

Fernando Torres

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Fernando Torres' real name is Fernando Jose Torres Sanz. He was born on the 20th of March 1984 in Madrid (Spain) and he is 1,86m tall. His field position is forward. In his junior football time he played for Atletico Madrid from 1995-2001.

Fernando Torres made it into the first-team of Atletico Madrid. In the year 2003 he played in the national team of Spain for the first time. He has played in Liverpool since 2007. In his second match for Liverpool he scored his first goal for the team, the opponent of Liverpool was FC Chelsea. In his first season Fernando Torres scored 18 goals in 58 matches. He won the European Championship in the year 2008. Fernando has won more cups and championships: The Algarve tournament in 2000, the U-16 European Championship in 2001, the U-19 European Championship 2002, the European Championship in 2008, the Nike Cup in 1998/99 and many more.



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FC Bayern Munich

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The full name of FC Bayern München is Fußball-Club Bayern München e.V. The club was founded 1900 by Franz Adolf Louis John. The stadium is called the "Allianz Arena" in Munich, there are seats for 69.901 people. The president of Bayern Munich is Franz Beckenbauer and the coach is Jürgen Klinsmann. The club plays in the first league in Germany - the German Bundesliga. FCB is the most successful team in Germany, they have won the championship twenty times. Bayern Munich is also the most successful German team on the continent.

They have won the UEFA Champions League four times. In 1967 the FCB won the European Cup of cup winners and in the years 1976 and 2001 they won the World cup.

Bayern Munich is an international team with players from different countries like Brazil, Argentina, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Belgium, Turkey, the USA and of course Germany. Most players play for their national teams, too.

Cameron Gascoigne

By Sinan Cintay, 10c

Cameron Gascoigne, Paul Gascoigne's nephew, is now under contract with Newcastle United. The seven-year-old youth player convinced Newcastle United, when he shot 22 goals within 30 minutes for his club Rutherford Swifts in a junior match. An amazing hit rate!

However the team must take care. Cameron's idol is his uncle Paul, whose career began in Newcastle in 1984, too. Mother Lindsay said: "Cameron is inspired by Paul". I only hope that he learns from his uncles mistakes beyond the football field. Maybe some day we will see the name Gascoigne on an English national shirt again."

When Germany plays Turkey

By Serdar Süleyman Gümüş, Ümit Celik, Matthias Henke,

Germany and Turkey have played 18 times. Germany has won twelve matches and Turkey three matches. Three matches between Germany and Turkey have ended in a draw. The highest score for Germany was 7:2 in the year 1954. The highest score for Turkey was 2:1 in the year 2005. In this match Nihat scored the first goal and the second goal for Turkey was scored by Nuri Sahin. Neuville scored for Germany. This match was the first match for Nuri Sahin, who was born in Germany but plays for Turkey.

Germany has won 12 of 18 matches

Lots of Turkish people live in Germany. Germans and Turkish think that it is something special when these two countries play each other. So we think too...

My name is Matthias Henke and I like football. When Germany plays Turkey I am very excited because Turkey is our rival. I'm German and I am for Germany and my Turkish friends are for Turkey. Germany has won 12 of 18 matches and Turkey has won 3. And 3 of the matches were a draw. I think Germany will win the next match. If Turkey wins the next match, I think the German fans will be very disappointed.

My name is Serdar Süleyman Gümüş. I am 15 years old. I was born in Wuppertal



Famous player: Nihat.

in Germany. But I love my home country Turkey although I live in Germany. When Turkey plays Germany, I am very excited because I want Turkey to win. If Tur-

key wins the streets are very crowded and it is very loud. The Turkish people celebrate and drive their cars through the streets. They sing the national anthem and

other Turkish songs. Also the Turkish people dance Kolbasti and Halay. Kolbasti is a dance of Trabzon. Halay is danced when our people get married. If Germany

wins Turkish people are sad, but they celebrate with the German people. German and Turkish people aren't enemies. They live together in the same country.

Handball: Germany lost

By Tugkan Aydin 10D

It was an exciting match between Germany and Norway. Both keepers were in an excellent form, but at last the Norwegian keeper was a little bit better. It was a quick game and both teams had the potential to win till the 44th minute, there fell the decision, when Michael Kraus was hurt. He tore the ligament on his left ankle and the doctors said that he cannot play again in this championship.

