Zucchini, coming from the Siracusa, but the player never was able to dress up the shirt of the Como; therefore in the position of centre forward was caught again Santoni, that was in the leaving list.

He came back to play with the shirt number 9 Marsili, now changed in full back-halfback, while the young Pastorino had not enough personality to appear. Gritti began to hear the weight of years; the same thing for Baldini that however to Alessandria extracted an high C from the chest, scoring three nets in 45', the last one on penalty to few seconds from the end. Other fine match the 4-3 palmed to the Verona off to the "Sinigaglia".

The same Verona, to the away match, has to wait until 33' of the second half to be sure to be in "A" when Bassetti will draw the net of Baldini and to avoid the play-off with Brescia and Alessandria. The young appeared in the season were Cuttica, Grassi, Favini, Baccheretti and Michelotti. A season, all in all positive, even if disappointing in the housewives competitions.

### 1957-58

The unavailability of Zucchini, the accident happened at Baldini that forced to leave half championship, besides the military service that took busy several players in the final phase of the championship, the coach Lamanna had the opportunity to throw the youngest; some



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of these, on the footstep of Favini landed at the National Youthful, do well, the same Nello Governato will refuse "the big Inter" of Helenio Herrera. Besides the Como will test a defence almost iron that will collect 23 nets in 34 competitions: really few.

The work of Lamanna will be rewarded with the gold's medal recognized to the skilled coach in the throw of the young. To note that before the double housewife defeat with Monza and Cagliari the team was in head to the listing. A year that throws on the "market" the "square" of Como for the youthful area.

### 1958-59

If in the previous year in the first round the Como was head of list for two days, during the present hobbles in order not to stay in end; in fact the first real net of championship it scored only to the sixth day with Dell'Omodarme, preceded from an own goal from De Toni of Cagliari. On the contrary to the use the team had an exploit between the end of the first round and beginning of the second. Then it alternated performances disappointing to competitions glistening.

However in "B" it stayed with carelessness. Bruno Ballarini and Candido Beretta the young that will take the place of Ferretti and of another defender; rather Ballarini will become for some years the flag of the Como. The Atalanta has been involved in a scandal combined between the player Azzini from Brescia and Gegio Gaggiotti was relegated in "B", but it stayed only for a season.

### 1959-60

After seven years Ugo Lamanna will leave Como, enchanted from the "siren" of the tinned meat like already the secretary Edoardo Bentacchi years before. For the Como was an endured season because in the beginning the team found it hard a lot, above all to the attack, for the fall of Baldini, now next to replace Lamanna and for a some accidents.

The leaving of Ferretti and Michelotti, that they have earned the promotion in "A" with Catania strengthened more and more the reputation of the rich nursery; also Smersy left to go to Valdagno. The team supplied the most of its performance in the winter months: the exploit of Dell'Omodarme to Cagliari is the symbol of an athlete that did not succeed in the Juventus. Governato broken out entirely, author of a hat trick versus the Venice. Certainly some unexpected defeated housewives held until the XXXIV day the Como in "danger zone". Just to confirm the perspicacity of the observers of Como, Candido Beretta is called in view of the Olympic Games of Rome, but then he will stay at home having the Federation chosen for more experts players of Division A. The Lecco goes in "A". To enliven the championship now there are three promotions in "A" and three relegations in "C".

Playing between the ranks of the Juventus, where he had been carried from the "talent scout" Mario Butti, better known like "Buma", after to support in loan to the Monza, reaches the Elder National also Umberto Columbo, whose his activity was just begun between the "Young Football player Comensi" trained and treated from the "Buma".

Umberto Columbo "Giuggi" for friends and companions, the first comasco to dress up the blue shirt of the "A"; he was born and leaved in the zone of San August. He begins the 29-11-1959 against the Hungary to Florence and will be finish as a draw: 1-1; he will continue participate in the inauguration of the new stadium S. Paolo of Naples the 06-01-



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1960 against the Switzerland and will be an Italian win for 3-0. At the end he will close the blue career to Montjuich of Barcelona in the friendly match that will see the Spain beaten Italy for 3-1; after that the blue was leading with Lojacono, in the second half will come the nets of Verges, Di Stefano and Martinez.

