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Aurora FC thumped by London in penultimate League1 match

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A crucial match for only one half of the participants led to a blowout for the Aurora FC men in their second-to-last game of the season.

With a spot in the playoffs on the line, FC London brought their best game to the match on Saturday. Aurora keeper Sunny Dhaliwal was forced to make a diving tip just after kickoff to keep London at bay, sending a header nicking off the crossbar.

Just minutes later, London opened the scoring by beating Dhaliwal in the top corner from inside the box, doubling the lead before the twenty-minute mark of the match.

They added two more before the intermission to take a 4 ? 0 lead at half, putting seven shots on target in the 45 minutes.

Despite making some personnel changes on the field after recess, Aurora failed to find the back of the net, while London tacked on two more goals for a 6 ? 0 final.

With the fate all but decided, Aurora will be looking to close out the season on the right foot when they host the OSU Force on Saturday, with a chance to jump the Force in the standings.

A surge of offense in June and July led to a string of losses in the latter half of the season for Aurora, who bring a record of 2-10-3 into their final game of the season, sitting just above Windsor TFC in the league standings.

Saturday's kickoff is set for 4 p.m. at Stewart Burnett Park.