



Ultras Green Harp



Al Shorta fans have always been deeply involved with the club. After all, it was mainly volunteering supporters who helped to build the Al Shorta Stadium in 1983. But in 2012, at the start of the 2012-13 season, an ultras group was formed that revitalised Al Shorta's support, called Ultras Green Harp. It consists of many thousands of members and the ultras group is now one of Asia's most recognised and respected fan groups. The idea of starting an ultras group came from Al Shorta fans discussing the idea on Facebook and eventually coming together to create the group. They named it Ultras Green Harp as the club's nickname is the Green Harps. The number of members gradually increased with every passing game of the 2012-13 campaign until it was the biggest fans group in the Iraqi Premier League. Al Shorta won the league in the ultras group's first season in existence. The group leads the chants inside the stadium and provides flags and banners for fans to wave during the game to create an exciting atmosphere. It is a self-financed group that travels to both home and away matches in cities all over Iraq.

Before kickoff, the Ultras Green Harp members usually hold up a large banner to intimidate the opposition. This banner changes with every match depending on the opposition. For example, before a match with rivals Al Talaba in April 2016, fans held a banner showing a man in an Al Shorta shirt grabbing a man in an Al Talaba shirt by the neck, whilst before a match with Naft Al Wasat, fans held up a banner saying "Revenge" after Naft Al Wasat had unfairly pipped them to the title the previous season by beating them twice. They are known for setting off fireworks when Al Shorta score a goal and using flares before and during games. During the match, they typically wave flags and chant songs to inspire their team to victory, and often use instruments such as drums and air horns to create a lively atmosphere. Ultras Green Harp have had three different logos in their history, shown below:



Logo from 2012 to 2013



Logo from 2013 to 2015



Logo from 2015 to present

To find out more about the fantastic Ultras Green Harp group, visit their [official Facebook page](#).