

# ELLIS *SIMMS*

POSITION: STRIKER



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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Ellis Simms is an English professional footballer currently playing as a striker for Coventry City. He spent his youth playing for Blackburn Rovers and Manchester City and signed for Everton at 16 years old.

Simms moved to Blackpool on loan in January 2021, and scored 2 goals in his league debut as a substitute. He then joined Heart of Midlothian on loan on 26/01/2022, and scored the club's first goal 3 days later. On 29/07/2022, he signed for Sunderland, and was recalled on 31/12/2022. He scored his first goal for Everton on 03/2023. In June 2023, reports were linking him to Ipswich Town. The initial bid was £4m, but it seems Everton rejected it.

In July 2023, he was linked to Coventry City, and signed for the club later that month on a 4-year contract, the fee was undisclosed. He scored his first career hat trick on 26/02/2024 in the 1<sup>st</sup> half of 5<sup>th</sup> round of the FA cup. On 16/03/2024, he scored a brace in the ¼ finals of the FA cup, and helped the team move beyond the ¼ finals for the 1<sup>st</sup> time since 1986-87 FA Cup. He was named EFL Player of the Month for November 2025 after scoring 5 goals in 3 games.

## PLAYER DETAILS

Name: Ellis Reco Simms

D.O.B: 05/01/2001

Nationality: English

Club: Coventry City

Position: Striker

Number: 9

Foot: Right

Weight: 73 kg - 78 kg

Height: 6'3

Contract end: 30/06/2027

## 25/26 PERFORMANCE

29 apps across all competitions

1164 minutes played

11 goals, 2 assists

Championship: 10 goals

EFL Cup: 1 goal

Discipline: 0 Red Cards, 0 Yellow Cards

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## PLAYER PROFILE

Ellis Simms is a traditional no.9 or target striker.

His game is built around penalty-box efficiency, and aerial presence.

He is a striker who thrives on second balls, service, and crosses.

He shows strong persistence in the penalty box, as he constantly attacks the second balls, and follows up the initial actions until the phase ends.

### STRENGTHS

- Physically strong
- Relentless in penalty area
- Good body orientation
- Great shooter
- Creates separation from defenders easily
- Dominant in aerial goal-scoring
- Close-range reliability
- Long-range threat
- Maximizes scoring opportunities

### WEAKNESSES

- Unrefined close control
- Limited dribbling
- Inconsistent defensive aerial dominance





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# PLAYER PERFORMANCE TECHNIQUE

- He has ball control under pressure, making him effective at receiving the through balls.
- Strong aerial threat in the penalty box thanks to timing and size.
- Engages in the build-up play.
- He is solid around and in the box.
- He is functional rather than flashy, as he dribbles enough to evade markers.
- Always calm when shooting.
- Times runs perfectly, and finishes fast with one touch.

## INTELLIGENCE

- He can easily read passes in target areas.
- He picks the right shot options.
- He links play intentionally, as he drops deep to combine.
- He understand the team patterns.
- He can easily locate the unmarked pockets.
- He always finds space to score.



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# PLAYER PERFORMANCE

## PACE

- For his size, he moves efficiently as his speed helps him threaten defenders.
- He uses bursts to latch onto long passes.
- He makes runs that easily pulls defenders wide.

## PHYSICAL

- He easily shoulders defenders off the ball.
- He has a variable aerial presence.
- He can work across full 90 mins.
- He is rarely bullied and holds ground well when challenged.



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# PLAYER ANALYSIS

## In Possession

- He positions himself intelligently to receive the progressive passes, helping the team ball in dangerous areas quickly.
- Effectively carries the ball forwards (1.29 times per 90) linking midfield to attack.
- He makes well-timed runs behind defense, creates space, maximizes goal-scoring opportunities.

## Out of Possession

- He tracks back when needed, supporting the defensive transitions.
- He uses his game awareness to anticipate play, and positions himself to challenge or intercept effectively,
- He presses selectively, as he targets the passing lanes, and cuts off progression.





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# CURRENT SEASON PERFORMANCE

In the 2025/26 season, Simms has shown strong offensive output. His intelligent movement, timing, and involvement in the attacking penalty area make him a consistent threat in the final third. He receives progressive passes (5.57 per 90, 70th percentile) and contributes to ball progression with 1.09 progressive passes, 0.70 passes into the final third, and 1.29 progressive carries per 90.

## SUMMARY

Ellis Simms is a intelligent forwards who has developed into a consistent goal threat in the EFL Championship. He excels at receiving progressive passes and making well-timed runs into the penalty area. He can finish efficiently with controlled strikes or one-touch shots or controlled strikes. While his defensive work and involvement in deeper build-up could improve, his positioning, movement, and finishing make him a key asset in his team's attacking transitions.

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