### 1960-61

Left Lamanna to the Monza, the reins of the team were entrusted at "Pinela" Baldini. As the features of goleador of the new coach, the Como was based like the same and played a good soccer until half championship, just based to search the scores. Then three consecutive goalkicks paralyzed the activity of the lineup that guessed correctly a black division of 11 competitions without wins (from the 15th to the 26th), and the situation is then replaced in roadway. So it has reached the same result of the previous year: 37 points. As usual one they were thrown a lot of making of his debut: Corsini, Flaborea, Galli, Moretti, Bighellini, Boriani and Luigino Meroni. The last four are all comaschi or of the province. Luigino Meroni will go ahead and will arrive at the blue shirt. The Disciplines Cup is a big merit of the Como; unfortunately in some circumstances the experience of Pinardi is not been enough "to plug" the leaks of a fragile defence, above all, sometimes in the moral of Toni Lonardi: so we can explain the four nets of Fanello the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February to Alessandria and the hat trick of Turra to Brescia. Unnecessary was the hiring of Ermes Muccinelli, now to the sunset of the career to replace Perversi, leaving to Rimini.

Notice that the Genoa, involved with the football player Gino Cappello and Matteucci in an attempt to corruption in the previous year in occasion of a match Atalanta - Genoa, left with a penalty of 28 points, 18 took away in A and 10 to deduct in B, reduced then to 7.

### 1961-62

An unlucky year for the Como that left bad, only 13 points scored against the 21 of the return match when the society decided to excuse "Pinella" Baldini, replaced by sports manager Dr Giulio Cappelli, supported from the athletical coach Tortarolo, arrived at Como with same Baldini. The leavings of Governato, Stefanini I and Teneggi have been heard and also the problem of the middlecentre, ever resolved, was very important.

The salvation however arrived even if the young Cavallito, above all, and Gersetich, paid so much to the Catanzaro, were disappointed. Only to the 38th day it has had the safety of the salvation. Nevertheless the young of the nursery come out always and Luigino Meroni, via Genoa-Turin, will fly off towards the blue; with him leave towards Messina Ghelfi and Landri and from there will land at the "A" with eleven peloritano.

Also the crisis inside the management, with the fact of not to find a person arranged to take on himself the chair is reflected on the environment. The Dr. Giorgio Perlasca, member of a committee of the Society, is named president of the League and will not be able to make nothing the following year when will be found between the hands the hot potato of the relegation both the Como and the Brescia.

### 1962-63

It has been a disastrous year: three points removed to have use the football player Paolo Bessi, coming from the Altopascio, disqualified until October 31 from the Committee



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Amateur Tuscan (what is not known from the Dr Cappelli and from the administrative staff of the Soccer Como), carried the society in Division C. We can say that it is a double mistake: how confirmed from the Federal Commission of Appeal: the first that of the player and then that of the society which is held to answer of disqualifications from the football player enrolled.

The fact that Dr. Giorgio Perlasca was the president of the League, has not make easy the things for the Como society. Until the last one, just the Brescia had been involved in an attempt to corruption for objective responsibility, they hoped that the last third place acquired in list agreed the repechage of the Como.

It was not so: the Brescia was penalized of seven points, but to deduct in the sporty season 1963-64. Bitterly and sadly after seventeen years the Como disappears from the stage of the professional soccer. The championship, nevertheless is not negative of everything: the attack with the goal scorer Morelli and Carminati hit the center of 44 targets, were exploited Francesconi and Derlin, the "lion of Belfast" Giovanni Invernizzi put his experience to the team's service, the left wing Costa, arrived in November to the society carried his contribution provincial like the Oggionese Manzoni.

### 1963-64

The first year of Division C sees the team rejuvenated and totally changed, they stayed only Ballarini and Invernizzi. They found on their road a Reggiana "monstre", the blue fight for the second place that will be blown at the last minute from the Savona: just coinciding with the defeat made up to Solbiate Arno (a field that will be always difficult for the Como) there is the win of the Ligurian on the field of the now relegated Saronno.

Between the young they make themselves conspicuous the comaschi Mascetti, Boriani, the canturino Pologna and the centre forward Calosi. These last two will be included in the representative of the round for an exhibition to Livorno. The public leaves the stadium also because is the gold's period of the milanese soccer that wins shields, Champions Cup and Intercontinental. The lack of money will force, at the end of year, the managers to yield the finest pieces: just Pologna. Gazzo stayed. The receipts became from 72 millions of 1952-53 to 38 present.

