

Aurora United shut out by Toronto Nitros



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Aurora United FC were left with a clean sheet for the first time in seven matches on Saturday when they fell 2-0 to the North Toronto Nitros at Sheppard's Bush.

A lack of possession gave the home club little opportunity to beat Toronto keeper Connor Bullen, while Toronto took the lead in the 22nd minute thanks to a converted penalty. They doubled the lead midway through the second half, a half which saw Aurora take two yellow cards.

"Frustration gets to players eventually," said Aurora head coach Arman Mohammadi.

"It was a good ninety minute battle, and then a couple of calls went the other way and some players got angry and released in certain ways. When you're down two nothing in the ninetieth minute, tempers can boil over a little bit, but thankfully it didn't get excessive."

The strong Nitros squad has had Aurora's number all year, besting them 5-0 in May.

"We were able to build and had some chances to expose but we weren't able to execute that," he added. "We had the right action, but weren't able to maintain it throughout the game, and credit to North Toronto - they came and did what they had to do."

"They had the ball for the majority of the time, and I think they deserved to win."

With their final league standings all but sealed, Mohammadi once again sent in a handful of younger players late in the game to gain some League 1 experience, and liked what he saw.

"We were able to get the young players involved in the second half so that is a positive aspect of the game and for the club," said Mohammadi.

"These are our U17 players getting a taste of League 1, and that is what this league is about at this stage. You want to bring players from within your club and give them a taste of this action because this is what their goal should be for now so that they can move on to higher levels."

Entering the final week of League 1 play, Aurora will have one more opportunity to play in front of a home crowd at Sheppard's Bush, when they host Masters Futbol (3-16-1) on Wednesday. With a record of 3-14-3, Aurora sits two points up on Masters in the East table.

Vaughan Azzurri has clinched the league title with a record of 16-1-4 with one game left on the schedule.