



Al Shorta's Greatest Players - Number 42: **Munaim Yousef**



Munaim Yousef Ibrahim was born on 10 October 1981. He started his career in the lower division with a club named Al Wafaa before spending one season with top-flight side Al Ramadi and then signing for Al Shorta as a teenager. He became one of the side's most important defenders, starting in both the 2000 Umm Al Ma'arak Cup final and 2002 Umm Al Ma'arak Cup final and also winning the 2001 edition of the competition.

Munaim's best achievement with Al Shorta was winning the 2002-03 league title. Alongside other Al Shorta legends Maher Habeeb and Haider Hameed, Munaim was part of one of the best defences in the club's history. Al Shorta had the joint second-best defensive record in the league that season, winning the league title by finishing two points ahead of both Al Talaba and Al Najaf.

He went on to play for Duhok, Al Najaf, Peris, Al Ramadi, Kirkuk and Samarra before retiring, and at international level he won the AFC Youth Championship with Iraq in 2000 along with other Iraqi greats such as Nashat Akram and Emad Mohammed.

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