### 1964-65

The purchase of Albino Cella, winner of the listing goal scorer, confirmed the intention of some managers going backup, nevertheless the team lacked very often of irritation in the critical moments. Until the 23rd day the team was in competing for the record, then the household draw with Novara, arrived to the 88th on a slip of Breviglieri, besides to cost the place to the player, marked the downfall of every hope. Alternating good things to other ordinary, the Como, even though having a strong attack (49 nets) one less of the record holder Solbiatese, is ended to the fifth place.

A year well alternated from highs and low. However the politics of the young is always useful to give a hand to the budget, seen that the middle flow of the spectators (Milan is the capital of the soccer in this period) does not exceed the 2.500 spectators to a match. Calosi, Mascetti, Benfatto besides the goal scorer of the round, will leave, and will appear the various Girol, Carmignani and other.



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### 1965-66

Left Vinicio Viani, who has to enough time to give the nickname of "Gedeone" to his favourite Carmignani, Trezzi arrives; in November the team is developed with the purchase of the centre forward Mognon. Trezzi keeps always the team in the positions of avant-garde, nevertheless the defeat of Savona to the 29th day, has to wane the dreams of promotion which puts off.

However the Como succeeds partly to win back its public, keeping the domestic invincibility, but in away does not go more in there of two wins and nine draws: not much to aim the "B". Some unsuccessful penalties crack the moral of the team that sometimes does not dare a lot. Girol is the last product launched from the society of avenue Sinigaglia. Meanwhile to Genoa Luigino Meroni became the favourite of the curve "North" and on starts to speak of him like of a new man for the Italian soccer.

### 1966-67

The Monza goes down again in B is the opposing to beat for the Como which buys Galbiati, Romani, Costanzo (son of the forward that with Coltella, Costa, Castigliano and Carapellese constituted the attack of the "5C" in the war period when Spezia supported in Division B). Confirmed then the better of the previous championship. It has been a fight settled only on the neutral field of Bergamo after 34 days of fascinating seesaw, to favour of the Brianzoli. Also this time the Sinigaglia will untouched. The coach Trezzi leaves for Franco Viviani. The transfer campaign is driven from the Avv. Bubi Levoni and carrying to Como Pittofrati and Comini, withdrawn from the Entella, throws the bases for the return so longed for between the "lower Division".

Carmignani will end to the Juventus, via Varese, winning also a championship. There will be the exchange Alfredo Magni-Claudio Costanzo with Monza and who will benefit it will be certainly the Como. Gigi Lonardi, the goalkeeper, comes back, Gigi Meroni comes out in National and shares of the away in English land, more known like "Korea".

After beginning in Paris against the France in the March 1966, replacing Domenghini, comes out the training, who deceive the Italians, scoring a net to the Bulgaria (beaten 6-1), and one to the Argentina (won 3-0). In the unlucky English away, he plays against the Russian giants and they will win 1-0 and he comes outside against the Korean instead, otherwise in difficulty because of his tightrope walking. Another comasco, Brenna, born in S. Bartolomeo, supporting in the Legnano, wins the listing of the goal scorer.

In the play-off of Bergamo, Maggioni granted the bis of the net marked to Monza, and the team comasca, instead, complained a fall above all to midfield with Galbiati, bought from Lecco for his experience, and in Walter Colombo, which felt above all the June's sultry

### 1967-68

After four championships of vanguard, the Como, after the unlucky play-off of Bergamo with Monza of the previous year, finally it is able to get back in B.

It does in a big way: to 11th day the sceptics were many, seen the 4 defeats get from the team just that time. But Viviani straighted ahead for his road, encouraging in this the industrious group of managers.



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Ever since, the team curls a series of 27 useful matches, establishes with Lonardi the record of 1.008 minutes of invincibility, fallen after a questionable penalty and punctually respects the English average arriving to score 57 points in 38 competitions.

A championship of excellence therefore which takes back the team to the position which belongs.

The team had been arranged in the weakest points, but above all a skilled Toni Lonardi has given tone to all the defence fellows.

The Mognon left has been offsetted by the reached of Musiello, appeared after the loan to Entella most reassured, but above all from wings' position as Perotti and Comini which have given liveliness to the blue manoeuvre.

In other words a championship pays again five years of purgatory in "C".

Unfortunately a misfortune verified in Turin the 15th of October in the evening, the death of Gigi Meroni, carried away by a car after a competition won by 4-2 on Sampdoria, saddens such a shining year.

### 1968-69

The return between the "second Division" is honoured by the Como with a striking sixth place.