Pascal Hens cannot play, either, in the deciding game against the European champion Denmark. He has a tight muscle. This is very bad for the German team, because the chances to win decrease without these players. And that wasn't the only unlucky situation. In the last seconds the German team became very angry, because the Slovene referee didn't accept a throw-in twice. So he took the last chance to reach the final round definitely. Naturally the German coach, Heiner Brand, was peeved. Powered by his bad temper, Heiner Brand ran to a referee with a bale fist, but he didn't attack. The German players were shocked at this decision and they complained about it with the referees, but they didn't want to discuss with anybody. The 2007 world champions, Germany, showed too many mistakes in all positions.

In the match against Serbia the day before, the keepers, Johannes Bitter and Carsten Lichtenstein held only 4 balls all in all. This is a very terrible rate. But not only the goalkeepers, but also the field players were bad. The only exception is Torsten Jansen. He scored 10 times and was the best player of the match against



Michael Kraus

Serbia. This match, the first match in the main round, was only a draw against a good Serbian team (35:35) and now they suffered an unfortunate defeat against the Norwegian team (24:25). That means that they have to win against the European champion Denmark.

Denmark is a very hard opponent, because in the Olympic Games in Peking 2008 the Germans lost clearly against them and were eliminated. This was the worst result since the Olympic Games of 1992. The fans hope that this frustrating result won't repeat itself. The next match between these two teams promises to be a very good handball game, because the German team will have to win this match to reach the final round. But on the German side that will be a hard match, too and they will have to give anything if they want to win. The injured players were key players, amongst others the team captain. The German fans who travelled with the team however still believe that the Germans can defend their world champion title from 2007.

EM and WM

By Marvin Ruprecht, Tim Kriwett, 8a

The games of the championship in 2012 will be played in the Ukraine and Poland. There are stadiums in 12 cities. Five new stadium will be built for 2012. Today Germany and Spain seem most likely to win the championship. Poland and the Ukraine have known since 2007 that they would host the European championship. The qualifying matches of the European championship will start in 2010 and finish in 2011.

The world cup 2010 will be played in South Africa. The championship will start in one year. Hosting such a tournament in South Africa 2010 is difficult because the population and the nation are poor. The games will be played in 10 stadiums. South Africa will build five new arenas for the World Cup. The biggest stadium is in Johannesburg in South Africa. The "Nelson-Mandela-Bay-Arena" will have 50.000 seats and will have 500 parking places.

The "Loftus-Stadium" has 45.000 seats now. It will have 52.000 after its modernization. The qualifying round of the World Cup started in 2008 and will finish this year. The best teams of the qualifying rounds in Europe are England and Germany. The biggest favourites of the World Cup are Germany and Spain.

By Julian Gaulke, Can Kolcak, Maxi Szyrowski, 8a

The best leagues of Europe are the Spanish, the Italian and the English league. The favourite teams in England are Manchester United, FC Liverpool, FC Chelsea and Arsenal London. Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal), Fernando Torres (Spain), Cesc Fabregas (Spain) and Robin van Persie (Netherlands) are the most famous foreign players in England. The English stars in this league are Rio Ferdinand (ManU), Steven Gerrard (Liverpool) Wayne Rooney (ManU) and John Terry (Chelsea). The biggest and most popular stadium is Old Trafford. There are 76.212 seats. The value of the team Manchester United is 387 million euros and the value of the club is 1,16 billion euros.

The best teams in Italy are Inter Mailand, AS Rom, Juventus Turin and AC Mailand. Ronaldinho (Brazil), Zlatan Ibrahimovic (Sweden), Kaka (Brazil) and Luis Figo (Portugal) are the favorite foreign players in Italy. The most famous local players in Italy are Gianluigi Buffon from Juventus Turin,

Stefan Bajorat, Phil Lüddecke, Mick Braeme, 9b

The athletic club of Hoffenheim was founded on the first of July 1899. After the First World War the club almost disbanded, but in 1920 the football team of Hoffenheim was founded and after the Second World War they both united. After a few years they were promoted and in the last twenty years they went from the

Andrea Pirlo from AC Mailand, Alessandro Del Piero from Juventus Turin and Filippo Inzaghi from AC Mailand. The biggest stadium in Italy is the home of Inter Mailand and AC Mailand. The stadium has two names. The names of them are San Siro and Giuseppe Meazza. It has 82.955 seats. The stadium of Juventus has 27.500 seats.

