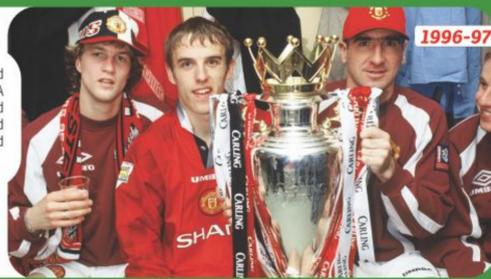


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**the reds take over**

The Reds successfully defended their league crown in 1996-97. A fourth title in five seasons showed that the power of balance had swung firmly away from Anfield and towards Old Trafford.



# ROBBEN'S redemption

REUTERS, London



Arjen Robben's Champions League final was a microcosm of his career as the Bayern Munich winger perplexed opponents, left team mates waiting in vain for passes, infuriated fans and produced two match-winning moments.

As usual, the Dutchman stubbornly refused to contemplate using his right foot in a man-of-the-match performance.

Throughout his career with PSV Eindhoven, Chelsea, Real Madrid, Bayern and the Netherlands, Robben has been an exasperating enigma.

The winger's critics are dismayed by his histrionics and cannot fathom how his entirely predictable ploy of speeding down the right flank and then cutting inside to shoot with his left foot repeatedly catches international class defenders unawares.

Many see him as overly individualistic.

Last year, Robben was the villain when he missed an extra-time spot kick in the 1-1 draw against Chelsea in the Champions League final in Munich before his side lost on penalties.

At Wembley, he displayed all his familiar traits but he was

also a constant threat to the Dortmund defence, setting up one goal before scoring an 89th minute winner to give the treble-chasing Bavarians a dramatic 2-1 win over their great rivals.

"I was ready today," he said after receiving the man-of-the-match award from former Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson.

"I had played the game in my head... yet when you score in the last minute to win, it's a dream. It's very difficult for me to believe at the moment."

"It's the highest place you can get, winning the Champions League is something some of us have missed out on.

"In addition to last year, I personally lost a World Cup final (against Spain three years ago) and the 2010 Champions League final. "You don't want the loser tag, but today everything worked out and I can forget about those defeats.

"For a footballer this is the peak, the greatest you can achieve. The whistle from the referee, knowing you have won the Champions League, it was the only thing missing in my life.

Afterwards he appeared to hit back at suggestions he is individualistic, saying: "I always feel responsibility when I play football. It's a team sport, a team performance and we're a real team, we fight for each other, run for each other."

## PLAYER RATINGS

### BORUSSIA DORTMUND (4-2-3-1)



**GK: Roman Weidenfeller** - 8

The Dortmund keeper had a superb first half. Was beaten twice after the break but no real fault could be attached to him.

**RB: Lukasz Piszczek** - 5

Was too weak when being held off by Franck Ribery with a minute remaining before the Frenchman set up Robben for the winning goal.

**CB: Mats Hummels** - 6

An injury doubt in the build-up, the Germany international looked uncomfortable at Wembley and contributed to a rather ragged defensive performance from Dortmund.

**CB: Neven Subotic** - 7

Took charge of the back four with Hummels off his game and made a succession of important interceptions and clearing headers.

**LB: Marcel Schmelzer** - 5

Schmelzer looked awkward when failing to prevent Mandzukic's goal and didn't look up to the standard throughout.

**CM: Ilkay Gundogan** - 8

The best player on the pitch during the first 20 minutes. He performed with assurance and authority. Dispatched his penalty superbly.

**CM: Sven Bender** - 6

A tenacious if understated contribution from the

midfielder.

**AMR: Jakub Blaszczykowski** - 6

Showed some nice touches as he combined well with Marco Reus to his left and looked to get in behind David Alaba.

**AMC: Marco Reus** - 8

Covering for the absent Mario Goetze, the elegant forward more than filled the Bayern-bound playmakers's boots with his clever movement and deft touches.

**AML: Kevin Grosskreutz** - 5

The midfielder tucked in central at times to give Dortmund more of a presence in midfield.

**ST: Robert Lewandowski** - 7

Unsettled the Bayern defence as he looked a threat, having a vicious dip and shot over and going close with a nice shot.

### FC BAYERN MUNICH (4-2-3-1)

**GK: Manuel Neuer** - 8

May well be the world's best goalkeeper and continued his excellent form across the season with a resilient display.

**RB: Philipp Lahm** - 6

A relatively low-key performance from the Germany captain.

**CB: Jerome Boateng** - 6

A nervy performance in the first half, but grew more dependable as the game wore on.

**CB: Dante** - 5

Also seemed to suffer with nerves and the challenge of containing Lewandowski and Reus clearly daunted him. Gave away the penalty.

**LB: David Alaba** - 6

Forced Weidenfeller into a diving save with a rasping drive from 25 yards and was a useful outlet on the left when required.

**CM: Javi Martinez** - 7

After a difficult opening, he wrestled back control of midfield with good aerial presence and nice interceptions.

**CM: Bastian Schweinsteiger** - 6

Under-par performance for Schweinsteiger. Looked to be suffering from turning his ankle in the warm-up.

**AMR: Arjen Robben** - 8

Missed chances but showed impressive poise to tee up Mandzukic for the opener and then finally ended his big-game frustration with an expertly-taken winner with only a minute remaining.

**AMC: Thomas Mueller** - 7

Showed off his array of qualities as he drifted menacingly, manipulated the ball proficiently and even proved an asset in the air.

