



## **Al Shorta's Greatest Players - Number 47:**

### **Adnan Jafar**



Central defender Adnan Jafar started his career at Al Bareed in Baghdad under the guidance of Abdul-Rahman Al-Qaisi. He spent three seasons there before signing for Kuliya Al Shorta in 1972. He spent two seasons with the Police Academy side, earning promotion to the top-flight before the Premier League was founded, and he joined the newly-formed Al Shorta Sports Club in 1974.

He spent the 1975-76 season with Diyala, but returned to his true home of Al Shorta the following year where he stayed up until his retirement in 1982. At Al Shorta, he won the 1978 Arab Police Championship in Damascus (scoring in the final against Al Shorta of Kuwait), the Iraqi League title in the 1979-80 season, and most importantly the inaugural Arab Champions League title just before his retirement in 1982.

His debut for the Iraq national team came in 1977 when Iraq played Japan in the Merdeka Tournament, and he also participated in the 1978 Asian Games and the 1979 World Military Championship. His last competitive games with the national team were qualifying matches for the 1982 FIFA World Cup and his very last game was a 2-0 win over Jordan. Adnan later became part of Al Shorta's administrative team and was the club's vice-president when they

won back-to-back league titles in the 2012-13 and 2013-14 seasons.

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