

Zob Ahan reclaims IPL top spot

PTV - ESFAHAN, ZobAhan has replaced Peykan in the top position of Iran's Premier League(IPL) after sealing a 2-1 home victory over Barq-e-Shiraz.

Sina Ashouri (10) and Esmail Farhadi (77) scored for the hosts and Masoud Nazarzadeh (20) scored for Barq in the Tuesday match.

The victory moved Zob Ahan to first place with 31 points, twopoints clear of second-place Peykan.



third place with 25points.

In other matches, Rah Ahan defeated fifth-place Foulad 3-2 to moveto the 11th position with 17 points. Abumoslem and Saipa ended in agoalless draw and Malavan and Saba Battery drew 1-1.

Peykan can reclaim the top position from Zob Ahan if it beats Pasin an away match on Wednesday. Sixth-place Persepolis will also faceEsteqlal-e-Ahvaz at home.

Meanwhile, Esteqlal thrashed Damash 8-1 on Tuesday to reach the next round of Iran's Hazfi Cup (knockout competition).

Arash Borhani scored five goals for Esteqlal against a helplessDamash while Ahmad Khaziravi, Mehdi Amirabadi and Farhad Majidi wereEsteqlal's other scorers.

First Division's Mes-e-Rafsanjan beat the Premier League'sMes-e-Kerman 1-0 in extra time to face

Esteghlal in the 1/16 round. Moqavemat Sepasi, another Premier League team, also lost to First Division's Estil Azin 1-0.

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