Considering that left: Pirola for Reggio Calabria, Perotti for Genova and Sironi for Bergamo, the Como headed on his young people launching Cattaneo, Comini, Pittofrati, Lambrugo, came back from loan to the Rapallo, Magistrelli, grown in the breeding ground, and he has made use of the experience of the Trincherio (arrived in November), Ballarini, Paleari.

The Viviani's work has made feel. The coach will give way to enticements of the Genoa, will be replaced to half championship, but the old griffon will finish in C.

Also the Lecco finished in C, who in a striking play-off had avoided the fall the previous year. Pass Lazio, Brescia and Bari.

The Vannini's purchase, took from the Entella, has been the best blow of the season.

In other words a year has thrown again the Como between the professionals with good results.

To point out that from the second to the ninth day the eleventh of Viviani has been the head of a list with an advantage point on the direct chasers.

### 1969-70

It has been a suffered championship at the last day when the 0-0 homely with the Perugia and the results coming from the others fields, gave the Como the certainty to stay between the younger.

Viviani left and the flop of Roberto Lerici, called "the brother" because Franciscan Tertiary (as if it was a shame be it!), besides the transfer of the best pieces much requested the Lariana management was forced to change the coach: instead of Lerici comes Maino Neri which will take as supports Correnti and De Nardi: the first will be a column of the Como also in the following years, while De Nardi will be a meteor. The too many launched young people will still be shown unripe.

In other words a year to forget in haste, however has had, the good quality, to take to the definitive consecration of Magistrelli, to see a new name which will be for long time a mixed



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blessing of Comaschi fans, Dorian Pozzato, fitted out with big numbers but rather discontinuous.

The Reggiana relegation towards Atalanta, Taranto and Catanzaro has been determined by the worst nets difference. The Taranto had been caught again to lead of the Casertana for liability from this last one relegated in C.

### 1970-71

The promises of the managers, even though being to the bitts with the budget have been respected: the Como has had a better season than the previous.

The average of a point to competition, fixed from the beginning it has been respected: however, the team toward the beginning of the spring has needed an harsh, based by the removing of Maino Neri and hands over to his "assistant" Giaroli to set on the right track.

Withdrawn from the active sport Bruno Ballarini after years of respectable activity, his place in the heart of the fans has been taken from Sergio Magistrelli, while the only comasco of the team is Totò Ghelfi, which, with his fellow, has been the yoke to the young.

The team often suffered weakness in away match, when the loud defeats of Arezzo, Bari, Palermo, Brescia arrived, the previous year there had been the dry 0-5 of Mantova, a proof like emotionalism for the goalkeeper Bianchi and Zamparo, which the young Viganò has given a hand in the bad situations.

Sergio Magistrelli won the goal-scorer listing and during the summery market he will be one of valuable pieces. In the meantime show in front of the stage Garlaschelli and Pozzato.

Vannini and Paleari for their generosity become the favourites of the public.

The rudder of the Comasca team is going to pass in the hands of the group of the Meda Advisers and is the settled couple "B-B" (Bersellini, Beltrami) in arrival more than never to throw again in high the Como.

### 1971-72

The new managers of Meda have been kept one's word: they prepared an excellent team working above all to midfield and in defence.

Left Magistrelli (Bergamo), Pittofrati (Brescia), Vannini to Foggia in exchange for Villa Luigi, nicknamed the "Negher" for his complexion, reduced the ranks of the young sent to grow up in province, the team has revealed the new trainer's plucky mark; however he has sin in conclusive phase despite the engage of Luigi Vallongo, author of 14 nets of which 9 well on penalty, and the exploit as counter-attack of Turini.

Garlaschelli with his precious cross and his snakes he will cause a lot of penalties and the end of season will leave to the Lazio, where will win a championship, the first of the Roman company. To the Como, have been fatal some inconceivable draws (eight, of which half to white nets).

Sure that the promotion is not vanished to Reggio Emilia (at 37th day the Palermo had 47 points against 46 of the Como and the 0-0 to Sorrento he was going well above all for the radio news coming to Emilia) but in the opportunities thrown to wind at home, just with the draws.

Essentially, however, it has been a championship to very high level it has taken back a great many people to the "Sinigaglia" and has come back to talk about Como in the soccer world.



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In other words the "B-B" has worked very well, even if the Como, we report to the Catania case, anyone who loved it up there.

### 1972-73

The second year of Bersellini to the Como, which will take to the end season from Pippo Marchioro, it has been less pleased at the first, also because some esteemed pieces requested by the market have been given: Lambrugo has finished to Taranto, Trincherò has gone to Foggia, Melgrati and Lombardi have finished to the Perugia, Vallongo to Palermo, Villa Luigi (El "Negher") came back to Foggia, Ghelfi has left the competitive activity; so the team had to be done again: the goleador Bellinazzi disappointed, crushed from many illness, while a good beginning Turini went down.

