

NE United taking on FC Goa



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NorthEast United FC is prepared for a brave [fight against](#) FC [Goa](#) in the Hero Indian Super League ([ISL](#)) clash in Guwahati on Thursday. NorthEast United played two matches away and lost both of them, although they were unlucky to lose their last game [against](#) FC Pune City through an own goal. NorthEast have the more passionate supporters of the game in [India](#) and they could spur their side [against](#) FC [Goa](#), who have problems of their own.

“I liked my team’s play. Unfortunately we did not get the result but playing like this, we will get the result. Of course, losing hurts but everyone who saw the game, knows who the team out there set the tone of the game,” said NorthEast coach Cesar Farias. Farias, the former Venezuela national team manager, knows playing at home will be a different ball game altogether. “Now it’s our turn to be strong at home,” he said.

The hosts, however, will continue to be without their injured captain Miguel Garcia, while Holicharan [Narzary](#) and Ivorian Boubacar Sanogo are yet to regain fitness. FC [Goa chief](#) coach Zico has had plenty to worry [as](#) well. The Goan side were stunned 0-4 by Chennaiyin FC in their own den in the last game, and [as](#) if that was not enough, captain and marquee player Lucio is now unavailable for the clash [against](#) NorthEast United with an injury.

Another Brazilian defender, Luciano Sabrosa, is expected to fill in for the Brazilian World Cup winner’s big boots, although it should not come [as](#) a major surprise if Zico decides to [rejig](#) his team altogether after the Chennaiyin FC debacle. Raju Gaekwad is another option in central defence. “I [don](#)’t think there are any easy or weak opponents in the [ISL](#). All teams are on the same [level](#). There will not be any easy matches,” said Zico.

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