



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

### **Al Shorta defeat rivals to lift Al Nasr Al Adheem Cup (1996)**



August 1996 saw Al Shaab Stadium host the Al Nasr Al Adheem Cup, a trophy that Al Shorta won in 1987. The trophy consisted of the "big four" Iraqi clubs (Al Shorta, Al Zawraa, Al Quwa Al Jawiya and Al Talaba) each playing each other once with the team with the most points at the end winning the cup.

Al Shorta, under the helm of Basem Qasem, drew 2-2 with Al Quwa Al Jawiya in their first game with midfielder Qais Issa scoring both goals for the Police. Their next match was against Al Zawraa and Shakir Sabbar scored the only goal of the game to give Al Shorta the win.

Al Shorta needed a win in their final game against Al Talaba to be crowned the winners of the cup and they duly delivered with a comfortable 3-1 win thanks to Ahmed Khudhair, Sattar Jabbar and Mahir Ogla, winning the trophy

for the second time. The cup would later be adapted into the Baghdad Cup that Al Shorta won in 2013.

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