



FERNANDO MORIENTES

## Morientes heads to L'pool

### Football

AFP, Madrid

Real Madrid said Wednesday that Spanish international forward Fernando Morientes has agreed terms on a three-and-a-half year contract with English Premiership giants Liverpool.

The 28-year-old Morientes, who was to travel later in the day to have a medical in Liverpool, has been out in the cold this season and spent last season on loan at Monaco, whom he helped to reach the Champions League final.

The striker was later due to give a news conference confirming a move which will see him link up with Liverpool's Spanish coach Rafael Benitez in a nine-million-euro (6.3 million pound) move.

The agreement followed several weeks talks between the clubs, Morientes and his agent Gines Carvajal.

Three times a Champions League winner (1998, 2000 and 2002), Morientes began his career with Albacete 11 seasons ago, then

spent two seasons with Real Zaragoza before joining Real.

In all he has netted 105 goals in 259 Spanish league games and last season bagged 10 in 28 with Monaco, for whom he was also top goalscorer in the Champions League as he just missed out on a fourth winners medal.

The arrival of England star Michael Owen, ironically from Liverpool, in the summer, hampered his chances of regaining his place which first came under threat with the arrival of Ronaldo after the 2002 World Cup from Inter Milan.

Ronaldo and Spanish international Raul are the first choice strikers at Real and Owen has done enough this season to make himself first choice replacement, forcing Morientes to look to reignite his career elsewhere.

Morientes has 23 goals in 36 appearances for his country.

Meanwhile, Everton manager David Moyes hopes to ward off a reported 4 million euro (2.8 million pound) bid by Real for his combative Denmark midfielder Thomas Gravesen.

"I want him to stay," Moyes said

Wednesday. "We've had no contact and I hope it stays that way."

Gravesen's agent John Sivabæk told BBC Sport from Madrid: "I'm here to listen to what Real have to say. Nothing has been agreed, but this is a big opportunity for any player."

"I will be meeting Real on Wednesday. There is serious interest, but it's in Everton's hands."

Manchester United and AC Milan have also been linked with Gravesen, and Sivabæk confirmed: "Yes, there has been other interest, but we are dealing with one thing at a time and we will speak to Real."

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Everton must decide whether to cash in now on the Denmark midfielder, or risk losing him for nothing in the summer.

The 28-year-old Gravesen whose contract ends in June, joined Everton from Hamburg in 2000.

Reports in Spain said Real would pay for Gravesen with cash from Fernando Morientes' move to Liverpool. Real were expected to move for Marseille's Benoit Pedretti or Arsenal's Edu if they cannot sign Gravesen.

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## Becks passes Spanish test!

### Football

REUTERS, Madrid

England captain David Beckham was given a spontaneous round of applause by journalists on Tuesday when he made his first attempt at speaking Spanish in public at a Real Madrid news conference.

"El partido con Atletico was mucho mejor para todos (The game against Atletico was much better for all of us)," he stuttered nervously in a mixture of English and Spanish before analysing his side's recent victory over their city rivals.

Beckham blushed as he answered several questions in stilted Spanish but will have won over many people as he provided the first evidence that

he was beginning to use the language.

The midfielder said Vanderlei Luxemburgo's appointment as coach had helped Real recover their confidence and that the Brazilian's arrival was one of the reasons Real had narrowed Barcelona's lead at the top of the table to seven points.

"We can still win the league," said Beckham. "It's going to be difficult but we're getting better and we just have to keep working hard."

Real won both their matches since Luxemburgo took charge of the team at the end of last month.

The former Manchester United player went on to address questions about his poor run of form in 2004.

"The criticism will always be there," he said. "If you have a bad game your career is finished or you

are too old even though you're only 29."

"I'm enjoying my football and I've still got five or six years left. Maybe it's not the best I have played but I suppose the European Championship didn't help with missing a couple of penalties."

"People said the reason I didn't play (well) was because of personal things in my life but I have just got to keep working hard."

Beckham made it clear he had no intention of returning to England in the immediate future and said he would be happy to extend his contract, which runs until 2007.

"It (a new contract) has not been mentioned to me yet but it has been in the papers. If I was to extend my contract here... I would never complain. I'm very happy here."

