



AI Shorta's Greatest Players - Number 34:

Qais Issa



Qais Issa, born in 1975, was a great defender for AI Shorta who could also play in an attacking role when needed. He started his career at Al Minaa where he was called up to the Iraqi Olympic team before being signed by AI Shorta.

At AI Shorta, he won the league in 1997-98 scoring against Samarra, Diyala, Al Quwa Al Jawiya and Al Mosul that season and starting the game against Al Sulaikh that secured the title. He continued his great performances for AI Shorta the next few years and scored a goal in the 2000-01 season against Karbalaa in a game which AI Shorta won 7-0.

The following season he scored in another 7-0 win, this time against Samarra, and also scored against Al Kadhimiya; he featured in four of AI Shorta's five games in the 2001 Umm Al Ma'arak Cup. In the 2002-03 season he scored a brace against Al Difaa Al Jawiya in an Iraqi FA Cup game and was a key player for AI Shorta when they won the Umm Al Ma'arak Cup for the third time in a row that season, starting the final.

He then moved to Duhok before playing for both AI Najaf and Naft Al Junoob, and he most recently played for Naft Al Wasat with whom the veteran played an important part in the club getting promoted to the Iraqi Premier League for the first time.

Qais Issa will be remembered for the passion that he displayed each and every game for club and country and the talented defender has a place in the heart of all AI Shorta supporters.

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