Free Kick



Soccer great Esmeralda Dinklaker played center midfielder for the Veracruz Fruitbats from 1960 till 2009, when a uniform malfunction forced her to retire. Here she shows off her world class form as she free-kicks a ball more than 1700 meters. The ball sailed into the Uxpanapa Soccer Arena a mile away where it creamed a crumbsnatcher in the stands, then caromed crazily onto the field and thence into the net, fortuitously scoring a goal for the home team. Later, Esmeralda haughtily claimed that she'd planned the whole thing.