

Triadis left it late to snatch a point away to Jamshedpur

2nd December: NorthEast United FC played a 1-1 draw away to Jamshedpur FC to stretch their unbeaten run in the Hero Indian Super League 2019-20 to six games. The match was held at the JRD Tata Sports Complex in Jamshedpur.

Sergio Castel opened the scoring for the hosts in the 28th minute whereas NorthEast United left it late to find the equaliser through Pana Triadis in the 90th minute.

Two changes were made in the starting eleven by Robert Jarni as Wayne Vaz and Puitea came in to replace Nim Dorjee Tamang and Milan Singh. The Highlanders didn't get the expected start of the match as it was the hosts who were dominating the game right from the referee's whistle. It was in the 6th minute when Jamshedpur had their first attempt. Jamshedpur's midfielder Acosta put in a cross from the left which was met well by Farukh with an acrobatic effort but his shot went way above the bar without troubling NorthEast's custodian Subhasish.

The hosts were resilient to get ahead in the game with their persistent attacks and they had another chance in the 20th minute; Farukh made a run down the right wing before freeing Castel up ahead whose cross was well blocked by Wayne Vaz. The hosts eventually opened their tally in the 28th minute, Farukh's cross from the right was blocked by Mislav but the deflection fell perfectly for Castel to slot it past Subhasish to make it 1-0 for Jamshedpur.

The Highlanders had their chance a few minutes later when Martin Chaves picked the ball from the half-line and makes a brilliant run going past a couple of defenders before laying it up for Redeem who just couldn't put the final touch to trouble the Jamshedpur keeper. NorthEast United got a few more chances to find the equaliser but the hosts' defence didn't let any chance go past them and the scoreline remained 1-0 in favour of Jamshedpur at the half-time.

As the second half began, both the teams kept pushing for another goal in the match. NorthEast United had their chance in the 56th minute when Wayne's long ball found Triadis who played it the first time for Gyan whose touch let him down as the opposition keeper was able to come out and grab the ball before the Ghanaian could connect his shot. As both the teams tried their best and dismantled each other in the midfield battle, Jarni took an attacking approach and brought on Maxi Barreiro to replace captain Jose Leudo.

As the game was headed for a defeat for the Highlanders, Panagiotis Triadis had other plans for the night. In the final minute of the regulation time, Mislav's long diagonal ball from the back was headed down towards goal by Gyan which was slotted past by Pana with a left-footer after making a scintillating run to go past the defender and find the equaliser for the Highlanders. The referee added on 5 additional minutes but the extra five minutes didn't bring any change and NorthEast United were able to salvage a point away from The Furnace.