

## Aurora FC shut out on both sides

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With the 2017 League 1 Ontario season all but over, both the men's and women's sides of the Aurora FC are looking towards the future.

Inexperienced up-and-comers lined the rosters on Sunday in an opportunity to get their feet wet at the semi-pro level, blanked by two of the top teams in each division.

The women faced a difficult task in Vaughan Azzurri, tied for second in league standings, coming out on the wrong end of a 3-0 score in the second-to-last game of the season.

After holding Vaughan off the board in the first half, a spurt of three quick goals in a twelve-minute span put the game out of reach by the 62nd minute.

"I thought our defense did very well today, especially the centre-backs - Laura (Marrelli) and Sarah (Reynolds) - and obviously Quinn (Josiah, the goalie, stepped up to play very well," said Aurora team official Peter Bulford.

"In the conditions, I thought they did very well. It was a makeup team with some young players, middle players and older players that haven't quite played together before, so it was tough for us but I thought we did well."

Aurora, who holds a record of 9-9-1 good for a tie for seventh in the eleven-team league, will face the 2-15-1 Sanjaxx Lions at Monarch Park Stadium on October 8 to close out the season.

"We have one more game left and then we go into the winter season and I think that should help us a great deal as we have a unit together for that period," said Bulford.

"When we get to next year we will have a pool of players that have played together for a bit and it will be much better for us."

The men, meanwhile, were forced to contend with the East division-leading Woodbridge Strikers on the road Sunday, falling behind early in the eighth minute and never gaining any footing.

The loss was Aurora's fourth in the last five games, last putting up a three-point effort against ProStars FC in early August.

Two games remain on the schedule, first visiting the 15-5-1 Vaughan Azzurri on Sunday before hosting the 3-17-0 Toronto Skillz FC at St. Maximilian Kolbe field on October 8.