

The Highlanders share a point against the Islanders

27th Nov: NorthEast United extended their unbeaten home run to 10 games as they held Mumbai City FC to a 2-2 draw at the IGA Stadium, Sarusajai in Guwahati.

Panagiotis Triadis opened the scoring for NorthEast in the 9th minute with a stunning shot from the distance. Amine Chermiti scored two back to back goals in just ten minutes to give the visitors a 1-2 lead at the 32nd minute before Asamoah Gyan scored the equaliser in the 42nd minute for the Highlanders.

After Kai Heerings was handed a two-match suspension, coach Jarni made two changes in his line-up as Nim Dorjee Tamang made his debut for the Highlanders Panagiotis Triadis started ahead of Nikhil Kadam. The Highlanders, as well as the Islanders, started the game with an attacking intent creating chances at either end in the initial minutes but none were able to trouble the keepers at either end.

NorthEast United just took 9 minutes into the game to open the scoring. Rakesh Pradhan's long throw wasn't cleared well by the Mumbai defence and the rebound fell perfectly for Triadis who seeing an opening took his chance from the distance and curled it past the keeper to the top corner from 25 yards out to give the hosts a vital early goal in the game. After conceding an early goal, Mumbai City kept coming with attacks in search of an equaliser but Subhasish, as well as the defensive pair of Mislav and Nim, were at their best to keep the danger away.

It was in the 23rd minute when the Islanders finally got the equaliser they were so desperately looking for. Mohamed Larbi takes the ball from midfield and runs towards goal. He releases Modou Sougou down the right flank who whips in a perfect cross for Amine Chermiti. Chermiti boots it into an open net from 6 yards to make it 1-1. A few minutes later NorthEast had their chance to take the lead back, but Reagan's cross from the right was just a bit too ahead for Gyan to tap it in.

Amine Chermiti was able to give Mumbai City the lead in the 32nd minute against the run of play. A Mumbai City freekick near the half-line wasn't cleared well by Nim Dorjee which was then put into the back of the net by Chermiti to give the visitors the lead. Son, Mumbai City had another chance to double their lead but Subhasish's brilliance kept the visitors' lead only to one goal.

NorthEast United found the equaliser in the 43rd minute through Ghanaian Asamoah Gyan. A stray ball in the midfield was picked up by Martin Chaves who fed it for Gyan who danced past two defenders before putting it into the back of the net with a venomous shot and making it 2-2. The remaining minutes of the half didn't see much of action and at the end of first half, the scoreline read 2-2.

After the half-time break, both the team were trying their best to get a grip of the game and take the lead in search of 3 points. Mumbai City FC, as well as NorthEast United FC, came close to

get the winner on a couple of occasions but Subhasish and Amrinder's brilliance on goal kept the scoreline 2-2 at the end of full-time.