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Dalian open up six-point lead as Shanghai s disastrous loss of form continues

Shanghai Shenhua s fourth defeat in five games has enabled current champions Dalian Shide to open up a six point lead at the top of the Chinese League table. Shanghai slumped to a 3-0 defeat away to Chongqing Lifan while Dalian thrashed Shanxi Guoli 6-1 at home in the seventeenth round of matches, played on 15th July.

While Shanghai have lost their way, scoring three and conceding nine in their last five games, after remaining unbeaten in their previous 12, Dalian have put together a run of five consecutive victories in which they have racked up 22 goals and conceded just four.

As a result, Dalian now boast a goal difference of plus 23, as well as a six-point cushion over Shanghai, whose goal difference has shrunk to plus 11.

There will now be a break in the League programme to allow the national team to prepare for and play in more World Cup qualifying matches.

Results of matches in the fifteenth and sixteenth rounds were as follows:

Seventeenth Round 15th July 2001

Bayi Zhenbang 2-1 **Qingdao Piqu**
Huang Yong 53, 63 Marola 77

Chongqing Lifan 3-0 **Shanghai Shenhua**
Li Guoxu 18
Liu Jinbiao 43
Li Xuande 88

Shenyang Jinde 1-2 **Tianjin Taida**
Peng Changying 41 Han Yanxu 39
Yu Gebwei 71

Shandong Luneng 2-0 **Beijing Guo an**

Dalian Shide

Yan Gao 1, 26
Zhou Jie 19
Hao Haidong 8, 31
Wang Peng 43

6-1 Shanxi Guoli

Douglas 90

Yunnan Hongta

0-0 Shenzhen Kejian

Sichuan Shangwutong

Vukoja 31 (pen)

1-0 Liaoning Fushui

League Table after 17 rounds:

	Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1	Dalian Shide	17	13	2	2	42	19	41
2	Shanghai Shenhua	17	11	2	4	30	19	35
3	Shenzhen Kejian	17	8	6	3	22	9	30
4	Sichuan Shangwutong	17	8	4	5	23	20	28
5	Liaoning Fushui	17	8	2	7	19	20	26
6	Tianjin Taida	17	7	3	7	25	22	24
7	Shanxi Guoli	17	6	5	6	24	29	23
8	Bayi Zhenbang	17	5	6	6	17	22	21
9	Shandong Luneng	17	5	5	7	19	20	20
10	Yunnan Hongta	17	5	4	8	25	23	19
11	Qingdao Piqui	17	5	4	8	15	19	19
12	Beijing Guoan	17	4	6	7	19	22	18
13	Chongqing Lifan	17	4	6	7	14	19	18
14	Shenyang Jinde	17	2	1	14	17	48	7

Results of earlier rounds

Eleventh round - (18th June)

