# Porto punish poor Monaco



AFP, Gelsenkirchen

Portugal's FC Porto became the first team in 27 years to win the UFFA Cup and Champions League in successive seasons with a 3-0 victory over French side Monaco here on Wednesday.

Liverpool achieved the feat back in 1976-1977 and UEFA Cup winners Porto, who defeated Celtic 3-2 in last season's final, wrote themselves into the history books thanks to goals from Carlos Alberto, Deco and substitute Dmitri Alenitchev.

Porto's coach Jose Mourinho was ecstatic to have rounded off his career at Porto with the greatest

prize in European club football. "It is fantastic we deserved it and have made history," said Mourinho, who is strongly linked to replace

Claudio Ranieri at Chelsea "I think we both gave the world a wonderful spectacle

He then sounded a valedictory

"It is almost for sure that this is my last match with Porto," he said. "I am proud of myself and proud of my players as we are taking back

the cup to Portugal and have made history," who started his football backroom career as the translator for Bobby Robson when he coached in Portugal. Monaco coach Didier

Deschamps was graceful in defeat. "There is a different level between Porto and Monaco," said the 35-year-old, who won it twice as a player.

"It is logical they won because they are a better side even if I am bitterly disappointed.

"It was a great adventure but in the end we have ended up with nothing," added Deschamps, whose side ended up third in the championship after holding a huge lead at the turn of the year.

However he was sad for his players after all their efforts.

"They played with willingness and enthusiasm so to lose is bad enough but to lose 3-0 is very hard to take." he said.

It is the second time the Portuguese champions have won Europe's premier competition following up their 2-1 win over Bayern Munich in Vienna 16 years

For losers Monaco it was a missed chance to repeat Marseille's success in 1993 and end France's year wait for the Champions

Deschamps was part of that victorious 1993 Marseille side and claimed it was 'fate' that the final was being played on the same date.

But the French World Cup winner from 1998 was wrong and had to put the Champions League disappointment alongside his losses at Juventus in 1997 and 1998.

Monaco kicked off the 2004 final and nearly treated their bulk of the 53,000 fans at the Arena Auf chalke to a goal after two minutes.

Ludovic Giuly threaded a pinpoint pass to Spanish international Fernando Morientes, who had shrugged off an ankle injury to play, but Porto goalkeeper Victor Baia swept the ball from the feet of the Champions League top-scorer.

Monaco were beginning to take the upper hand in the match but suffered a big blow on 24 minutes when the inspirational Giuly limped off injured.

The loss of their talisman seemed to knock Monaco out of their stride and Porto took full advantage in the 39th minute.

Brazilian teenager Carlos Alberto, 19, took advantage of the ball coming off a Monaco defender to rasp a right-footed volley past



ICING ON THE CAKE: Porto midfielder Dmitri Alenitchev smashes the ball past the Monaco's Italian custodian Flavio Roma to make it 3-0 in favour of the Portuguese champions in the UEFA Champions League final at the Arena AufSchalke stadium in the German city of Gelsenkirchen on May 26.

The Samba ace whipped his shirt off in elation and was consequently shown a yellow card by referee Kim-Milton Nielsen

However Mourinho believed that was the decisive moment.

"That made Monaco have to change their style and even if the second goal killed them off it was only possible because Carlos Alberto had given us some breath-

Former winners of the UEFA Champions League after FC Porto defeated Monaco on

2004: FC Porto (POR) 2003: AC Milan (ITA) 2002: Real Madrid (SPA) 2001: Bayern Munich (GER)

2000: Real Madrid (SPA) 1999: Manchester United (ENG) 1998: Real Madrid (SPA) 1997: Borussia Dortmund (GER)

1996: Juventus (ITA) 1995: Ajax (NED) 1994: AC Milan (ÍTA)

AFP, Gelsenkirchen

Spanish international Fernando Morientes topped the Champions League scoring charts after Wednesday's final, in which FC Porto of Portugal beat French side Monaco 3-0: 9: Fernando Morientes (SPA -- Monaco)

7: Dado Prso (CRO -- Monaco) 6: Roy Makaay (NED -- Bayern Munich) Walter Pandiani (URU -- Deportivo La Coruna)

5: Thierry Henry (FRA -- Arsenal), Hakar Sukur (TUR -- Galatasaray), Juninho (BRA -- Lyon), Didier Drogba (CIV -

ing space," he said.

