

Centenary blunder becomes a Gronchi Rosa

The shirt celebrating Inter's 100th anniversary contains two mistakes, but it has already been withdrawn. It is now a collector's item. Everyone who already bought it will be reimbursed.

MILAN, June 1, 2007 - When a glaring error can become an event.

The shirt Inter will wear next year, the club's centenary year, presented on Sunday during the Scudetto celebrations at San Siro, contains two mistakes.

Small in size but huge in symbolic terms: a missing letter, a typographical error in journalistic terms, and thus, the shirt presented on Sunday has already become a collector's item.

No worries though: those who bought the shirt will be reimbursed.

Above all, the incriminated shirts have already been withdrawn from sale.

BLUNDER - Here are the two mistakes. On the label placed on the side of the shirt, next to the logo, there is an inscription. Everything is fine until the date, written in gold, of Inter's foundation:

March 8, 1908. Unfortunately, the Nerazzurri club was actually founded on March 9.

Further down, the error is purely spelling: an 'R' is missing: '100 anni nerazzuro' instead of 'nerazzurro'.

One might even question the final 'O' instead of an 'I'. However, no drama: fans who purchased the shirt

A corrected version will be sent to them. In the meantime, they can boast of owning a true 'Gronchi Rosa'.

This refers to a stamp issued by Italy on April 3, 1961, to mark President Giovanni Gronchi's visit to South America.

The stamp featured a map but with incorrect borders for Peru.

Its distribution was halted after almost 71,000 copies had been sold.

The postal service tried to recall even sold copies, but some escaped the operation, thus becoming the most sought-after item among Italian stamp collectors.

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