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Shanghai s continued slump hands the advantage back to Dalian

Shanghai s third defeat in four games cost them the leadership of the Chinese League as free-scoring Dalian kept up the pressure with two more wins. The 15th round of matches saw Shanghai Shenhua scrape an unconvincing 1-0 home win over struggling Beijing Guo an, while Dalian Shide were crushing Bayi Zhenbang 8-0 at home.

Dalian pressed home the advantage with a 3-1 win at Tianjin Taida in the 16th round, which saw Shanghai stumbled again to lose 0-1 at Qingdao Piqu.

Last season s champions Dalian have now re-established a three point lead over Shanghai at the top of the table, and have also done their goal difference a power of good. Dalian s goal difference is now plus 18, compared with Shanghai s plus 14 a dramatic turnaround from the situation a month ago, when Shanghai were still unbeaten and had recently inflicted a first defeat on arch-rivals Dalian.

There is a six-point gap between Shanghai and third-placed Shenzhen Kejian, while at the bottom Shenyang Jinde remain anchored on seven points eight fewer than 13th placed Chongqing Lifan.

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

Fifteenth Round 8th July 2001

Shenyang Jinde 0-2

Qingdao Piqu

Liu Jun 1
Gao Ming 69

Shanghai Shenhua 1-0
Shen Si 10

Beijing Guo an

Dalian Shide 8-0 **Bayi Zhenbang**
Hao Haidong 15, 48, 67
Zou Jie 33, 42, 76, 78
Ji Mingyi 85

Chongqing Lifan 0-3 **Shenzhen Kejian**
Li Yi 35
Aili 50
Tiago 57

Sichuan Shangwutong 1-4 **Tianjin Taida**
Ma Mingyu 49
Yu Genwei 22, 59
Tian Yulai 44
Christian 86

Shandong Luneng 3-1 **Liaoning Fushui**
Ranputi 15
Sergiy 83
Li Xiaopeng 88
Zhao Junzhe 61 (pen)

Yunnan Hongta 2-2 **Shanxi Guoli**
Li Zhi 46, 66
Douglas 61
Zhou Haogang 77

Sixteenth Round 12th July 2001

Qingdao Piqui 1-0 **Shanghai Shenhua**
Emerson 87

Bayi Zhenbang 2-0 **Shenyang Jinde**
Wei Yiming 5
Sun Xinbo 56

Beijing Guoan 3-0 **Chongqing Lifan**
Shao Jiayi 2
Wang Tao 18
Milen 60

Tianjin Taida 1-3 **Dalian Shide**
Casidiyano 30
Hao Haidong 8, 81
Yan Gao 45

Shenzhen Kejian 2-0 **Shandong Luneng**
Li Yi 61
Tiago 75

Shanxi Guoli 3-1 **Sichuan Shangwutong**
Zhao Changhong 1
Marcos 21
Jing Zhiguo 90
Yao Xia 31

Liaoning Fushui 1-0 **Yunnan Hongta**
Li Jinyu 63

League Table after 16 rounds:

	Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1	Dalian Shide	16	12	2	2	36	18	38
2	Shanghai Shenhua	16	11	2	3	30	16	35
3	Shenzhen Kejian	16	8	5	3	22	9	29
4	Liaoning Fushui	16	8	2	6	19	19	26
5	Sichuan Shangwutong	16	7	4	5	22	20	25
6	Shanxi Guoli	16	6	5	5	23	23	23
7	Tianjin Taida	16	6	3	7	23	21	21
8	Qingdao Piqui	16	5	4	7	14	17	19
9	Yunnan Hongta	16	5	3	8	25	23	18
10	Beijing Guoan	16	4	6	6	19	20	18
11	Bayi Zhenbang	16	4	6	6	15	21	18
12	Shandong Luneng	16	4	5	7	17	20	17
13	Chongqing Lifan	16	3	6	7	11	19	15
14	Shenyang Jinde	16	2	1	13	16	46	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 Piqui
Li Bing 61		
Tianjin Taida	0-1	Shanghai Shenhua
		Rankovic 66

Twelfth round - (24th June)

Beijing Guoan	2-0	Liaoning Fushui
Milen 29		
Tian Ye 45		

Chongqing Lifan Jornadan 26 Li Guoxu 34	2-0	Tianjin Taida
Qingdao Piqui Shandong Luneng Shao Yanjie 7	0-0 1-0	Shenzhen Kejian Bayi Zhenbang
Shanghai Shenhua Zhang Yong 10 Qu Shengqing 15 Wu Chengying 73	3-1	Shanxi Guoli
Sichuan Shangwutong Li Bing 61 Wei Qun 12 Mamelo 90	3-0	Dalian Shide
Yunnan Hongta Cheliakonv 6 , 67 Wu Wei 33, 89 Chang Hui 85	5-1	Shenyang Jinde Du Ping 90
<u>Thirteenth round - (28th June)</u>		
Dalian Shide Zhu Guanghui 65 Hao Haidong 90	2-1	Qingdao Piqui Emerson 18
Shenzhen Kejian Tiago 43 Zheng Zhi 53	2-0	Beijing Guo an
Shenyang Jinde George 22, 88	2-1	Sichuan Shangwutong Vukoja 78 (pen)
Liaoning Fushui Qu Dong 27 Li Jinyu 45 Zhang Yuning 50 Chen Yang 75	4-2	Shanghai Shenhua Rankovic 88, 90
Bayi Zhenbang Liu Junwei 17 Wei Yimin 56 (pen)	2-0	Yunnan Hongta
Shanxi Guoli Zhu Yongsheng 22 Sun Feng 73	2-0	Chongqing Lifan
Tianjin Taida Casidiyano 31 Yu Genwei 38 Gao Feng 54 Han Yanming 90	4-1	Shandong Luneng Sergiy 74
<u>Fourteenth Round - (1st July)</u>		
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
Shanxi Guoli
Marcos 43

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Yunnan Hongta
Hu Wei 59
Cheliakov 74

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Shandong Luneng
Shu Chang 88