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Referee appointed for UEFA Super Cup in Monaco

Terje Hauge of Norway to handle match between champions of Europe

UEFA has appointed the match officials for the UEFA Super Cup between the UEFA Champions League winners, FC Porto, and the UEFA Cup champions, Valencia CF, to be played on Friday 27 August at the Stade Louis II in Monaco, kicking-off at 20.45 local time.

38-year-old Norwegian referee Terje Hauge has been selected to officiate at the final and his team will be completed by Steiner Holvik and Ole Hermann Borgan, who will operate as Assistant Referees. The trio formed one of the 12 teams selected for UEFA EURO 2004™. They will be accompanied by Tom Henning Øvrebø, who will act as Fourth Official.

Terje Hauge, a referee since 1982, will become the first Norwegian referee ever to officiate at the UEFA Super Cup since it was born over three decades ago. He made his international debut at an Under-18 match between Iceland and Estonia on 5 October 1993 and since then has officiated at more than 70 international games. His debut in UEFA club competitions was almost exactly 10 years ago when, on 23 August 1994, he handled a UEFA Cup game in Scotland between Aberdeen FC and FC Skonto. At UEFA EURO 2004™ he was the referee of the Russia v Portugal and Germany v Czech Republic games.

The match in Monaco will represent his second meeting with each of the finalists. Curiously, he had never crossed paths with FC Porto until last season, when he handled their 2-0 home victory over Olympique Lyonnais in the first leg of the quarter-final. Valencia CF will also have happy memories. Terje Hauge was in charge of their 1-0 away win over Liverpool FC at Anfield in the 2002/03 UEFA Cup.

This will be his third visit to the Stade Louis II and the two previous matches have produced an astounding total of 17 goals. He officiated at AS Monaco's 5-1 win against Belgian visitors K. Lierse SK in the 1997/98 UEFA Champions League and then filled his notebook with 11 goals on 5 November last year when Didier Deschamps' team defeated Deportivo La Coruña by a record-breaking 8-3 score.

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