



FERNANDO TORRES SPAIN AND LIVERPOOL

Position: Striker
Birth place: Madrid, Spain
Birth date: March 20, 1984
Height: 1.85m (6ft 1in)
Clubs: Atletico Madrid, Liverpool
Biggest transfer fee: £25m (Atletico Madrid to Liverpool)
What's he worth? £60m
International: Spain (71 appearances, 23 goals)
What's he like?

Torres is one of the world's best strikers. Defenders find it impossible to keep him quiet for 90 minutes, even when he's struggling for fitness. He is extremely quick over short distances and can carry the ball at great pace. His upper body strength and determination, allow him to wrestle off his marker's attentions and his finishing with either foot or his head is usually spot on. When the ball is pinging around in the box, Torres always seems to bring it under his spell, twist and turn and find the net.

Claim to fame

Torres marked his first season at Liverpool in 2007-08 by becoming Liverpool's first player, since Robbie Fowler in 1995-96, to score more than 20 league goals in a season.

Where would they be without him?

European Champions Spain would be a very different proposition without Torres as both he and strike partner David Villa are capable of scoring goals out of nothing. Dani Guiza and Alvaro Negredo provide back-up but are not in the same class.

What they say

Liverpool striking legend Ian Rush: "He has been fantastic. With experience I think he will get better. He is a big plus for Liverpool, as he and Steven Gerrard play really well together."

