

Save San Siro

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The legendary stadium of San Siro is probably going disappear after plans for demolition are soon to be agreed.

Established in 1925, the stadium of San Siro also known as Giuseppe Meazza has been the home of the two Milan clubs, F.C. Internazionale and A.C. Milan for almost a century. Situated on the western outskirts of the city, San Siro with his four towers and his wide capacity is one of the most iconic stadiums of the world, Champions League finals and world cup games have been played in this venue, venue that has also hosted legends of the music business like Bob Marley, Bruce Springsteen, David Bowie, Michael Jackson, U2, Pearl Jam and Depeche Mode.

Football fans and residents of Milan have not dealt well with the news of the upcoming demolition: San Siro is not just a stadium, San Siro is a Museum, San Siro is a giant that represents Milan in Italy and represents Italy in the rest of the world.

San Siro is a feeling, San Siro is memories, San Siro is a theatre and that's why is also called "La Scala" of football.

San Siro was always the place where every kid that played football in the street aimed to play inside one day.

San Siro is also the first stadium that I ever visited in my life.

The feeling of the stadium is unmatched and different from every other stadium in the world.

Why should this generation of children, why should elders that have frequented the venue for decades, why should football fans from all over the world be stripped of the pleasure of visiting this monument?

The main causes behind the demolition plans are; the high maintenance costs, the unwillingness of the common of Milan on selling the stadium to Neither of the Milan clubs and the willingness of the two clubs of building their own private stadiums outside of the city borders.

If the parts involved are not interested in saving San Siro, who will?

Are we really going to let a part of Milan die?

Milan residents don't want to lose the stadium and the fact that big names of politics like Silvio Berlusconi, big names of football like Gianni Rivera, Sandro Mazzola and Claudio Marchisio and singers like Vasco Rossi are trying to stop this action are a clear statement of the popular sentiment.

San Siro is ours, San Siro belongs to the people, not to some businessman that is probably going to leave his place in few years or to a mayor that is probably not going to be confirmed in the next elections.