**AML: Franck Ribery** - 8

Opened up the defence and took three defenders out of the game before Robben squared for Mandzukic for the opening goal. Ribery then



Bayern Munich players celebrate after winning the Champions League against Borussia Dortmund at Wembley in London on Saturday.

PHOTO: AFP

## Rosberg rules in Monaco

AFP, Monaco

Nico Rosberg led from pole to finish to win a crash-interrupted Monaco Grand Prix on Sunday. The race had to be red flagged after Pastor Maldonado crashed into a wall while the safety car was deployed twice.

But pole-sitter Rosberg expertly steered his Mercedes to victory ahead of world champion and championship leader Sebastian Vettel with his Red Bull team-mate Mark Webber in third.

In a chaotic race littered with accidents, red flags and two Safety Car interventions, the 27-year-old German, son of 1983 victor and original 'flying Finn' Keke Rosberg, produced an impeccable and flawless race to claim the second win of his career.

## Jupp joins select group

REUTERS, London



Bayern Munich coach Jupp Heynckes's career looked over a few years ago but the 68-year-old veteran capped a third spell at the Bavarians on Saturday by becoming only the fourth manager to win the European Cup with two different teams.

Heynckes joined Ernst Happel, Ottmar Hitzfeld and Jose Mourinho with two Champions League trophies from two clubs after Bayern beat German rivals Borussia Dortmund 2-1 to add to his 1998 European crown with Real Madrid.

With former Barcelona coach Pep Guardiola taking over next season, Heynckes led the Bavarians to two titles, after also winning the German league, and could add another with the domestic Cup next week for an unprecedented treble by a German team.

"It is unusual the way we played football this season," Heynckes, who also won the World Cup and European Championship with Germany as a player in a career in football spanning half a century, told reporters.

"No one could have expected that. My career was pretty much over four years ago," said Heynckes, who also coached Bayern in the late 1980s and won two league titles

with them and again took over for five games in 2009 following the sacking of Jurgen Klinsmann.

The coach had actually come out of retirement in 2009 to help Bayern clinch a Champions League spot as a favour to close friend and club boss Uli Hoenes.

As for his future in the business, Heynckes asked for a little more patience.

"I decided what I would do last summer after the Champions League final defeat," he said. "On June 2 you will find out what it is."

### LEWANDOWSKI TO BAYERN?

Heynckes also dropped a clear hint that Dortmund striker Robert Lewandowski will join the Champions League winners next season.

Lewandowski's Dortmund contract expires in June 2014, but after his advisor Maik Barthel has insisted Lewandowski will leave in June, Heynckes said he expects the Poland star to join Bayern.

"As far as I know, Mario Goetze will be joining Bayern Munich and I don't think Lewandowski will be hanging about too much either," said Heynckes, who will be replaced by Pep Guardiola next season.

"Then, of course, you've got two top attackers as well. "My successor will, of course, be able to take over a perfectly functioning team."

## Lazio lift Italian Cup

AFP, Rome

Lazio beat bitter city rivals Roma 1-0 to win the Italian Cup on Sunday and qualify for next season's Europa League.

In the first ever cup final between the Roman neighbours - which saw some 2,000 police deployed for the occasion - there was more riding on the outcome than simple silverware.

Both clubs had finished outside the European places in Serie A but Senad Lulic's goal 20 minutes from time means the blue half of the city will enjoy European trips next season.

Roma end the campaign empty-handed and out of Europe for a second year in succession.

Serbian star Lulic converted the only goal from a cross by Antonio Candreva which Roma keeper Bogdan Lobont could only flap at to send the blue "curva" of the stadium into raptures.

## We will be back: Klopp

AFP, London



Borussia Dortmund coach Jurgen Klopp has said his team will bounce back from their Champions League final defeat to Bayern Munich - even with the Bavarian giants set to take his best two players.

With his season now over, Klopp admits he has a tough few months ahead as he rebuilds his squad with the new Bundesliga season starting on August 9.

Midfield star Mario Goetze has been confirmed as a Munich player next season and Borussia striker Robert Lewandowski is set to follow him, according to Bayern's outgoing coach Jupp Heynckes.

But with Berlin's Olympic Stadium hosting the 2015 Champions League, Klopp has vowed to steer Dortmund back for a second crack at the European title.

"I feel a proudness comes up in me, but also a certain sadness," said the 45-year-old.

"It was a great season for my team and a really, really good match. "Perhaps it was the best match against Bayern in this season's Champions League and you now who they've played.

"Now we have to go on holiday and buy some players, because other teams want ours and we must start again.

"In two years, there's Berlin. Maybe that'd be a good place to come back to a Champions League final.

"We deserved to be in the final, we showed that tonight.

"Our fans were great, the atmosphere was great. Only the result is shit.

"I told the players we will come back, maybe not to Wembley, but we'll try to come back to another final."

After the final whistle, Klopp was consoled in the Wembley stands by German Chancellor Angela Merkel. "She said: 'You get to know yourself in the really bad moments,'" said Klopp.

"I need a minute or two to feel proud again, at the moment only sadness prevails." Klopp has said he will assemble a side to challenge Pep Guardiola's Bayern team next season.

"I think we'll get a pretty decent team together, I wouldn't worry about that," said Klopp.

"The team implemented what we had set out to do so well.

"Bayern hardly had opportunities to play their normal game going forward and that helped us keep the game very open.

"The quality of the game struck me and I'm sure next season we'll have even more quality and we'll move on."