



AI Shorta's Greatest Players - Number 10:

Emad Hashim



Emad is one of AI Shorta's greatest ever goalkeepers. He joined the club in 1987 as a teenager and would go on to spend a combined fourteen years at the club over two spells, cementing his place on the club's legends list.

After winning the Arab Champions League with AI Rasheed in 1987, Emad signed for the Police and quickly made a good impression at the club. A year later, at just 19 years old, Emad was called up to play for the Iraq national team by Ammo Baba and the 'keeper never looked back.

He went on to become AI Shorta's captain, winning the award for the best goalkeeper of the 1991-92 Iraqi National League season, and was a first-team player all the way until 1997 when he moved to AI Zawraa and won the Iraqi FA Cup there; he rejoined AI Shorta just a year later though and was put straight back into the first team.

Emad was a starter during AI Shorta's 2000 and 2001 Iraqi Elite Cup campaigns and was a back-up to Uday Talib in 2002, with AI Shorta winning all three of these competitions and the captain Emad lifting the trophy in all three years on the podium at AI Shaab Stadium - Emad also

won the league at AI Shorta in 2003. He was part of the AI Shorta squad who participated in the 2003 Arab Champions League before leaving the club that year. He would go on to become both AI Shorta's and Iraq's goalkeeping coach after his playing career and maintains his love for AI Shorta.

Internationally, Emad was an important first team player for Iraq for many years; he was outstanding during the 1989 Peace and Friendship Cup which Iraq won, and played two-thirds of Iraq's 1994 FIFA World Cup qualifying campaign as well as featuring in the 1996 AFC Asian Cup, saving a penalty against hosts United Arab Emirates in the quarter-finals.

His last game for the Iraq national team was in 2001 against Iran in a World Cup qualifier; overall Emad was capped 75 times for his country. He also won the award for Iraq's 'goalkeeper of the year' a remarkable seven times (1990, 1991, 1992, 1995, 1996, 1997 and 2000) and will always be remembered as one of AI Shorta's and Iraq's best ever 'keepers.

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