THE 100 FACTS

About United Arab Emirates Football

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I can see that the UAE is growing a lot as a football country, and there is plenty of opportunity to keep going and improve...

- Gabriel Batistuta

INTRODUCTION

The UAE is one of the strongest football teams in the AFC in the last few years. The country has famous football clubs (Al-Ain FC, Al-Wasl, and Shabab Al-Ahli) which participate in AFC Champions League and other Asian championships. UAE has a great opportunity to develop its football infrastructure. The GPD of the country is growing year by year and it can allow contracting with the top football managers of the world or rebuilding all football stuff.

Why is this small book about the facts only UAE football? Because the UAE is one of the most famous and interesting countries in the world. Each year more than ten million tourists visited this country. Also, the words "Football in UAE" and "Dubai football stadiums" have been searched by millions on web pages daily.

This small book has written about the most important facts about UAE football. I think, this book would be interesting to everyone, who loves to read quick and interesting facts about one of the strongest Asian football teams like UAE. I wish you the best reading time and joy. I hope you can learn a lot of new information about UAE football...

CHAPTER I THE NATIONAL TEAM

FACT.1

The United Arab Emirates Football Association (UAEFA)was founded in 1971

FACT.2

The first match the team was played on 17 March 1972 against Qatar at Prince Faisal bin Fahd Stadium and won with the only goal scored by Ahmed Chowbi

FACT.3

In 1980, United Arab Emirates first-time qualified for the AFC Asian Cup which was held in Kuwait

From 1979 to 1985 The UAE's traditional home kit manufacturer was the company "UMBRO"

FACT.5

The 6th Arabian Gulf Cup was held at the Zayed Sports City Stadium in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, and took place between 19 March and 4 April 1982

FACT.6

On 19th March 1982, the UAE team won their first match against Qatar for the 6th Arabian Gulf Cup (1-0)

In this competition, the UAE team won third place in the tournament and scored seven goals

FACT.8

In 1970, the UAE team participated its first Gulf Cup competition

FACT.9

The UAE appeared in the finals of the FIFA World Cup on one occasion in 1990 where they lost all three games

FACT.10

Khalid Ismail played in the 1990 FIFA World Cup and scored the first World Cup goal for his country against West Germany

FACT.11

In the 1992 AFC Asian Cup, the UAE team won fourth place and scored three goals

FACT.12

In the 1996 AFC Asian Cup, the UAE team won second place and scored eight goals and it was a sensational result for them

FACT.13

The 12th Arabian Gulf Cup was held in the UAE, in November 1994

United Arab Emirates appeared in the 1997 FIFA Confederations Cup and scored two goals against South Africa and the Czech Republic

FACT.15

The 18th Arabian Gulf Cup took place in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates from 17 to 30 January 2007

FACT.16

The UAE has won the 18th Arabian Gulf Cup in 2007, and it was the first championship title

The UAE football player Ismail Matar who scored five goals was the top-scorer player in the 18th Arabian Gulf Cup

FACT.18

The UAE has won the 21st Arabian Gulf Cup in 2013, and it was the second championship title

FACT.19

The UAE football player Ahmed Khalil who scored three goals was the topscorer player in the 21st Arabian Gulf Cup

In 1998, the UAE team participated its first Arab Cup competition

FACT.21

The UAE football player Omar Abdulrahman who scored two goals was the best player in the 21st Arabian Gulf Cup

FACT.22

In the 21st Arabian Gulf Cup, the UAE won all five matches and made the 100% result

In the 2015 AFC Asian Cup, the UAE team won third place and scored ten goals

FACT.24

The UAE football player Ali Mabkhout who scored five goals was the top-scorer player in the 2015 AFC Asian Cup

FACT.25

The UAE football player Ahmed Khalil was a top scorer in the 2018 FIFA World Cup qualification

The 2019 AFC Asian Cup was held in the United Arab Emirates from 5 January to 1 February 2019

FACT.27

Kuwait is the best opponent to UAE in football. They played 42 official matches in history

FACT.28

The biggest win match of the UAE was in 2001, against Brunei (12-0)

FACT.29

Adnan Al-Talyani is United Arab Emirates' most-capped player with 161 appearances

Ali Mabkhout is United Arab Emirates' top scorer with 80 goals

FACT.31

The UAE has won the first Friendship Tournament in 1996

FACT.32

The UAE has won the second Friendship Tournament in 1998

FACT.33

The UAE won the Oman Cup and the LG Cup in 2000

The UAE football team has won the Kirin Cup in 2005

FACT.35

The UAE football team has won the OSN Cup in 2013

FACT.36

Fábio Virginio de Lima was born in Brazil, Lima is naturalized to represent the United Arab Emirates internationally

FACT.37

Caio Canedo was born in Brazil, he is naturalized to represent the United Arab Emirates internationally

Sebastián Lucas Tagliabúe was born in Argentina, he is naturalized to represent the United Arab Emirates internationally

FACT.39

The UAE U23 team won the silver medal in the 2010 Asian Games

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