



Al Shorta's Greatest Moments - Number 43: N'Lend crushes Jawiya with brilliant hattrick (2012)



Al Shorta, who had finished in seventh place in the 2011-12 Iraqi Premier League, played one of the biggest derby matches in Iraq against Al Quwa Al Jawiya in their fourth game of the 2012-13 season. Two of Iraq's oldest and most successful teams, Jawiya had had the clear upper hand over their rivals in the past few years. But this match was where that all changed.

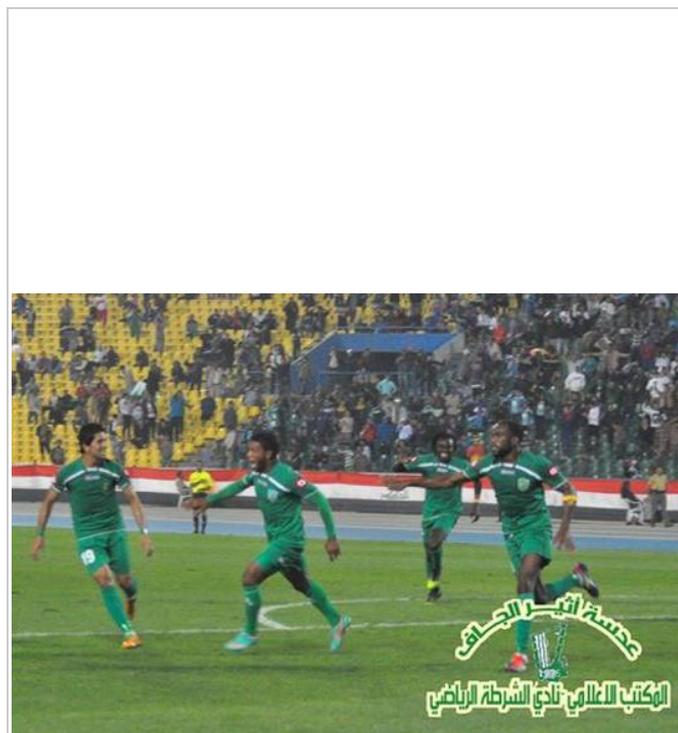
Al Shorta opened the scoring on 22 minutes when new Cameroonian striker Jean Michel N'Lend powered in a header, but Jawiya equalised within four minutes through an indirect free kick that was laid off for Hammadi Ahmed to fire home.

Jawiya were the favourites to go on and win the game from there, but Al Shorta bounced back when Jean Michel N'Lend scored another well-placed header. A few minutes into the second half, Al Shorta made it three when Amjad Kalaf's pinpoint cross fell straight to the head of Muslem Mubarak who

directed it into the net. And on 77 minutes, Jean Michel N'Lend scored his third header of the game to make it four after a great delivery from Muhammed Faisal from a free kick that had seen Jawiya go down to ten men.

N'Lend became the first foreign player in the league's history to score a hattrick, a record that will forever remain in the history books. Al Shorta also went down to ten men late on but the game ended 4-1 to 'Al Qeetharah'. The result signalled a shift in power in Baghdad as Al Shorta became the team to beat, going on to win the league title that season and then win it again the following campaign, and it is this match that is often seen as the first step to those memorable successes.

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