Bayi Zhenbang

0-0

Chongqing Lifan

Dalian Shide

2-1

Yunnan Hongta

Olando 21		Zhou Ting 69
Li Ming 84		
Liaoning Fushui	2-0	Shenzhen Kejian
Li Jinyu 71		
Lu Gang 77		
Shanxi Guoli	2-0	Beijing Guoan
Zhou Haogang 29		
Marcos 60		
Shenyang Jinde	2-6	Shandong Luneng
George 21		Li Xiaopeng 30
Wang Bo 88		Zu Maozhen 48, 71, 89
		Song Zhen 54 (o.g.)
		Song Minming 82
Sichuan Shangwutong	1-0	Qingdao Piqu
Li Bing 61		
Tianjin Taida	0-1	Shanghai Shenhua
		Rankovic 66
<u>Twelfth round - (24th June)</u>		
Beijing Guoan	2-0	Liaoning Fushui
Milen 29		
Tian Ye 45		
Chongqing Lifan	2-0	Tianjin Taida
Jornadan 26		
Li Guoxu 34		
Qingdao Piqu	0-0	Shenzhen Kejian
Shandong Luneng	1-0	Bayi Zhenbang
Shao Yanjie 7		
Shanghai Shenhua	3-1	Shanxi Guoli
Zhang Yong 10		
Qu Shengqing 15		
Wu Chengying 73		
Sichuan Shangwutong	3-0	Dalian Shide
Li Bing 61		
Wei Qun 12		
Mamelo 90		
Yunnan Hongta	5-1	Shenyang Jinde
Cheliakonv 6 , 67		Du Ping 90
Wu Wei 33, 89		
Chang Hui 85		
<u>Thirteenth round - (28th June)</u>		
Dalian Shide	2-1	Qingdao Piqu
Zhu Guanghui 65		Emerson 18
Hao Haidong 90		
Shenzhen Kejian	2-0	Beijing Guo an
Tiago 43		
Zheng Zhi 53		
Shenyang Jinde	2-1	Sichuan Shangwutong
George 22, 88		Vukoja 78 (pen)
Liaoning Fushui	4-2	Shanghai Shenhua
Qu Dong 27		Rankovic 88, 90
Li Jinyu 45		
Zhang Yuning 50		
Chen Yang 75		
Bayi Zhenbang	2-0	Yunnan Hongta
Liu Junwei 17		
Wei Yimin 56 (pen)		
Shanxi Guoli	2-0	Chongqing Lifan
Zhu Yongsheng 22		

Sun Feng 73 Tianjin Taida Casidiyano 31 Yu Genwei 38 Gao Feng 54 Han Yanming 90	4-1	Shandong Luneng Sergiy 74
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Fourteenth Round - (1st July)

Qingdao Piqui Emerson 77(pen)	1-1	Beijing Guo an Shao Jiayi 40
Shenyang Jinde Du Ping 58	1-3	Dalian Shide Olando 43, Zou Jie 73, 90
Shenzhen Kejian Li Weifeng 66	1-0	Shanghai Shenhua
Bayi Zhenbang Guang Yong 40, 86 Jia Wenpeng 58	3-0	Sichuan Shangwutong
Liaoning Fushui Li Jinyu 42 Lu Gang 59	2-1	Chongqing Lifan Zola 76
Tianjin Taida Chi Hongliang 15 Souza 34 Yang Xu 54 Yu Genwei 63	4-2	Yunnan Hongta Hu Wei 59 Cheliakov 74
Shanxi Guoli Marcos 43	1-1	Shandong Luneng Shu Chang 88

Fifteenth Round – (8th July)

Shenyang Jinde	0-2	Qingdao Piqui Liu Jun 1 Gao Ming 69
Shanghai Shenhua Shen Si 10	1-0	Beijing Guo an
Dalian Shide Hao Haidong 15, 48, 67 Zou Jie 33, 42, 76, 78 Ji Mingyi 85	8-0	Bayi Zhenbang
Chongqing Lifan	0-3	Shenzhen Kejian Li Yi 35 Aili 50 Tiago 57
Sichuan Shangwutong Ma Mingyu 49	1-4	Tianjin Taida Yu Genwei 22, 59 Tian Yulai 44 Christian 86
Shandong Luneng Ranputi 15 Sergiy 83 Li Xiaopeng 88	3-1	Liaoning Fushui Zhao Junzhe 61 (pen)
Yunnan Hongta Li Zhi 46, 66	2-2	Shanxi Guoli Douglas 61 Zhou Haogang 77

Sixteenth Round – 12th July 2001

Qingdao Piqui Emerson 87	1-0	Shanghai Shenhua
Bayi Zhenbang Wei Yiming 5 Sun Xinbo 56	2-0	Shenyang Jinde

Beijing Guoan Shao Jiayi 2 Wang Tao 18 Milen 60	3-0	Chongqing Lifan
Tianjin Taida Casidiyano 30	1-3	Dalian Shide Hao Haidong 8, 81 Yan Gao 45
Shenzhen Kejian Li Yi 61 Tiago 75	2-0	Shandong Luneng
Shanxi Guoli Zhao Changhong 1 Marcos 21 Jing Zhiguo 90	3-1	Sichuan Shangwutong Yao Xia 31
Liaoning Fushui Li Jinyu 63	1-0	Yunnan Hongta