



BBC acknowledges, only personal agreement remains

Chelsea has accepted Atletico Madrid's offer. The BBC reported on Monday (Korea time) that Chelsea has accepted Atletico Madrid's offer for Gallagher.

Gallagher is Tottenham's dream to recruit him. Coach Enzo Postecoglou sought to recruit Gallagher in the winter transfer market in January following last summer. This summer was his third attempt. However, it failed.

European transfer market expert Fabrizio Romano said on his SNS on the 31st, "Negotiations between Atletico Madrid, Chelsea and Gallagher continue. Atletico and Chelsea are approaching an agreement through transfer fees of 35 million euros (about 52 billion won) to 40 million euros (about 60 billion won)." [메이저사이트](#)

"It depends on the transfer. Atletico want Gallagher as a priority but timing is important. They are still negotiating with the players."

Citing Spanish sources, "BBC" said Chelsea accepted Atletico Madrid's offer of 33 million pounds (about 58 billion won). And Gallagher, who is out of shackles, stressed, "Now we can negotiate personal terms."

The reason why Chelsea accepted Atletico Madrid's offer is simple. He did not want to go to the English Premier League including his London rival Tottenham.

Chelsea said that if Tottenham wanted to recruit him, it would have to receive 55 million pounds (about 97 billion won), which is similar to Mason Mount (Manchester United).

"Chelsea is known to prefer selling to overseas clubs, not to England," the BBC said. The £33 million mark is much lower than the £45 million offer made by Aston Villa, another club that wanted Gallagher to be recruited.

Gallagher played an active role as Chelsea's de facto captain and mental support last season. He had five goals and seven assists in 37 matches. However, Chelsea is now facing a violation of the PSR. It could face penalty of points cut. Chelsea needs to sell its players to make up for the loss.

If a former youth player is transferred, the transfer fee will be net profit, which will provide the best effect. Gallagher is from Chelsea Youth.

The last key is held by Gallagher. Gallagher rejected Chelsea's three-year contract, which includes an additional one-year option to a two-year contract. There was reportedly a wide disagreement in salary.

If Gallagher agrees on personal terms and conditions with Atletico Madrid, the negotiations are over. If the deal breaks down, however, he can leave Chelsea as a free agent without transfer fees in June next year.

Gallagher was the centerpiece of Chelsea under Mauricio Potentino. Chelsea, however, underwent a change. Enzo Maresca took the helm. Maresca is forward-looking to move to Gallagher.