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Kings arrive in Palma in style



The Three Kings arrived in Palma in style last night with thousands of people lining the streets of the capital to welcome the royal visitors. Similar parades took place yesterday across the island. See page 8



New Chief Executive Maheta Molango, new owner Robert Sarver and former owner Utz Claassen who will remain as President.

MALLORCA'S “DREAM TEAM”

THE winds of change are blowing through Real Mallorca Football Club with U.S. banker and NBA basketball club owner Robert Sarver being unveiled as the new owner of the club. Sarver leads a consortium consisting of Andy Kohlberg and former NBA star Steve Nash who have paid around 20 million euros for a principal stake in Real Mallorca Football Club. Former

footballer and Atletico de Madrid lawyer, Maheta Molango, has been named as the new Chief Executive and he will run the club alongside former owner Utz Claassen who will remain as Chairman.

Sarver said yesterday that Real Mallorca were a first division football team with first division facilities. “The only thing that is missing is First Division football,” he told a crowded press con-

ference yesterday at the Son Moix stadium. The owner of the Phoenix Suns NBA team said that they would be active in the transfer window but said that no immediate changes would be made. There was speculation that a new manager would be brought in at the struggling Second Division Club but this was dismissed yesterday. Sarver and Molango said that hard work and dedication were their recipes

for success at the club which was purchased by Claassen a year ago. The former owner of the club, who remains a minority shareholder, said that he was “thrilled” that Mallorca had attracted such high calibre investors. Sarver said that was exceptionally pleased that he had been able to purchase a Spanish Football team. He intends to use his worldwide contacts to make Real Mallorca a worldwide brand.