

Aurora FC squads close out League 1 Ontario season



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With the book all but closed on the Aurora FC's sophomore League 1 Ontario seasons, both the men's and women's sides featured a squad of inexperienced newcomers for their final games of the season on Saturday.

The Aurora men, marred in a two-month dry spell since early August, fielded mostly youngsters and future mainstays against Toronto Skillz FC in a battle of the East division basement.

Toronto's goals at the 24th and 41st minutes gave the visiting squad a 2 ? 0 lead heading into halftime, before Aurora's Ruben Dos Santos buried his first semi-pro goal for the Aurora squad.

It was all the offense Aurora could muster, however, as Toronto added another late in regulation and one more in extra time for a 4 ? 1 win.

The men finish their second League 1 season with a record of 2-17-2, six points below their inaugural finish after losing some star power in the offseason.

As for the women's side, Aurora was able to finish the season on a high note with eight points in their final five matches, including a closely-contested 1 ? 1 tie with Sanjaxx FC over the weekend.

Aurora brought the offense early with Soumaya Bouak hitting the post just nine minutes in, before Bouak was robbed in close just minutes later.

Ellie Hayes was finally able to break the Sanjaxx keeper at the 25-minute mark, scoring on a free kick.

Though Aurora held Sanjaxx shotless in the first half, a penalty kick was converted in the 53rd minute to tie the game, a score that would hold until the final whistle.

The women finish the season in the middle of the League 1 table with a record of 9-9-2.