The Monaco followers looked to Morientes, winner of this competition in 1998, 2000 and 2002 in the colours of Real Madrid for inspiration and on 62 minutes the striker looked set to level when one-on-one only for the linesman to raise his flag for offside.

Midfielder Edouard Cisse was taken off at the expense of striker Shabani Nonda as Deschamps threw on his final trump card.

Back-to-back Portuguese champions Porto showed why they have lost just once in the Champions League this season, to Real Madrid in the group stage, with some resolute defending.

As their French opponents pushed forward Porto produced a lightning counter attack on 71 minutes that sliced Monaco in

Three Porto players swarmed over the French rearguard and worked the ball to playmaker Deco. 26, who picked his spot and curled home to give Porto a cush-The Brazilian-born Portuguese

international had not enjoyed his best match but the composure of his finish showed why Bayern Munich are eyeing his services. "Mourinho told us beforehand

that 'win or lose we would remember this day for the rest of our lives'....now we have something amazing to tell our grandchildren," said Deco. Monaco were deflated after the

goal and four minutes later conceded again with substitute Alenitchev latching onto a chipped through ball which was deflected into his path by a Monaco defender to lash home. It was curtains for Monaco as

Porto's followers, donned in blue in white, celebrated a second successive win in Europe.

The Portuguese city of Porto

exploded in joy on Wednesday after FC

Porto's 3-0 win over Monaco in the

Thousands of honking cars filled

with delirious supporters and streaming

Porto's blue-and-white colours flooded

into Porto's streets seconds after the

Shouting, chanting fans jammed the

"Por-to champions, Por-to champi-

"We proved that we were the best.

ons," supporters chanted while jumping

This is a night of glory for my club," one

fan shouted as he hung from a car

window, his face painted blue and white

and a club banner around his shoul-

Brazilian music mixed with club

ndustrial city's central Humberto

Delgado plaza and the nearby Avenue

City of joy

Champions League final.

of the Allies

n unison on sidewalks.

REUTERS, Lisbon

## Shocked, silenced



REUTERS, Monaco

Thousands of soccer fans in the Mediterranean resort of Monaco watched in shocked silence as their team lost 3-0 to Porto in the Champions League final on Wednesday.

Some 8,000 supporters, many dressed in AS Monaco's red and white colours, had arrived in the city centre in the early evening to watch the match on two giant TV screens

Bayern Munich president Franz

Beckenbauer has opened the way for

unhappy playmaker Michael Ballack

to leave for Spanish giants

Barcelona, if the clubs manage to

from Bayer Leverkusen following Leverkusen's Champions League

final two years ago, says he is

unhappy with criticism of him from

among the German international's

detractors this season, said now it

was only a case of both clubs sitting

to strike a deal, and the coach and

player agree with it, we'll allow let him

German press, Bayern would be

prepared to sell Ballack for around 20

million euros. Barca, who have

already made known their interest,

are however waiting in the wings with

"If Bayern and Barcelona manage

According to recent reports in the

down at the negotiating table.

eave," Beckenbauer said.

a 12 million euros bid

And Beckenbauer, who has been

Ballack, who moved to Bayern

agree a deal.

inside the club.

from a grandstand erected for last weekend's Formula One Grand

Fans had hoped to watch Monaco emulate Olympique Marseille, the last French club to win the competition in 1993, but after goals from Porto's Carlos Alberto, Deco Souza and substitute Dmitri Alenichev, the cheering turned into silent disbelief

'We were at different levels," Monaco coach Didier Deschamps told French TF1 television after the match. "There was a certain logic to the result as they were more experienced but I am still very

Prince Rainier and the Monaco roval family, as well as some 7.000 people from Monaco --- a quarter of the population -- had travelled to Gelsenkirchen for the final.

For those at home, large screens were set up around the principality. normally best-known for its casinos and generous tax regime. In one restaurant alone, 25 TV sets had been installed for fans. Despite the result, the players will be met by a welcoming crowd on Thursday and will parade round Monaco in a double-decker bus before attending a ceremony at the palace.



FACE OF DESPAIR: A Monaco supporter is shell-shocked after watching his side taken apart by Porto.