For against the good news came from Cesarone Cattaneo; Danova has proved himself again and he will follow Bersellini to Cesena; Correnti has been lower than the expectations, maybe for many roll changes; Dante Maiani, ran up in a waving season, and often he caught himself from the referees in fouls of reaction which he pained himself disqualifications' days; at the end the team, sight thwarted "A", he gave up a little and so explains the 11° place not in accordance with the ambitions from starting.

It's enough thinking that also the audience abandoned the team and the last competition has registered 988 paying spectators.

### 1973-74

The Como with the Marchioro coming has got back afloat; for long time sailed in the high quarters of the list, and only in the end, for a series of accidents and disqualifications, has given the third place to the Ternana.

It has been thrown the left back Vito Callioni, come to the Turin, while other young people made a national comeback.

Once more time have damaged to the team the dithering performances of the free kicks: Traini felt at his ease only on the heavy fields, while Renzo Rossi, after a good beginning has a little dimmed, due his physique not like a gladiator.

The team in more than an opportunity has offered spare of beautiful game and so the audience, if not really in mass, in good number has gone back to see it.

A positive season lays the bases for the big jump.

To underline the characteristic of the penalty goalkeeper, Antonio Rigamonti, even if he missed the casting one with Bari. That is still served more to centralize the call on Como Soccer.

To be noticed, then that the number "1" Comasco on 8 kicks of penalty which suffered, he has neutralized three.

Marchioro, in other words, has done a good work in all senses in Como.

### 1974-75

Missed the previous year for a final physical loss, Marchioro with the help of the 21 players turn duly has been able to take back the Como in the maximum division.



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A really wonderful dream comes true, above all after the disastrous start.

If in the first round the Perugia has been proposed to the promotion and in the second round has lived a little of income, the Como has been asserted itself in the second turn winning 25 points against 21 of the first round. It has been a suffered struggle and painful has given to Como, cold town for excellence, the reason of a right exultation, whether also included within limits not so vaunting. The young people, above all, are identified in this team, which will throw in the blue firmament a player as Tardelli (will dress the shirt of the Juventus for a long time, before dressing that the Inter).

### 1975-76

The promotion as laboriously reached is vanished within a season.

Inexperience, a little bit bad luck, but above all the disappointing season of the attackers Renzo Rossi (come back from the loan to the Inter) and Renato Cappellini they are maybe the reasons of the spin-off in "B".

However one more time the Lariana society has thrown on the market very good young, which cool his reputation to discoverer talents.

Also to introduce an unknown trainer can have had his part, even if Cancian paid for not his mistakes.

To the trainers can be reproached not to have been able to increase a young man of beautiful hopes, called Paolo Rossi, left on the banks of the Lario from Juventus, in loan, and then left for Vicenza where will be able to be worth.

An unlucky season and in some ways inexperienced, without turning to some weight man, above all in first line where Correnti started showing his limits.

Pozzato brings out which will leave for Bologna, with Rigamonti, finished to the Milan like "second" of Ricky Albertosi.

With Cancian in 12 days the team had 6 points, Bagnoli in 18 collected 15.

### 1976-77

It has been a year, that it had to be of the ready return in "A", after a good beginning, the team went to the drift and the fans, infuriated and idiots, they achieved worthy a season not so exciting.

This is not for all fans, but only that small group does not support and it is clawed from the "fanaticism".

We refer the throw in field of the most various objects in occasion of an opposite decision of Michelotti during the last match that it had the home ban for three days, two in Italy Cup and one in championship.

And to think to the 18th day the Como was lone head of list with a point of advantage on Monza and Vicenza and two on the Pescara, and absolutely four on the Atalanta that will be promoted after play-off to three with the Cagliari, that will stay in B and the Pescara.

Bagnoli, has shown a best coach, the first one was to believe in Matteoli, but has had from his side a lot of bad luck like accidents and various stretching, but it is as much truth that the team had not the group.

A crooked year therefore, that will follow of it, that will carry the Como absolutely in "C" after quite ten years.



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Only flashes of light the wins of Palermo, 4-0 gave to the Ascoli and the exploits of Vecchi and Piotti on the penalty kick against the Como.

