

Perez quits Madrid

Florentino Perez has quit his post as President of Real Madrid, admitting that his policy of buying football's superstars – *los galacticos* – may have led to complacency. Real have not won a trophy since 2003



GALACTICOS ERA

2000: Perez defeats Lorenzo Sanz in election. Buys Portuguese winger **Luis Figo** for world record £37m

2001: French superstar **Zinedine Zidane** joins for new record £45.8m. Real win Spain's La Liga title and Super Cup double

2002: Real win Champions League, and Intercontinental Cup. Brazil's **Ronaldo** signs for £29m

2003: Real win La Liga and Super Cup. Perez buys England's iconic captain **David Beckham** for £24.5m

2004: Buys **Walter Samuel, Michael Owen**. Re-elected as president

2005: Signs Brazilian stars **Robinho** and **Julio Baptista** for £37m total