Spain has very good football teams, for example, Barcelona. They won the Champions League two times. Another good team is Real Madrid. They won the Champions League nine times. The best players play at Real Madrid and Barcelona, for example, Samuel Eto'o from Cameroon or Lionel Messi from Argentina. Ruud van Nistelrooy and Wesley Sneijder are from the Netherlands and play for Real Madrid. Six Dutch players play at Real Madrid. Barcelona is first in the league at the moment. In the Champions League Barcelona plays now against Olympique Lyonnais. Barcelona has the biggest stadium in Europe. It has around 98.000 seats. The name of the stadium is Camp Nou. Barcelona won 2:0 against Real Madrid this season.

TSG 1899 Hoffenheim

Kreisliga A to the Bundesliga. Now they are playing their first season in the highest league and they are leading in the championship after the first half of the season. The player with the most matches for Hoffenheim is Marcel Throm with over 190 matches before he left in 2007. The player with the most goals for Hoffenheim is Thomas Ollhoff who scored around 40 between 2002 and 2005. They are sponsored by TV Di-

Indoor sports meeting

By Sinan Cintay 10c, Lucia Termino 10d

On 2nd March the indoor sports meeting begins and the finals are on 13th March.

The matches are between the 5th and 6th classes, 7th and 8th classes and the 9th and 10th classes. The winner gets a cup and t-shirts for the players. They play different sports, for example football, basketball, handball, dodge ball, ball over the band, volleyball, etc.

The audiences watch from the grandstand and cheer for their own class. If you are hungry you can buy something from the buffet. Besides you can buy an indoor sports meeting magazine for 50cents even before it begins. Here you can find a plan and timetable of all the matches taking place. In the end, the pupils play a game between the teachers. When the meeting start, there are no lessons at the same time. The teachers come to the meeting, too to look after their own class. After the indoor sports meeting the pupils have to clean the hall.

The indoor sport meeting is and a nice change for the pupils in their everyday school life. The advantages are that the class sticks more and more together. It gives the pupils a better chance to identify with their class and school, and the contact between the pupils and the teachers is intensified. It changes the ambition of the pupils as well as of the teachers. But it can change the goal and the perspective of all people, too. The indoor sports meeting is a good experience for everybody.

Monday 02nd March till Th 12th March prefigts to the indoor sports meeting; Final: Fr 13th March indoor sports meeting 08.00-14.00 o'clock

Not easy: Skateboarding

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Skateboarding was invented in the USA in 1960. Skateboarding is a fake version of surfing on a board. It is a freetime activity for some people, for other people it isn't only a hobby, people like Bam Margera, Rodney Mullen, Mike Vallely, Tony Hawk, Eric Koston etc. have become famous because of skateboarding.

When they go skateboarding they wear suitable clothes. There is a fashion, a skateboarding style. The pieces of clothing all look sporty and cool but there isn't a rule for colours. Skateboarding outfits can have any colour. Etnies, Vans, Adio, Circa, Element and Volcom are popular brands for clothes and skateboards.

Most skaters skate in public spaces, in the city centres, but some skaters skate on half-pipes and in pools. Rodney Mullen is a street skater and he invented a lot of stunts, for example: heli-pops, dark slides, rail to rail, Casper slides and more. Some places to skate in our town of Velbert are in Neviges, Birth and Langenberg. The biggest skater parks near Velbert are in Wuppertal and Essen.

gital and will be so until the end of season 2009/10. They get two and a half million euros every season. They get their football shirts from Puma. They played in Mannheim in the first half of the season, but now they get a new arena in Sinsheim thanks to their sponsor Dietmar Hopp, a multiple millionaire. The arena will cost 60 million euros. The capacity is 30000 seats or 27500 for international matches.