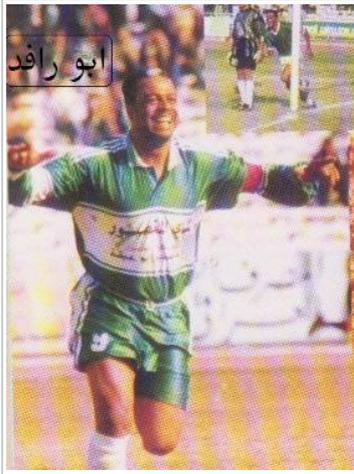




## **Al Shorta's Greatest Moments - Number 19:**

### **Younis Abid Ali scores record 36 league goals in one season (1993-94)**



Younis Abid Ali is one of the greatest strikers not only in Al Shorta's history but in Iraqi League history in general. The Iraq international scored 153 league goals in his career for four different clubs, and 36 of those goals all came in a single season: the 1993-94 campaign.

The 1993-94 Iraqi Premier League saw each team play 50 games, and Al Shorta finished the season in fifth place out of 26 teams. Al Shorta scored 87 goals in the season, and with Younis scoring a huge 36 of them, that means that over 40% of Al Shorta's goals in that season came from one man.

Arguably the most memorable of the 36 goals was a hatrick against Al Quwa Al Jawiya in a famous 4-1 victory, Al Shorta's joint-biggest ever win over their fierce rivals. The record still stands today, with only two players scoring more than 30 goals since. One of those two players was Hashim Ridha, another outstanding forward. He scored 32 goals in the 2001-02 season, and seeing as the 2001-02 season was a 38-game season rather than a 50-game season, Hashim's tally is arguably even more impressive than Younis'. The fact that the two most impressive top goalscorers are both Al Shorta legends is indicative of how great a club Al Shorta are, and Younis setting the record is certainly one of the best moments in the club's history.

Younis Abid Ali retired from football in 2001; below is a picture of both Al Shorta players and opposition players lifting Younis up on their shoulders at the end of Younis' last ever game.



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