

Aurora FC seals first victory in Toronto



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Put it on the board for the Aurora United FC.

Just over six weeks into the semi-pro League 1 Ontario season, the men's side has put up their first win, striking a 2 ? 1 score over Toronto Skillz FC at Birchmount Stadium in Scarborough on Sunday.

With both sides looking for their first three-point game of the season, it was Aurora who struck just eleven minutes into the match when Jared Agyemang notched his second goal in five games, finishing to the far corner on Aurora's first shot of the game.

Agyemang was forced to substitute out after a hard collision just six minutes later, with only a pair of shots on goal for each squad in the remainder of the first half.

It was Joe Tituana who stepped up for Aurora just four minutes into the second, who finished a well-placed pass by Calvin Witzell to double Aurora's lead.

Toronto's Anhr El Eidani cut the lead in half in the second to last minute of regulation time, finally beating keeper Adam Scanlon with the home side's fifth shot of the game, matching Aurora's total.

Both sides held their breath as the referee announced five minutes of stoppage time, though Aurora held on to the final whistle.

It also took the budding team six games to find their first win in their inaugural season in 2016.

The win pushes Aurora out of the basement of the men's standings, vaulting over the winless Toronto Skillz with a record of 1-5-1.

Next up is a meeting with Toronto FC III (4-2-1) at the Kia Training Ground in Toronto on Sunday, with kickoff set for 1 p.m. They return home the following Saturday to host North Mississauga in a twilight game at Highland Park in Aurora.

The Woodbridge Strikers continue to lead League 1's tough East division with a record of 6-1-0.

The Aurora men were also pushed out of League 1 Cup contention last week in a 2 ? 0 loss to FC London, an ongoing ladder-style tournament with single game eliminations.

The women's side, fresh off a two-game winning streak, had the week off before returning to the pitch this Sunday against the Toronto Azzurri Blizzard (1-3-1).

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