

## Aurora United FC falls hard in League 1 action

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The North Mississauga Panthers spread six goals over fifty minutes on Saturday to hand the Aurora United FC women their third loss in four games.

An unusual defensive breakdown was met by a lack of offense in a 6 ? 0 loss at St. Maximilian Kolbe field in Aurora, dropping the women to 4-6-0 on the year.

?We changed to a back three (in the second half) and we wanted to have a little more offence,? said Aurora team official Peter Bulford.

?We were hoping to catch them in the first five to ten minutes and hopefully score a couple goals and get back into it. It didn't work out that way, but we did try to be more offensive.

?We wanted the wingbacks to get more involved and kept the two upfront. It just didn't transform for us, we weren't making proper passes and that is why it broke down for us.?

Adding to their plight was the loss of star goaltender Patricia Koutoulas, who has helped Aurora to four clean sheets this season.

?Patricia was injured.? he added. ?She took a ball in the face and showed some concussion symptoms so it was a good choice in that sense.?

Aurora faces their toughest challenge yet this season when they take on the league-leading Unionville Milliken SC (7-1-2) Saturday evening at Bill Crothers Turf Centre.

The men experienced a similar fate the same day at the hands of a dynamic sibling duo, with Michael and Noah Pio combining for all six of Windsor TFC's goals in a 6 ? 1 final.

The away squad was up 5 ? 0 before Michael Caguana was able to capitalize with his team-leading fifth goal of the year in the 68th minute.

Despite the loss, Aurora technical director Dave Di Placido said he liked what he saw from his team in the latter 45 minutes.

?We did create quite a bit more in the second half,? said Di Placido.

?I think we had two or three breakaways, a penalty shot, two or three free kicks around the box. We created more but we weren't happy with some of the goals we conceded, I think we could have done better defensively.?

?I don't think we handled the situation properly in a couple individual situations. It's something good that I think we can implement from time to time though, although it didn't work out today.?

The men remain in seventh place in the League 1 East division with a record of 1-9-1, and will face FC London (5-2-4) in an away match Friday evening.

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