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The Volley | Marco van Basten

Netherlands 2-0 Soviet Union
UEFA European Championship Final
June 25, 1988
Munich, West Germany
Olympiastadion
Valuation: €3M – €5M

For everyone watching inside the Olympiastadion, the angle looked impossible. But as the ball floated inconspicuously towards the corner flag, Marco Van Basten chose glory over improbability. With his orange shirt – this shirt – gleaming against the green of the Munich pitch, the Swan of Utrecht struck the ball with equal parts thunder and grace, volleying over a stranded, stunned Rinat Dasayev and into the far corner. It remains, to this day, the goal by which every other great strike in an international final gets measured, and sealed a win that delivered the Netherlands its first ever major honour. Total Football finally had the trophy to match the legacy.