



Al Shorta's Greatest Moments - Number 14: **Madrasa Al Shorta win first ever league title (1963)**



The 1962-63 season was a monumental campaign in the history of Al Shorta. It was the season that saw Madrasa Al Shorta win the league, achieving the title for the first time in the history of Al Shorta.

Between 1956-57 and 1960-61, the league was played in a knockout format, and Montakhab Al Shorta weren't able to win any titles in this time. The 1961-62 season was the first in Iraqi football history to be played in a round robin format, but Montakhab Al Shorta didn't participate in the tournament.

1962 was the year when Montakhab Al Shorta were split into a number of different teams. One of those teams was Madrasa Al Shorta (Police School), and they entered the

top division for the 1962-63 season. They managed to win the league by finishing ahead of runners-up Al Quwa Al Jawiya and third-placed Al Farqa Al Thalatha (now known as Al Jaish).

Madrasa Al Shorta's success was short-lived as they were relegated to the lower division within two seasons and a new Police team (Aliyat Al Shorta) became the dominant force of Iraqi football. But nonetheless, Madrasa Al Shorta will always go down in history as the team that won Al Shorta its first ever league title, and it's certainly one of the club's most memorable achievements.

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