Beltrami leaves Como for Milan, Inter's side, and with him will leave Como also Scanziani to dress the black-blue shirt.

### 1977-78

It has been an unfortunate year under all the point of view.

The coming of the couple Janich-Rombone did not work, also because in November were reduced the ranks.

The excessive number of players used is the test that something not clear in head to three technical succeeded: Rombone until the 13th day, Suarez until the 25th, and has ended in "C" with the second of Rombone Narciso Pezzotti.

To remember then the home ban deducted in Italy Cup for the facts of the previous year with Vicenza and that inflicted from the referee Bergamo in the inside match with Catanzaro.

Well a year to forget, but that left in all of the desire of a ready ransom.

Simply in the unfortunate year of the relegation, the Como carried to the limelight players that pressed for years the fields of the greater divisions: Vierchowod, Nicoletti, Centi, Pancheri, Todesco to confirmation of the goodness of a nursery that a crooked year cannot cancel.

### 1978-79

To come back in B immediately, Como calls back the winning coach: Pippo Marchioro, and he works together with the sporting director Lamberti.

The market operations agreed upon from two, budget allowing, take Savoldi, the brother of the most famous Neapolitan centre forward, Stefanelli from Terviso, Gozzoli from Riccione, Mancini from Empoli and the experienced Pozzato, liked so much his return to Como, after Bologna and Cesena, Fiaschi and Campidonico.

The team will lend Fontolan to Inter, Iachini to Brescia, Trevisanello to Ascoli and Volpati to Verona.

It's a wonderful year even if difficult, the "slaps" of Novara and Parma, they do reflecting what nothing is given away and playing with humility the aim is reached with four Sundays of advance.

Also the fans, even so the "C" has given itself a "regulated" and the Disciplines Cup is won by the company of Viale Sinigaglia, success to isolate the "fanatics".

With Como the climbing in "B" also Parma, wins the play-off vs Triestina, by now turned off and already beaten at 33th day to Valmaura by Emilians.

Then Marchioro has shown if to Milan has failed..... the fault was not completely by himself, but of the stormy black-red habitat at that time.

The happy year of the Como is testified from the fact that 4 athletes of Marchioro, they took part of the representative of "C" Under 21.



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### 1979-80

Unexpected, but as more pleasant, the promotion has arrived for the third time in "A". Maybe it was not in the programs, and for this pleasant as any more.

The double leap performed by the Como in two seasons from C1 to A, it has only precedent, also succeeded with the Udinese it in the enterprise the previous season.

It has been the Como has recalled at the fold Adriano Lombardi, what has hit the centre so of his second leap in "A" with the blue stitch; Fontolan, come back from loan to the Inter, Volpi, now striking orthopaedic.

The estimation of Nicoletti and Cavagnetto like the attackers (and the "flamingo" will be first on scorer list with 13 nets).

Left without the advantage of the forecast, the Como has been able to attract the likings of everybody.

With the game the points have come and the list's peak was reached at the fifth day, it is not more been left from the Lariani.

The strength of the Como is based on defensive part (17 nets get in 38 matches stay still today a record for Second Division), like record is that of 18 days from the beginning without defeat. A Como superior than the expectations, but also steadily disposed to stay in "A", after the experience before.

For this the management confirms the coach Pippo Marchioro soon.

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### 1980-81

With a wise transfer campaign, without turning to foreign players, the Como, thanks to his "core" of base consolidated by a championship of C and one of B, is able to stay in First Division. Marchioro put a veto to transfer of "gem" Vierchowod, Nicoletti and Centi.

It has dealt with a championship to the signboard of the disappointments and hopes sealed by the net of Galia who the certainty was giving to the Como of "A" hips for next season.

The group has cut his good figure also in the Mitropa Cup, lost only for difference-nets.

For the first time from his foundation, Calcio Como has seen a player to wear the National shirt, while he was serving with Viale Sinigaglia society. It has been Pietro Vierchowod, better known like the "Russian" by means of the paternal ancestors, to give this delight to the comaschi just in January 6 1981 in Uruguay in the match drawn 1-1 with the Holland.

Always the same Vierchowod another competition will play in National coming from the Como, and precisely on April 19 to Udine concluded against the East Germany in the match on 0-0. Also Marco Nicoletti will fill his attendances in National Youthful after the beginning, happened February 13, 1980 against the Soviet Olyimpic team lost from Italy for 2-1. A positive year for the Comasco soccer. Also Gobbo collects a presence in the youthful on 18th April 1981 to Modena: win by 1-0 on the Austria, getting in the second half to replace the wing Mariani.



