



## **Al Shorta's Greatest Players - Number 49:** **Muwafaq Hussein**



Muwafaq Hussein Zaidan was born in 1964 and started his youth career at Al Shorta under the supervision of Ghanim Abdul Hamid. He signed for Al Amana in 1981, but just a year later he returned to Al Shorta where he spent the remainder of his career until he retired in 1983.

He won the Arab Police Championship with Al Shorta in 1985, scoring in a 6-0 victory over Al Shorta of Palestine, and scored a famous goal in the 90th minute of a league game against three-time Iraqi League winners Al Rasheed as well as netting in a 2-2 draw with Al Tayaran (now known as Al Quwa Al Jawiya) in the 1986-87 season.. He also participated in the 1986 Saddam International Tournament with the Harps. He was able to play in multiple positions across the midfield and was known for his powerful long-range strikes and physical strength.

At international level, he was part of Iraq's squad for the Arabian Gulf Cup tournament of 1986. After retirement, he became Al Shorta's assistant manager in 1997-98 season, and eventually became the club's manager alongside Maitham Mutaab in the 2008-09 campaign.

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