

LATEST FROM THE CHINESE LEAGUE

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Shanghai s slump continues; Dalian consolidate leadership as Shenzhen and Sichuan contest second spot

Matches in the Chinese League on 4th and 8th November saw Shenzhen Kejian, Sichuan Shangwutong and Liaoning Fushui all move above one-time table-toppers Shanghai Shenhua in the championship race. Defeat at home to Sichuan cost Shanghai a seventh defeat in their last eight matches – a spectacular collapse that has allowed last season s champions Dalian Shide to establish an 8-point lead at the top with a game in hand.

Dalian s own mini-slump earlier in the season is now a distant memory; the 3-1 victory at Beijing was their 15th of the campaign and took their goals for total to 50 – 19 more than second-highest scorers Shanghai. Few would now bet against Dalian securing a sixth League title in eight years.

Results of matches in the 20th round (4th November):

| <i>Home Team</i> | <i>Scorers</i> | <i>Result</i> | <i>Away Team</i> | <i>Scorers</i> |
|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Qingdao Piqui | Qu Bo | 1-2 | Shandong Luneng | Li Xiao Peng 2 |
| Shanxi Guoli | | 0-0 | Tianjin Taida | |
| Chongqing Lifan | | 0-0 | Yunnan Hongta | |
| Liaoning Fushui | Chen Yang Liu Bin | 2-2 | Bayi Zhenbang | Lu Bo Fei Jiang Kun |
| Shanghai Shenhua | | 0-1 | Sichuan Shangwutong | Lin Bin |
| Shenzhen Kejian | Li Yi | 1-0 | Shenyang Jinde | |
| Beijing Guoan | Yang Pu | 1-3 | Dalian Shide | Shi Er Jiang Hao Hai Dong Olando |

Results of matches in the 21st round (8th November):

| <i>Home Team</i> | <i>Scorers</i> | Result | <i>Away Team</i> | <i>Scorers</i> |
|----------------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Shanxi Guoli | Sun Feng | 1-1 | Qingdao Piqu | Emerson |
| Yunnan Hongta | Zhang Biao (pen) | 1-2 | Shandong Luneng | Casiano Chu Chang |
| Tianjin Taida | Wang Jun | 1-2 | Liaoning Fushui | Zhang Yu Ning 2 |
| Sichuan Shangwutong | Runa Yao Xia | 2-1 | Chongqing Lifan | Li Guo Xu |
| Bayi Zhenbang | Liu Jun Wei | 1-3 | Shenzhen Kejian | Tiago Li Yi Hajji |
| Shenyang Jinde | Du Ping | 1-2 | Beijing Guoan | Yang Pu (pen) Nan Fang |

League Table after 21 rounds:

| | Club | P | W | D | L | F | A | PTS |
|----|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| 1 | Dalian Shide | 20 | 15 | 2 | 3 | 50 | 23 | 47 |
| 2 | Shenzhen Kejian | 21 | 11 | 6 | 4 | 28 | 13 | 39 |
| 3 | Sichuan Shangwutong | 21 | 11 | 4 | 6 | 28 | 23 | 37 |
| 4 | Liaoning Fushui | 21 | 11 | 3 | 7 | 30 | 27 | 36 |
| 5 | Shanghai Shenhua | 20 | 11 | 2 | 7 | 31 | 24 | 35 |
| 6 | Shanxi Guoli | 21 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 29 | 31 | 31 |
| 7 | Shandong Luneng | 21 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 26 | 23 | 30 |
| 8 | Tianjin Taida | 21 | 8 | 5 | 8 | 29 | 25 | 29 |
| 9 | Beijing Guoan | 21 | 6 | 6 | 9 | 26 | 29 | 24 |
| 10 | Yunnan Hongta | 21 | 6 | 5 | 10 | 28 | 29 | 23 |
| 11 | Chongqing Lifan | 21 | 5 | 8 | 8 | 19 | 23 | 23 |
| 12 | Bayi Zhenbang | 21 | 5 | 8 | 8 | 21 | 29 | 23 |
| 13 | Qingdao Piqu | 21 | 5 | 5 | 11 | 19 | 28 | 20 |
| 14 | Shenyang Jinde | 21 | 2 | 1 | 18 | 21 | 58 | 7 |

Leading Goalscorers after 21 rounds

| <i>Player</i> | <i>Team</i> | <i>Goals</i> |
|---------------|---------------------|------------------|
| HAO HAI DONG | Dalian Shide | 13 |
| MARCOS | Shanxi Guoli | 13 (1 penalty) |
| RANKOVIC | Shanghai Shenhua | 12 (4 penalties) |
| TIAGO | Shenzhen Kejian | 10 |
| LI YI | Shenzhen Kejian | 9 |
| VUKOJA | Sichuan Shangwutong | 9 (4 penalties) |
| LI JINYU | Liaoning Fushui | 8 |
| QICHEKOVE | Yunnan Hongta | 8 (1 penalty) |
| QU SHENGQING | Shanghai Shenhua | 8 |
| WANG TAO | Beijing Guo an | 8 (4 penalties) |
| ZHOU JIE | Dalian Shide | 8 |
| YU GENWEI | Tianjin Taida | 7 |
| LI BING | Sichuan Shangwutong | 7 |
| OLANDO | Dalian Shide | 7 |
| DU PING | Shenyang Jinde | 6 |
| WANG PENG | Dalian Shide | 6 (1 penalty) |
| CASIDIYANO | Tianjin Taida | 5 |
| HUANG YONG | Bayi Zhenbang | 5 |
| EMERSON | Qingdao Piqui | 5 (1 penalty) |
| GEORGE | Shenyang Jinde | 4 |
| LI ZHI | Yunnan Hongta | 4 |
| SERGIY | Shandong Luneng | 4 (1 penalty) |
| WEI YIMIN | Bayi Zhenbang | 4 (1 penalty) |