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### 1981-82

The enterprise has not succeeded stay between the "elected" for the third year in succession. The departure of Vierchowod has made feel above all because Tendi and the Austrian Mirnegg (also the Como wanted to engage a foreigner, but of the most difference of the sister companies, he has chosen a back, rather than for a man-goal) have made it regret.

Also in first line the not-year of Marco Nicoletti is much weighed on the performance of the team.

Marchioro left the Como after three years and half: he needed to change, because some his decisions on the position and the purchase of players (i.e. Calloni) they seemed unreasonable.

A year has been the worst one among played from the Como in "A", however the launch of swarm of young and very young will allow the company to be to the vanguard among the "cadets". And from Reggio Emilia Gianfranco Matteoli will go back, which Marchioro had never given excessive trust.

On him the Como of the future will be built.

### 1982-83

With programs not sure ambitious, a series of draws and with a sterility rather worrying, only in part filled by the arrival Palese and Planca, the Como has found to the play-off with Catania and Cremonese, the return in "A".

Going back up did not succeed, however the bases have been thrown for a ready return.

Tarcisio Burgnich, the reserved "rock" from the big Inter, with young people he has worked well, he has mould a strong and homogeneous group, who in the following season the Como will take back between the elected ones.

This is the engagement accepted by the neo-president Benito Gattei, succeed to Mario Beretta, that he had wanted with him Sandro Vitali, a talent-scout really strong.

The public, although the proverbial coldness of the comaschi, it is run up in good number to the matches and large Como Club rise.

Well, although the bitterness of the vanished promotion, that it is not sure in the plans of the eve, the enthusiasm returns to bloom again around the team.

Good mark!

### 1983-84

Although the departures of Galia, Fontolan, Soldà and Nicoletti, point of force in the "Como of the draws", with additional touches the team comasca seems more competitive and sorting the same number of points of the previous promotion (48 of the year 79-80) reaches the First Division with Cremonese, unlucky partner in the draws, and Atalanta, that with 49 points, comes to the first place.

The arrivals of Centi, Albiero, Todesco and Gibellini show hit themselves and the team plays a pleasant and profitable football.

Jumped in peak to the listing to the 14a day, it will be undermined to the 35°.



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Tarcisio Burgnich continued in the road of the exploitation of the young and Mannini will be the fine piece of the "market". He will end to the Sampdoria where he will reach Roberto Galia that had come him before a year.

After all a fine Como that restores upwards the lake Como flag with the aim to keep it a long time on the peak of the "A".

### 1984-85

It has been a championship "endured" but to the end the Como reached the objective that is prefixed: improvement of the young and stay in "A".

To a striking first round with 15 points to the profit an average of point per match, followed up a second round to the sign of the anxiety and of the misfortune, that in the form of disqualifications and several accidents deprived the Como of the steady contribution of its couple of foreigners (not at random the two more attractive competitions were played with Muller and Corneliusson to the 14a and 15a day) and compelled it to an heated final when the searching for the point it was essential: see the last four draws in 360 minutes the final of championship, and also here has seen a Hansi Muller to full (or almost) condition.

The defensive soundness housewife (only two nets get in 15 competitions, record to sixteen equaled: Mila 1968-69) it allowed to share with the Inter the inviolability of the field.

To this defensive impermeability did the confirmation of the precariousness of the offense that with only 17 nets to the profit it established a negative record of the Como in "A" (18 nets, one more of those scored in the unlucky year 1981-82).

The large public is run up to the match clou, but in other circumstances it abandoned the bleachers, and therefore the debit of the society increases, balancing with the sale of the young.

Noting the exploit of January 13 with the victory in away match to the "Meazza" on Milan, kicked for the first time at home.

It begins again in September hoping to stay again in "A".

### 1985-86

After the promising beginning in Italy Cup, the team began the championship on the sly: the attack found it hard to turn and the defence, it was not able to hold long 0-0. For this bad situation, although the flash of Avellino, immediately followed from the second inside defeat with the Atalanta and from the "slap" of Pisa, the managers chose for the change of the coach and - as if by magic - the team, with the politics of the small steps, collected a positive series that carried in safety zone. The expressed game in the final one from the team carried to the victories on Turin grenade's field, on the Lecce and on the Rome, placing, this way, the Como to 9° place in listing behind the urban milanese big teams much disappointing in the year. It was a Como that it rewards the trust of the managers and Marchesi, succeeded to Clagluna after the tenth turn.