#### Liverpool tempt Kaiser approves **Benitez Ballack move** AFP, Munich

Football

Liverpool have reportedly offered Valencia coach Rafael Benitez an 8 million pound, four-year deal to manage the English Premiership

The four-time European champions have also agreed their former star and manager Kenny Dalglish will return to Anfield in an advisory

Valencia's coach, who won the Spanish league and UEFA Cup this vear, was to have talks with his club president Jaime Orti in the next 24 hours but a Liverpool source told The Daily Mail that meeting will end with Benitez announcing he is

bound for England. Anfield sources also predict that

two Valencia players - Argentine defender Roberto Ayala and playmaker Pablo Aimar -- will follow Benitez to Liverpool who sacked former France coach Gerard

Houllier on Monday. Benitez has admitted that Liverpool would be a great club to

"Liverpool is one of those clubs that any coach always dreams about being able to manage," Benitez is quoted as saying in the Daily Star.

"I have been at Anfield several times as a rival coach and the atmosphere is wonderful. They have spoken to my agent

Manuel Garcia Quilun to find out more about my situation. "I am happy in Valencia and I

would only leave the club for a great European side and Liverpool are one of those.

## Wedding first then...

REUTERS, Johannesburg

Porto striker Benni McCarthy is to miss South Africa's opening World Cup qualifier against the Cape Verde Islands next month because he is getting married.

McCarthy, who came on as a late substitute in Porto's Champions League final victory over Monaco on Wednesday, marries his Spanish girlfriend in Vigo on June 5, when South Africa play the Group Two qualifier in

The 26-year-old will be available for the next match against Ghana in Kumasi later in the month, however, officials said on Thursday. McCarthy missed the African

Nations Cup finals in Tunisia earlier this year after a row over the length of time away from his Portuguese club. The forward, who finished as

top goal scorer for the Portuguese champions this season, announced his 'retirement' from international soccer after the But new South Africa coach

Stuart Baxter has persuaded McCarthy to make a return to the side as South Africa start their bid to qualify for the 2006 World Cup finals in Germany.

McCarthy has scored 22 goals in 51 appearances for his country.

### Kluivert keen on England

REUTERS, Amsterdam

Dutch striker Patrick Kluivert has hinted he is keen to move to England after being told by Barcelona this week that he can leave the Spanish club.

"I played for six years now in Barcelona and both the club and I are going separate ways," Kluivert told reporters at a Netherlands Euro 2004 training camp on Wednesday. "I think it's a good time to look at other clubs."

Kluivert said it had long been an ambition of his to play in the premier league.

"I have always said England would be one of the preferred countries I would like to play in," he

"There a few clubs but no concrete clubs yet. I will first play the European Championship and after that we will see what is going to

The 27-year-old Kluivert has been linked with Manchester United and Arsenal in recent years, while Chelsea and Newcastle United are among other premier league clubs who could be interested in signing him.

"It's not just his game, he never He started his career with Ajax misses training and he's such a fit guy. You realise what a good player Amsterdam before spending one season with AC Milan

## Perfect ending

REUTERS, Gelsenkirchen

Porto's Champions League final victory over Monaco on Wednesday was almost certainly the final match in charge for triumphant coach Jose Mourinho, who said he was interested in a move to England.

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"I want to leave," Mourinho told reporters after his side crushed Monaco 3-0 to win the European Cup for the second time. "I gave everything I could to this

club and I'll be talking to officials "I still have a contract with Porto but I have poss sibilities, good possi-

bilities, that could come off.

"My agent has a few things in his pocket and he's explained what's happening to Porto but we have to speak in the next few days. "I've said before that the country I

want to work in is England and I haven't changed my mind." Mourinho has been repeatedly

linked with Italian Claudio Ranieri's post in charge of English premier league club Chelsea but he declined to say whether he would take the

England defender John Terry has

warned Roberto Carlos he would

face a tough battle for a place in the

Chelsea line-up if the Brazil World

Cup winner arrives at Stamford

Bridge this summer from Real

Terry says England colleague

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ing at left back this year.

on a new contract.

told The Sun

the season.'

out, you realise it even more.

AFP, London

Madrid.

"I don't want to listen (to other offers)," he told Sky Sports. "I have given my word."

