

**DIEGO FORLAN**

Uruguay & Atlético Madrid

Golden Ball winner at FIFA World Cup 2010™

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Uruguay's Diego Forlán collects adidas Golden Ball trophy for the best player of the FIFA World Cup™. Forlán netted five goals at the event and established himself as the most dangerous player on the pitch in each game he played. The 31-year old Atletico Madrid player follows Zinedine Zidane, Oliver Khan and Ronaldo in the list of past winners.

Asked about recent speculation of a move from his current La Liga club Atletico Madrid Forlán admitted the stories were not true. He said he was used to hearing 'rumours' of his impending transfer, usually for the first time on the TV news. Forlán believes Barcelona and Real Madrid have a little bit of an advantage over the other teams in La Liga because they have, "plenty of money to buy very good players."

Full list of past Golden Ball winners:

1930 Jose Nasazzi (Uruguay)  
1934 Giuseppe Meazza (Italy)  
1938 Leonidas (Brazil)  
1950 Zizinho (Brazil)  
1954 Ferenc Puskas (Hungary)  
1958 Didi (Brazil)  
1962 Garrincha (Brazil)  
1966 Bobby Charlton (England)  
1970 Pele (Brazil)  
1974 Johan Cruyff (Netherlands)  
1978 Mario Kempes (Argentina)  
1982 Paulo Rossi (Italy)  
1986 Diego Maradona (Argentina)  
1990 Salvatore Schillaci (Italy)  
1994 Romario (Brazil)  
1998 Ronaldo (Brazil)  
2002 Oliver Kahn (Germany)  
2006 Zinedine Zidane (France)  
2010 Diego Forlán (Uruguay)

**INTERVIEW: Diego Forlán**

**Q. When you were told that you won this award, how did you feel?**

Well it's unbelievable because if you think about all the players that were dreaming of the World Cup and trying to play well with their national teams and you get the chance to win it. Playing against all those very good players, it is unbelievable.

**Q. World Cup Memories – Were you happy with your performance?**

I tried to do my best in the World Cup and I was happy with the way I played. You know when you play well or you play bad and the team was playing really well.

**Q. The award - Casillas and Müller also won an award. How do you think they played?**

Well Casillas is a great goal keeper, he's been doing really great for a long time, at Madrid and in the national team and the way he's playing and keeps playing he was a very key player for the team and in the final he saved two one-on-one against Robben that was important for Spain, and he's a great player you know he deserved the award. Müller is a very young player scoring great goals in the World Cup and in great moments that the German team needed and he plays really well also.

**Q. Does transfer speculation annoy you or is it something you get used to?**

Maybe when they start talking....not this year but a couple of years ago maybe. You know where you are going to go, but nowadays it's rumours and people start talking. I see the news as the people see the news and try not to think about it.

**Q. Barcelona & Real Madrid... they're not the only two teams are they?**

Well they are not the only two teams but I think these two teams they have a little bit of advantage over the other teams, their scores are very strong, they've got plenty of money to buy very good players so they've got an advantage and you can see that in the table, from their positions, where they are and the kind of points they are in front of the other teams.