The sparkling final placing of the team comasca, after it "care Marchesi" get the Juventus to engage for the next season the milanese coach. If in the last season it was seen few nets to the "Sinigaglia" (10 in 15 matches) this time on recorded 24, a good jump ahead.



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The Como established a small seasonal record: with the yellow-red of the Rome is the team that more scored in away match, 19 nets, that for a provincial one is a luxury.

Another worthy fact is constituted from the perfect equality between active nets and losses: It didn't happen from the season 1949-50.

There was, besides, a first time in overcoming Avellino and Turin' field. A really exceptional year for the Soccer Como, hanks also to the contribution of two foreigners: Dirceu and Corneliusson, up to a situation. But the more appreciated surprise was the explosion of the "bomber" Stefano Borgonovo that scored 6 of his 10 nets in away match.

### **1986-87**

Also this year was positive: the aim to stay in "A" is hit again: they win the championship and the year 1987-88 will record the 11° Como championship in the first division.

To be finished in draw with Turin and Florentine, the Como has known, besides, the bitterness of the first defeated only to the twelfth day in the away match to Verona.

The sparkling first round allowed the Como to get the series of the accidents to the attackers: in fact, in the central time of the championship they were absent, at the same time: Borgonovo, Corneliusson, Giunta, while Butti, came at that time, and with the chance of the throwing back, it was on foot from a nasty tragle of Edinho.

To the long list of the injured it has added then also Didonè, therefore Mondonico made a virtue of necessity, a lot of weight of the competitions fell down on defence, with 20 nets to the losses follows that of the record holder Inter with 17.

The attack unfortunately make what was able and the 16 nets constitute the minimum of nets scored in "A" from the Como: a praise goes done to the "blond" Todesco that obtaining his scores in away match allowed to rip two precious wins.

The team "brags" the smaller number of wins (only 5: two in away match), it did however its the top of the draws: 16 (9 at home and 7 away) and the politics of the little step, rather than that of the bounce, it agreed to Centi and his partners to arrive the salvation mathematics with two days before.

That it is not really little!

### **1987-88**

11th in First Division

### **1988-89**

18th in First Division; relegation in Second Division.

### **1989-90**

19th in Second Division, relegation in C1.

### **1990-91**

3rd in C1 leg A, defeated from Venice (1-2) play-off in Cesena.

### **1991-92**

3rd C1 leg A.



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### **1992-93**

6th C1 leg A; defeated in Italy cup final Division C from Palermo (0-2; 1-1)

### **1993-94**

2nd Division C1 – leg A, promoted in Division B after eliminated Mantua in the play-off (2-1;0-0) and in the final beaten Spal in Verona (2-1).

### **1994-95**

19th Division B; relegation in Division C1.

### **1995-96**

3rd Division C1 – leg A; lost the final on the play-off in Modena vs Empoli (0-1), after eliminated Spal in semifinal (0-0, 6-3).

### **1996-97**

11th Division C1 – leg A; winner of Italian Cup Division C vs Nocerina (0-2; 4-0).

### **1997-98**

11th Division C1 – leg A.

### **1998-99**

2nd Division C1 – leg A, eliminated in semifinal in the play-off from Pistoiese (0-1;1-1).

### **1999-00**

10th Division C1 – leg A.

### **2000-01**

2nd Division C1, promoted Division B, after eliminated Spezia on the play-off (1-0;0-0) and beaten Livorno in the final (0-0; 1-0).

### **2001-02**

1st Division B, promoted in First Division.

### **2002-03**

17th First Division, relegation in Division B.

### **2003-04**

24th Division B; relegation Division C1.

### **2004-05**

18th Division C1 – leg A, relegation Division C2, after lost the play-off vs Novara (1-2;0-0). The 22nd December 2004 fail.



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### **2005-06**

4th Division D – leg B, eliminated from Tritium in the play-off (0-3 awarded match).  
Admitted in Division D like Como Calcio srl.

### **2006-07**

5th Division D – leg B, eliminated in the second match of play-off from USO calcio (4-2 after  
Additional times – First Match Alghero – Como 6-4 after penalties 2-2 in regular time).

### **2007-2008**

1<sup>st</sup> in Division D. Promoted in Second Division (ex C2).  
Winner of Italian Cup Division D vs Colligiana (2-0; 1-1).

### **2008-2008**

Promoted in First Division (ex C1).  
Winner of Play-off vs Alessandria (2-1; 0-2).