

## OUR



## COLOURS

In 1910, the RCD Espanyol chose white and blue to adorn its jersey and shield, because the colour combination appeared on the shield of the great Catalan Admiral of Almogavars "Roger de Lluria", admirable soldiers who were well-known for sailing the Mediterranean in the Middle Ages.



*Espanyol jersey in 1952*



*Espanyol jersey of 2009-10 season*

## MAIN SUCCESS



The first cup RCD Espanyol won was the Macaya Cup, in 1901, which also marked the first success of the club. In 1929, the team won its first Spanish Cup, a title it won again in 1940, 2000 and 2006.



*2006 Celebration*

Espanyol was in the UEFA Cup several times and was a finalist in 1988 and 2007. On the other hand, RCD Espanyol has one of the best women football teams in Spain. They were the champion of the Spanish "Superliga" in 2006 (which is equivalent to the Premier League) and Spanish Cup in 1996, 1997, 2006 and 2009.



*Women team*

## GREAT PLAYERS



For more than 100 years, Espanyol has had players well-known around the world. Possibly the first and the greatest idol was the goal-keeper Ricardo Zamora. After him, memories of other great players remain in our mind: Marañón (June 2007, N'Kono, Lauridsen, Pochettino, ...



*A team that every die hard supporter know by heart*

We're also very proud of some players raising from the club's youth and division B teams. Among these, Daniel Solsona probably has been the most emblematic player during last quarter of the last century. Currently, Raul Tamudo (the top scorer in the history of the club in first division) And Dani Jarque (home model player and dramatically deceased) have become a legend for the fans.

## STADIUMS

RCD Espanyol of Barcelona started out playing in a big barren field, near Sagrada Familia. Since 1923 and until the end of the 1996-97 season, the Club moved to the glorious Sarrià stadium, a mythical place for all Espanyol supporters.



Since 1997 Espanyol has been playing in its new premises, Montjuic Olympic Stadium. In 2-2-2009 was opened the Cornellà-Prat stadium, current home ground of the club.



### Our mascot: The budgie (parakeet)

Soon after the birth of RCD Espanyol, its fans were known as the “periquitos” (budgie or parakeet). There are different explanations for this. A possible one is that there were flocks of “periquitos” resided around the area where the former stadium, Sarrià, was. It is also said that it is relate with a cartoon called “gato Perico” (little Peter the cat) that a journalist associated with Espanyol supporters.

In any case, the “periquito or perico” became the mascot of Espanyol. And now, this friendly and sociable bird is one of our main symbols and the way most people identify us.



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## R.C.D. ESPANYOL



### HISTORY

“RCD Espanyol de Barcelona” is one of the most ancient and important football clubs in Spanish Premier League. In 1900 Angel Rodríguez founded the “*Sociedad Española de Football*”, a club for university students keen to play a new sport that had recently been imported from England. He chose this name to differentiate it from other Barcelona’s clubs, which were dominated by foreign players. After several minor changes to the name, the club became Reial Club Deportivo Espanyol in 1912, when King Alfonso XIII bestowed the “royal” title upon the club Espanyol is sixth in the historical ranking of Spanish league. In May 2007, the club was among the top ten in the IFFHS Club World Ranking ([www.iffhs.de](http://www.iffhs.de)). But Espanyol was not only a football club. Historical teams such as athletics, basket-ball, roller-skating hockey and volley-ball had defended our colours and shared our shield.

