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● Airlines raise their prices up as much as 60 percent for travel to the mainland over the festive period.

● Consumer groups have slammed the move and an air ticket to the mainland can cost a small fortune. Page Three.

MALLORCA SHOCKED BY DEATH OF FORMER PLAYER IN COLOMBIAN AIR CRASH

By Monro Bryce

Palma.—One of the Chapecoense players who tragically died on the flight that crashed yesterday was ex Mallorca mid-fielder, 36-year-old Brazilian Cleber Santana. He spent a highly successful season here on loan from At. Madrid in 2008/09, in which he scored six goals, one of which, against Real Madrid in a 1-3 win at the Bernabeu, was in the top 10 goals of the season even being applauded by the home fans.

I remember that goal very well because myself, Ken Norcross, Geoff Menzies, Charles Nutter and big Rich Strutt sat high up in the “gods” to watch the minnows from Mallorca run rings around the mighty Real Madrid (which that day included such household

names as Casillas, Sergio Ramos, Higuain, Robben and Raul) under the Bernabeu floodlights. Other goals he scored that season included another “golazo” when he hammered home the winner against already-crowned champions Barcelona 2-1 in the Son Moix in May 2009. He also hit a rather spectacular overhead kick goal against Almeria.

Back then were much happier days under coach Gregorio Manzano, and at our disposal we had quality players like Ramis, Júrado, Mario Suarez, Juan Arango and the evergreen Aritz Aduriz. Cleber Santana, however, was a wee bit special and very quickly became a real favourite with the Mallorquinas. Up until a few weeks ago, his picture hung on

the wall of the Mallorcafè before redecorating took place. Cleber left Mallorca in 2009, returning to his parent club, then went back home and turned out for a host of sides in his native Brazil. His last team Chapecoense, of which he was captain only came to fruition in 1973 and recently won promotion to the top flight for the first time in 2014. The team were on their way to play the first leg of the Copa Sudamericana (the South American equivalent of the Europa League) against Nacional Medellin. The competition is the continent’s second competition after the Copa Libertadores.

Although it was Real Mallorca’s day off yesterday, flags around the Son Moix and Son Bibiloni

training ground were at half mast and there will be a very poignant minute’s silence before Sunday’s home game against Valladolid.

Descansa en paz (RIP) Cleber Santana, thanks for some great memories.

The club website called him “one of the Real Mallorca family” and expressed condolences to his family. Santana himself had posted a message on social media as he took his seat on the fated flight in which he texted, “In how many lives I live, I will love you.” Another message was posted by Man. Utd. and Spain goalkeeper David De Gea who said, “I shared a locker with Cleber at At. Madrid and it’s difficult to express how I feel.”

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Former star player killed in crash.



73 storey London building

● Plans to build a 73-storey skyscraper that would be the tallest in the City of London financial district have been approved by the local authority, which said the project was a vote of confidence in London after the Brexit vote. Long a destination of choice for foreign investors drawn to its lucrative real estate sector, London is experiencing a boom in the construction of tall buildings -- a trend that upsets some residents but has been encouraged by local authorities. Officially called 1 Undershaft, the new tower will rise almost 305 metres above sea level, making it the second-tallest building in Western Europe, after The Shard, in London.