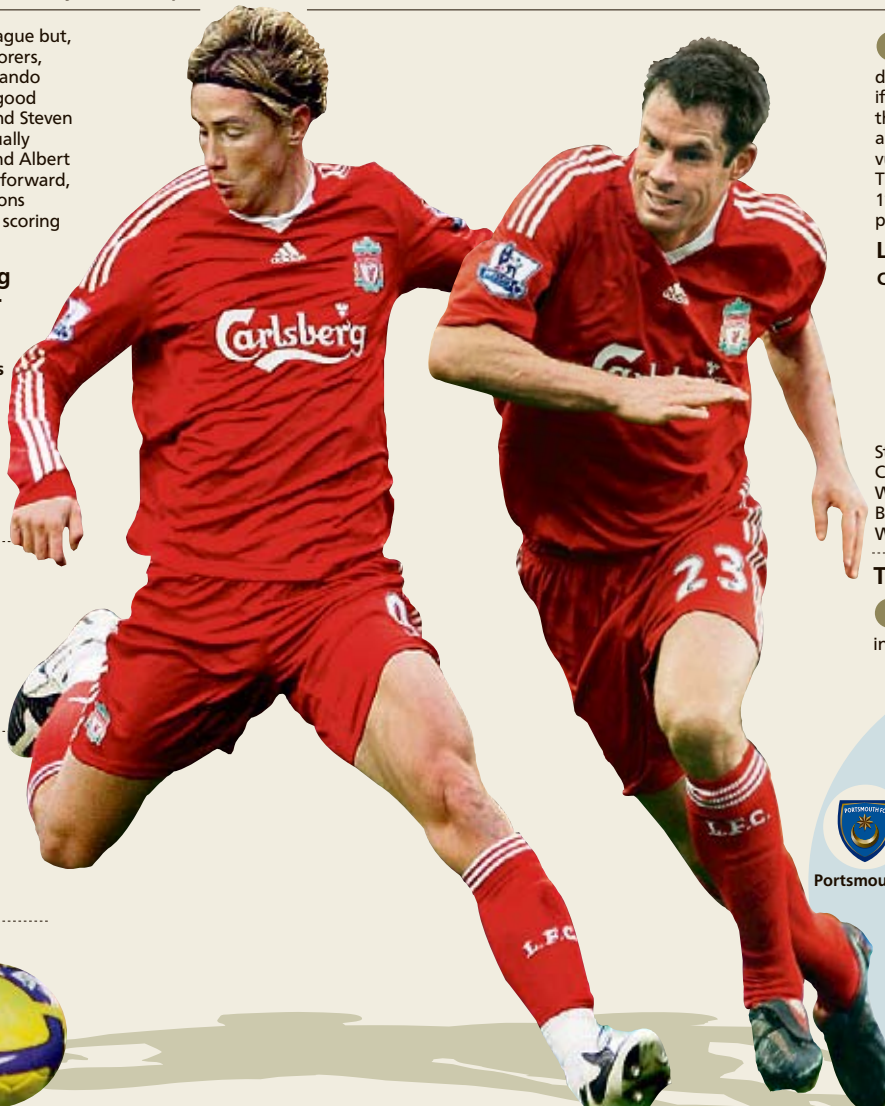
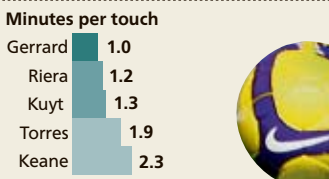
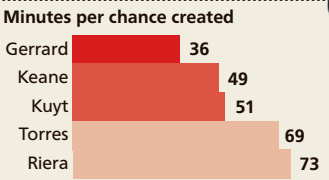
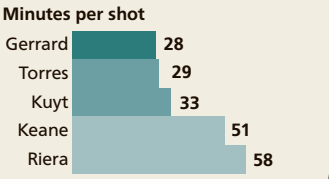
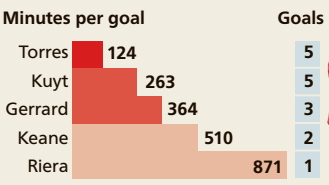


# Firing blanks: why defence is key to Liverpool's title shot



Liverpool lead the Premier League but, as only the seventh highest scorers, have struggled in attack. Fernando Torres, right, has managed a good scoring rate, while those of Dirk Kuyt and Steven Gerrard are decent, given they have usually played in midfield, but Robbie Keane and Albert Riera should do better. Keane, a centre forward, has not got himself into shooting positions often enough, although he has created scoring chances more frequently than Torres

## Liverpool's main five attacking players this season in Premier League



Liverpool owe their position at the top of the Premier League to an outstanding defence led by Jamie Carragher, left. However, if any opponents manage to break through, they should try to capitalise quickly by scoring again, as Rafael Benitez's team appear most vulnerable shortly after they have let in a goal. The six goals they have conceded in their past 11 league games have come in three quick pairs, all within 22 minutes

## Liverpool's past 11 games



## The 0-0 Club

Liverpool are prominent in an incestuous group of five teams who have specialised in drawing 0-0 with each other this season