## Di Canio pleads innocence

### INTERNET SOURCE

Paulo di Canio has insisted he did not make a fascist salute after scoring in Lazio's 3-1 Rome derby win.

The striker appeared to have given a Nazi-style straight arm salute to supporters in the Olympic Stadium after putting his side in front against bitter rivals Roma last Thursday.

Police are examining photo and video evidence of the incident, but di Canio's agent told the BBC his client denies the claim.

Matteo Roggi said: "He says, 'I went down to say hello to my supporters'. Obviously, if there was a photographer there that's got a camera that takes 100 pictures a minute, he says he just got him with the right hand up there."

A minority of far-right, racist supporters have given Lazio a bad reputation in recent years with visiting black players often on the receiving end of abuse.

The club has been associated with fascism since Benito Mussolini attended games regularly.

Di Canio is no stranger to controversy having been banned by the English FA for 11 games during his time at Sheffield Wednesday for pushing over referee Paul Alcock.

## Fergie doesn't think so

AFP, London

Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson has written off Chelsea's chances of winning four trophies this season but Jose Mourinho's right-hand man Steve Clarke believes the best is yet to come from Chelsea.

Chelsea are seven points clear of second-placed Arsenal at the top of the Premiership, face Barcelona in the last 16 of the Champions League, Birmingham in the fourth round of the FA Cup and Manchester United in the semi-finals of the League Cup.

But Ferguson, who led United to the treble of Champions League, Premiership and FA Cup in 1999, insists Chelsea will not better that achievement.

"There is no chance of a club doing a quadruple," said Ferguson.

"A treble is more feasible. But it is still very difficult to think that will be done again."

"When we did the treble, we had only Henning Berg injured."

"You need a hell of a good squad and your main players have to be fit all the time."

But Clarke feels the Londoners can still improve.

"I think there is more to come from the team," said the Chelsea assistant manager.

"We are a relatively new side put together this season, so we can only improve with playing together."

"It will be very difficult to win four trophies but the only way forward is to take every game as it comes. But we have said right from the start that the Premiership is the most important."

"Nobody believed us when we kept saying it would get better and that we would score more goals and be more offensive. I think we have been proved right over the last few months."

"We have good attacking options at this club but Damien Duff was not quite fit at the start of the season and Arjen Robben picked up an injury in pre-season and so we had to wait until we had both available."

Clarke believes that Mourinho's success lies in his man-management and the ability to share in the squad camaraderie.

"The training is very intense but around these intense periods, we like to have a laugh and a joke."

There is a good spirit among the players and obviously when you are winning matches it helps.

## Mission Italiaia 2012 starts

### Football

REUTERS, Rome

Italy kicked off its bid to host the 2012 European Championship on Wednesday, with officials warning the country will have to combat racism and violence to be in with a chance.

"With this bid, our prestige will be judged not only by Italy but by the whole of Europe. We will be more credible if there are moves to fight and beat the racism and violence that we have seen around soccer matches," Italian Football Association (Federalcio) chairman Franco Carraro said.

Italy, which hosted the World Cup in 1990, won the European Championship for the only time in 1968.

The tournament has grown into a 16-team event, second only in size to the World Cup and worth millions of euros to the



PHOTO: AFP

Liverpool's Czech forward Milan Baros leaves Watford's Hameur Bouazza on the floor during their Carling Cup clash at Anfield on January 11.

### LEAGUE CUP

## Gerrard saves the blushes

### Football

REUTERS, London

Steven Gerrard's second-half goal gave Liverpool a 1-0 win over second division Watford in the first leg of their League Cup semi-final at Anfield on Tuesday.

The England midfielder struck after 56 minutes, finishing a flowing move with a firm goalbound shot from just inside the area that Watford defender Neil Cox could only head into his own net.

Liverpool, record seven-time League Cup winners, struggled in

the first half but improved after the interval following the introduction of Czech striker Milan Baros as a substitute.

"Watford deserve a lot of credit because they came here tonight and made it a real battle," Gerrard told Sky Sports.

"The manager told us we underestimated them in the first half but we came out and passed it a bit quicker and worked a bit harder."

Watford, 16th in the second division, competed well in the early stages, threatening to open the scoring after 18 minutes when Brynjar Gunnarsson's powerful

header was blocked by goalkeeper Jerzy Dudek.

