



AI Shorta's Greatest Moments - Number 22:

Hussein Kareem scores one of AI Shorta's best ever goals (2010)



“What a goal,” were the words on the lips of every Iraqi fan that witnessed Hussein Kareem’s screamer against Al Minaa in the 2009-10 Iraqi Premier League.

The league was divided into two groups in the first stage; AI Shorta were in the South Group and needed to finish in the top six of their 18-team group to reach the next stage. AI Shorta eventually finished fifth and qualified, while Al Minaa finished three points behind AI Shorta in seventh and failed to advance to the next stage.

That fact shows how important this game was: AI Shorta against Al Minaa at AI Shorta Stadium. It was the 48th minute of a tight game and the score was 0-0. Amjad Kalaf picked up the ball in the centre of the field and passed it towards the main man Hussein Kareem; he flicked it up and nodded it back to Amjad who in turn headed it back towards the striker. The ball bounced up perfectly for Hussein Kareem; he took one quick glance up and noticed that the ‘keeper was slightly off of his line. What followed was beyond belief to many of the spectators.

Hussein, almost 30 yards from goal, connected with the ball perfectly as his half-volley swerved to the left and then to the right, dipping down and over the helpless ‘keeper and landing just under the crossbar and into the corner.

The game would go on to finish 1-1 and it was a very important point for AI Shorta, who advanced to the next group stage and eventually finished one point away from reaching the semi finals of the competition. Hussein Kareem finished as AI Shorta’s top scorer with 21 goals that season, but this was, without a doubt, the best of the lot.

To see the stunning goal for yourself, [click here](#).

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