

Addoriso, Steave, and Lamptey lead Aurora Hearts to emphatic 3-0 win over Cavan FC



Thomas Addoriso, Kadji Steave, and Solomon Lamptey scored second half goals to power the Aurora Hearts to a decisive 3-0 victory over Cavan FC in OSL action on Friday night at Highland Park.

The Aurora Soccer Club-based squad moved into first place in the eight-team Men's Provincial East League with the win over Cavan? a Peterborough-based club comprised of Trent University and Fleming College players.

Clearly, it was big game for both teams. First place was on the line for the second-place Hearts who have been jockeying with Toronto Celtic for division supremacy all season. Fourth-place Cavan rolled into Aurora looking to avenge a narrow 1-0 home field loss to the Hearts in June.

After a scoreless first half dominated by the quicker, more aggressive home side, the Hearts exploded for three goals in nine minutes in the second half much to the delight of the Aurora Soccer Club attendees.

Over 100 spectators enjoyed the festive atmosphere generated by the play of their blue-clad soccer team, as well as the savory barbecue items and cold beer being served on a warm, breezy summer night in south Aurora.

Amid these optimal conditions, the home team opened the scoring when second half substitute Addoriso made a nice move off the left wing, created space, dribbled through a pair of Cavan defenders, and kicked a low shot from five yards out past the Cavan keeper to give the Hearts a 1-0 lead.

Three minutes later, Addoriso's nice cross from the left wing fed Steave in the box who booted the ball into the wide open net and bulged the twine ? staking the Hearts to a two-goal lead.

With four minutes left in the second half, Lamptey put the game away for Aurora when he broke through a series of Cavan defenders and fired a low shot inside the lower right goalpost to provide the margin of victory.

Filip Ljubsevski, the orange-jerseyed Hearts goaltender, earned the clean slate with five saves and moved into first place on the MPE shutouts list with his third of the season.

Aurora Head Coach Frank Trotta said he was pleased with his team's defensive effort versus the white-clad, red-numbered visitors from Peterborough.

?We wanted to play Cavan with a high press. 70% of the win was due to our defensive pressure. The boys in the back gave us a chance.?

Coach Trotta, in his fourth season on the sidelines with the Hearts, also attributed the strong performance on Friday night to his team's depth.

?We have a deep bench. Thomas Addorisio?who could be a starter anywhere else in this league?scored a big goal for us after being put in the lineup in the second half. It was a big win to get us into first place past Toronto Celtic who tied tonight.?

Game Notes - The Hearts have accrued an 8-2-0 record with the win versus Cavan and edged one point past Toronto Celtic into first place with 26 points with four regular season games remaining in their MPE schedule. - Aurora's offence has much firepower to it as demonstrated in the second half versus Cavan. The Hearts boast three of the MPE's top ten goal scorers. Cooper Grimes?who was held in check by Cavan on Friday night--is in third place with eight goals in ten games. Teammates Dervon McKay and Fritz Mbianyor are tied for eighth place with three goals each. **By Jim Stewart**