The Premier League side showed more urgency after halftime, however, Gerrard firing a shot just over the crossbar and Neil Mellor forcing a good save out of Watford goalkeeper Paul Jones before Gerrard broke the deadlock.

Watford continued to press forward after falling behind and striker Heidar Helguson was only denied by a last-ditch challenge from defender Djimi Traore in the dying minutes.

"It's a great result for us but it could have been better," Watford manager Ray Lewington said. "We

have done tremendously well, worked hard and disrupted them. We were always in the match and have everything to play for."

Gerrard said Liverpool, who host Manchester United in the Premier League on Saturday, would have to improve against Watford at Vicarage Road in two weeks.

"We need to be a lot better than that in the second leg," Gerrard said.

Chelsea play Manchester United at Stamford Bridge in the first leg of the second semi-final on Wednesday. The final is at Cardiff's Millennium Stadium on February 27.



DIEGO MARADONA

## Thieves target Diego's gems

### INTERNET SOURCE

Thieves have attempted to steal irreplaceable items of memorabilia on the opening day of a Diego Maradona exhibition in Napoli.

Just a few hours after the ribbon had been cut to launch the display, a couple of men tried to steal shirts loaned by Ciro Ferrara and Massimo Crippa, as well as items once used by Maradona.

The museum was experiencing lighting problems at the time and fans tried to take advantage of the darkness to smuggle the items out, but were stopped by security guards.

In the afternoon, another group of visitors tried to take a Bulgaria kit, which had been given to Maradona by Hristo Stoichkov, and a DVD of Diego's childhood. Guards chased the thieves out, who left the shirt but escaped with the disc.

The museum recorded almost a thousand visitors by the end of the first day. The exhibition will stay in Napoli until March 30, before travelling to other cities around Italy.

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No. Environ/Admin (TO&E)-348/2003/

### Amended Tender Notice

The schedule tender notice issued vide Directorate of Environment, Head Office, Memo No. Environ/Admin (TO&E)-348/2003/3004 dated 08-11-2004 is amended as the following:

Tender number	Description of equipment	Quantity of equipment	Cost of the schedule per set	Last date for purchasing of tender schedule	Dropping date of tender
DoE/PUR/IT-1/2004-2005	3 Exhaust Analyzer with Smoke Opacity Meter	03 (three)	Tk 2,000/-	30 January 2005 during office hours	31 January 2005 during 12:00 hours

2. Other terms & conditions of tender shall remain unchanged.

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## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Civil Surgeon, Shariatpur

Memo No-CS(Shari)/S-2/MSR/Notice/2004/2005/2453

Dated: 30.12.2004

### MSR Tender Notice

Group wise separate sealed tenders are invited from this office 2004-2005 financial year enlisted/renewed contractors/contractor firm for supply of 2004-2005 financial year's routine & 'lot' allotted MSR items of all Health Institutions under Civil Surgeon's Office, Shariatpur. Tenders can be deposited in tender box kept at the office of the undersigned up to 12-00 noon of 27.01.2005 and tender box will be opened on the same day by the purchase committee at the office of the undersigned in presence (if any) of the contractors. The purchase committee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason. Schedule can be collected at the rate stated below per schedule (non-refundable) from this office from the date of publication in newspaper up to 25.01.2005. Terms & conditions shall be available with the schedule. It is requested to contract the Accounts Section of this office, if necessary, for detail information, during office hours. Publication of the notice through newspaper shall be treated as final information to the contractors. No individual notice/letter shall be issued.

#### Groups are as undermentioned

Serial No	Name of group/name of items	Price of schedule (non-refundable)	Earnest money (per group)
01.	'A' Drugs & medicine.	Tk 750/- (seven hundred fifty) only.	Tk 10,000/- (ten thousand) only.
02.	'B' Test & examination	Tk 400/- (four hundred) only.	Tk 5,000/- (five thousand) only.
03.	'C' Instruments	Tk 400/- (four hundred) only.	Tk 5,000/- (five thousand) only.
04.	'D' Gauze, bandage	Tk 400/- (four hundred) only.	Tk 5,000/- (five thousand) only.
05.	'E' Furniture	Tk 400/- (four hundred) only.	Tk 5,000/- (five thousand) only.
06.	'F' Linen	Tk 400/- (four hundred) only.	Tk 5,000/- (five thousand) only.

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