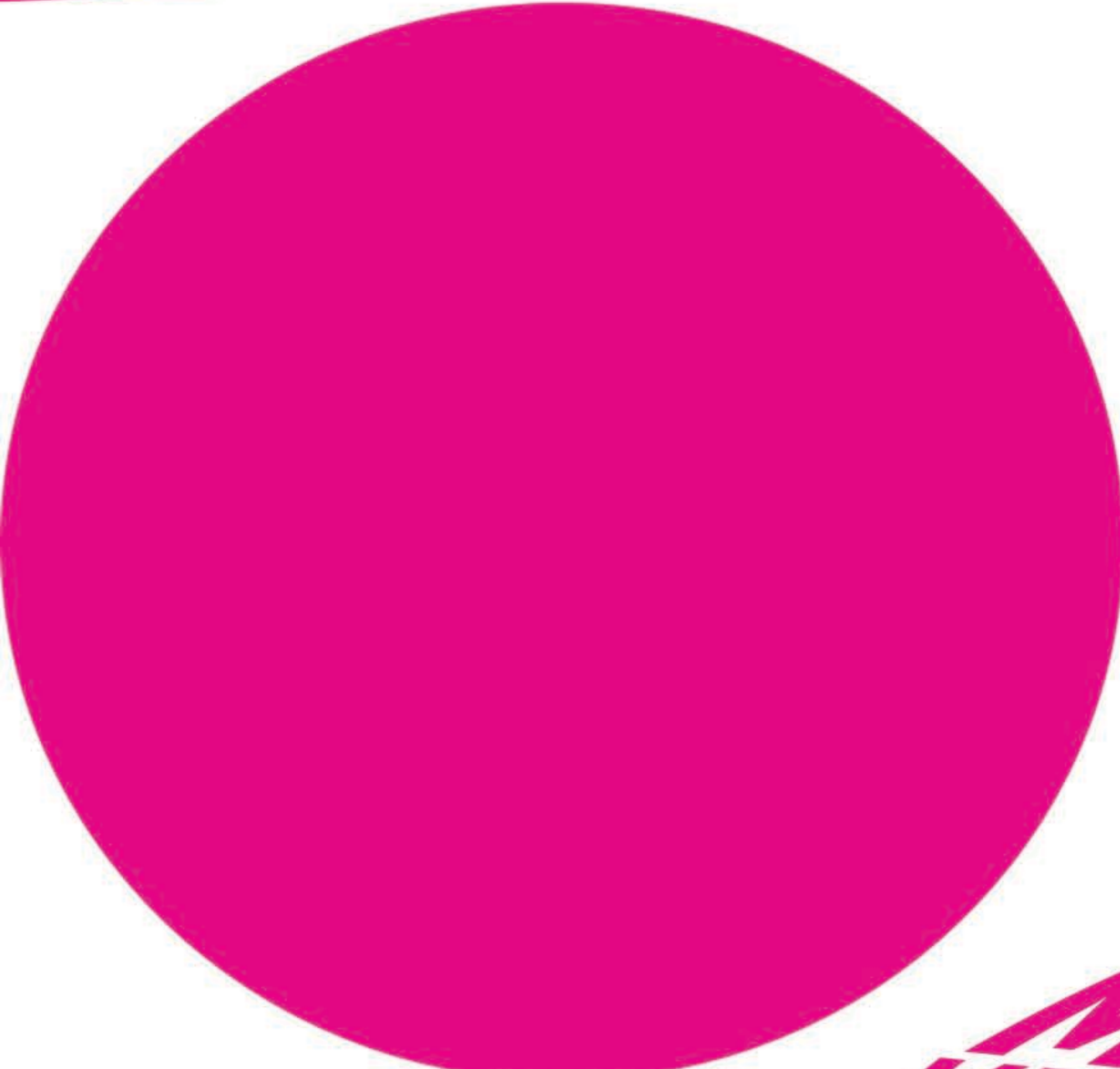




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VERONA'S ORIGINS ARE ALONG THE ADIGE RIVER, WHERE THE RIVER ENTERS INTO THE PLAIN OF THE PO. VERONA HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE CROSSROAD OF ALL LAND AND WATER TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS IN NORTH-EASTERN ITALY. THE ADIGE RIVER HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE BENCHMARK OF THE TOWN. IT HAS MARKED ITS LIFE, THE WEALTH OF COMMERCE AND THE TRAGEDY OF ITS FLOODS. THE 1882 FLOOD WAS TERRIBLE AND IMPOSED THE NEED TO BUILT THE MASSIVE RETAINING WALLS.

VERONA HOSTED THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TWICE (1999 AND 2004, BOTH TIMES THE WINNER WAS THE SPANISH RIDER FREIRE). VERONA HOSTED THE GIRO D'ITALIA 19 TIMES, ON SIX OCCASIONS FOR TIME TRIAL RACES, THREE TIMES AS FINISHING STAGE (IN 1981, STAGE WON BY THE NORWEGIAN RIDER KNUT, FINAL WINNER BATTAGLIN; IN 1984, MOSER, MOSER; IN 2010, LARSSON (SWEDEN), BASSO). DAMIANO CUNEGO, DAVIDE REBELLIN AND THE TWO-TIME (ATLANTA 1996 AND SIDNEY 2000) MTB GOLD OLYMPIC MEDAL PAOLA PEZZO HAVE VERONESE ORIGINS.

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