

Late goal sinks Aurora FC versus Strikers



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Just minutes away from a crucial point in the League1 Ontario standings, the Aurora FC women were sent home with their fourth loss of the season.

The women entered Sunday's matchup just two points back of their opponent, the Woodbridge Strikers, looking to capture their first win since week three.

Aurora veteran keeper Meghan Phillips was kept busy in the first half, forced to contend with six saves in the opening frame while conceding a pair of goals in the first six minutes of play.

Aurora countered with a well-placed strike from winger Paige Murray in the sixteenth minute, sending one past an aggressive Woodbridge keeper from inside the box.

The comeback was complete in the 81st minute of the match, when Cloey Uddenberg finished off a Samantha Murphy free kick in close, chipping home the tying goal.

With both sides set to play to a tie and take home a point apiece, Woodbridge put on a late charge with just three minutes to go before stoppage time, firing one over Phillips into the top corner for the 3 ? 2 win.

The women take their 1-4-0 record into a Saturday hosting of Unionville Milliken SC (2-1-2) at Stewart Burnett Park in Aurora.

The Aurora men also failed to gain ground thanks to a second half slip-up on Sunday, falling 3 ? 1 to Alliance United FC to remain at the bottom of the table.

Aurora's Maximillian Ferrari put the away side up by one early in the match at Centennial College, though Alliance countered with a header past keeper Ryan Collins less than five minutes later.

Alliance took the lead for good early in the second half, breaking through the Aurora defense down the middle for the game-winning goal, before adding an insurance marker in extra time for the 3 ? 1 win.

The Aurora men will get an opportune chance for their first win of the season when they host the 1-4-1 ProStars FC of Toronto on Sunday.

Kickoff is set for 4p.m.