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Real Madrid icon Iker Casillas leaves Real Madrid after 25 years

Goalkeeper and captain of the club

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USPA NEWS - The goalkeeper and captain of Real Madrid and the Spanish Soccer team, Iker Casillas, closed on Friday a long period of 25 years at the club from the capital of Spain, 16 of them in the first team. After separation of Madrid set, their next destination is Portugal's Porto.

Although he had repeated his intention to end his career at Real Madrid, Iker Casillas, 34 years old, he was forced to leave the club of his life. The last three years the best goalkeeper in the world have been a psychological torture that led him to lose the charisma he had. An injury, lack of support from their last two coaches -the Portuguese Jose Mourinho and Italian Carlo Ancelotti- and loss of affection from fans led him to make mistakes that were not committed. In this context, the policy of the Madrid club began to heed the coaches, who demanded a replacement in goal that ensured unbeaten before Casillas assured itself.

The captain began to stay on the bench. Mourinho and Ancelotti him out, when he succeeded the Portuguese, did not ensure the ownership of the goalkeeper. Arrival at the club of Keylor Navas and technicians bet by the Central closed access to the goal Casillas, just relegated to ownership in international competitions. Precisely the national coach, Vicente del Bosque, Casillas found the only unconditional support of a coach.

Casillas output club confirmed started when Real Madrid announced their interest in Casilla, Espanyol goalkeeper. Real Madrid did not fit three great goalkeepers. And in that struggle, that was left was the veteran. Iker Casillas received offers from clubs across Europe, but refused to leave. Finally, the circumstances forced him to make the hardest decision of his life as an athlete. And he chose Porto. The Portuguese team is led by former Spanish international goalkeeper Julen Lopetegui, converted coach. They negotiated and reached an agreement.

But there was also negotiating with Real Madrid, because Casillas had two more years of contract with the club from the capital of Spain. In Porto it will charge much less than in Madrid and pay nine times more taxes. The differences were economic. Real Madrid offered to pay the difference, but the goalkeeper wanted to collect their full salary for the two years remaining of her contract. Negotiations broke down on Thursday night. Twenty-four hours later, the positions approached. The agreement on the status of Casillas of Real Madrid was signed on Friday afternoon. Real Madrid will pay two thirds of the contract of player.

Real Madrid want to pay homage to that for 16 years has been its captain, but Casillas preferred to say goodbye to the club, his teammates and Real Madrid fans with a press conference. The club, however, meant that Porto plays the Trofeo Santiago Bernabeu on August 12 and thereby take advantage of the presence of Casillas in Madrid to honor him. That chapter of history still open. What has been definitively closed is the stage Madrid Iker Casillas, Real Madrid goalkeeper, captain of the first team, goalkeeper of the Spanish team, Spanish football icon and myth in goal. Before him a new period opens, the final stretch of his career many kilometers from the capital of Spain.

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