Cup and European Cup in successive seasons after Liverpool in 1976 Mourinho said at his post-match news conference. "We've won

won the same things I won't be

from other countries.

weeks." he said.

Perhaps with one eye on the millions of dollars available to the next Chelsea coach from Russian

Terry welcomed a new batch of

foreign stars but he pointed out that

home-bred Frank Lampard was

consistently the best player last

another two or three signings this

summer. But it doesn't make you

nervous, it makes you excited really

It's going to make our chances even

Roman Abramovich wants the best

"It could well happen. Obviously

"I'm sure there are going to be

Terry scares Carlos

season.

better next year.'

billionaire owner Roman Porto's victory made them only

the second team to win the UEFA "I'm very proud of what we did,"

everything in the past 2-1/2 years but I want to win more "If in 10 years time I've still only

Mourinho told Sky Sports he had also had contacts with other clubs

"I also had a few contacts with other countries (apart from England), including Italy, but I stopped everything in the last few "My agent was involved in a few

conversations. In the next days everything will be clear but the people who had a serious conversation with my agent and a little conversation with me and the club who I gave my word I will be favourite to go to."

Abramovich, Mourinho said: "Every club has a motivation. When you have money to spend you have to spend well. When you don't have money you have to go for the

their manager it's because there's something that's not the way they would like it to be.

"When a club decides to change

"The club I go to the board and the supporters must know that I go with all my heart."

Asked when he had decided to leave Porto, Mourinho -- who learned his trade under former England manager Bobby Robson at Sporting, Porto and Barcelona --

"I decided I would like to go when I felt that in Portugal there was nothing more to win and the challenge was not big enough for me and when I saw also that in European football we were doing

Mourinho was to leave.

"That's a real kick in the butt. we're losing a great trainer, a great man, a real gentleman," he said.

players. But last year we brought in

some good players and, out of

everyone. Lamps was by far the

best player and he was already

new lads came in and adapted

straight away. Normally with foreign

lads it takes two or three months to

settle in. I was pretty glad they did it

"I was pleased with the way the

there." added Terry.

so quickly.'

#### anthems on the Avenue of the Allies. Lusa news agency reported. Street vendors sold grilled sardines, beef sandwiches and drinks to ecstatic fans. The win was a dose of good news

recession and looking ahead to hosting the European championship. The three-week tournament starts on June Prime Minister Jose Manuel Durao

for Portuguese recovering from a

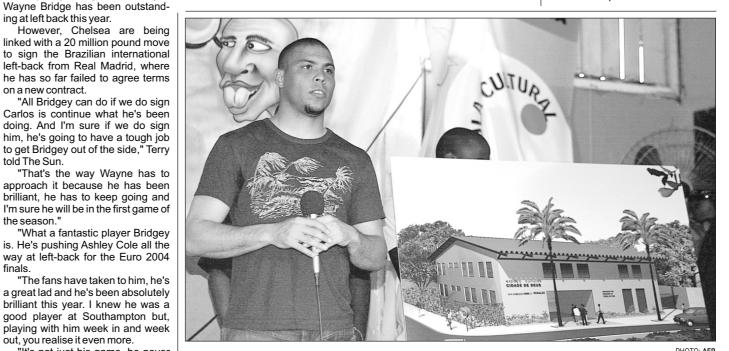
Barroso, who faced criticism for putting off a state visit to Mexico to attend the game, called the win one of "attitude discipline and concentration". "This was a great game and great for

Portugal," he told state radio RDP. Some fans in Porto, about 300 km

(200 miles) north of Lisbon, headed to the club's new Dragon Stadium to await the arrival of the team from Germany early on Thursday. President Jorge Sampaio called the

win "a moment of happiness for all Portuguese, a good example for Euro

In Lisbon, cheering fans draped in blue and white filled the broad boulevard outside the club's headquarters and noisy caravans of supporters' cars streamed through the capital's cobblestoned plazas.



Brazilian superstar Ronaldo makes a speech next to a model of a new theatre in Rio de Janeiro on May 26. The Real Madrid striker donated 45,000 euros in order to renovate the building. It is part of a social project being financed by him and French ace Zinedine Zidane.

### Porto striker Benni McCarthy was downhearted on hearing that