

Aurora FC shut out in Toronto



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A pair of undisciplined plays were the undoing for the Aurora FC men in their 2 ? 0 loss to the Sanjaxx Lions on Sunday. Penalty kicks at the 35th and 40th minute marks of the match at Monarch Stadium in Toronto each found twine behind goalkeeper Alexander Jakma, while Aurora failed to score on a penalty kick of their own.

Aurora head coach Derek O'Keeffe was frustrated with the result, calling it a ?poor game of football all around.?

?I thought both teams were poor,? he said. ?I thought we started quite well, probably should have scored an early goal but didn't. I don't fault the effort of our players, I thought they tried. I don't think Sanjaxx created anything other than the two penalties and we had one of our own but couldn't score.

?If you don't take your chances, you don't score or win - simple as that.?

Aurora, which has fallen to 1-11-1 in the East division standings this season, will have a chance to gain some ground when they visit ProStars FC at Avondale Stadium this Saturday: one of two teams in League 1 Ontario without a win this year.

The women's side of Aurora FC found success in week 14 of the League 1 season, squeaking out a 4 ? 3 win over a lowly Darby FC squad.

Though Darby opened the scoring at the 20-minute mark, Aurora notched three goals in the course of five minutes late in the first half to take a 3 ? 1 lead into the break.

After making it 4 ? 1 early in the second half, Aurora held off a late comeback that saw Darby score twice in the final five minutes of the match.

?It was a back and forth game and Darby ended up putting in a great effort at the end to come back and make it very interesting,? said Aurora head coach Gianni Cimini.

?It was a hot day and I think overall I'm pleased with the performance of the girls.?

The win was a crucial one for the Aurora squad, moving them up the League 1 ladder past the Woodbridge Strikers with a 6-6-0 record.

?When one team is looking to score and get back into the game and you feel that you have a comfortable lead, it is always an issue for the team with advantage in the scoreline,? added Cimini.

?I think as things went on we got more and more nervous and luckily the clock ended up ticking off because we could have conceded another goal.?

Aurora visits Woodbridge to face the Strikers on Sunday, currently sitting one point up on their opponent in the standings.