

Four Tigers named to Eastern Canada Cup rosters



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A pack of Tigers will lead the charge for the OJHL when they take on Eastern Canada in Quinte West later this month.

Forwards Anthony Romano and Jake Bricknell, as well as defenseman Chris Giroday and goaltender Bradley Van Schubert, have all been selected to represent their league in the annual Eastern Canada Cup, a showdown between the Ontario Junior Hockey League, Central Canada Hockey League, Maritime Hockey League, Quebec Junior Hockey League, and Northern Ontario Junior Hockey League.

‘It’s great competition, but it’s also a great way to showcase your league,’ said OJHL commissioner Marty Savoy. ‘It’s a unique tradition and a unique partnership between all of the leagues.’

The tournament features two twenty-minute halves rather than the traditional third period, allowing the competition to focus on what an OJHL press release called ‘high-paced, intense action.’

This year’s event, hosted by the Trenton Golden Hawks, will feature ten teams, of which four hail from the OJHL.

Romano will be the lone Tiger to lace up for Team OJHL Coffey, having notched an impressive 27 points so far this year in his first season as a Tiger.

The seventeen-year old is already committed to Clarkson University for the 2019-20 season.

Captain Jake Bricknell, a former OHLer turned OJHL superstar, will don the Team OJHL Hawerchuk jersey. Bricknell leads the Tigers in scoring so far this season, notching eleven goals, and sits fourth in league scoring.

Giroday and Van Schubert will be among familiar faces when they represent OJHL Nieuwendyk. At just sixteen years old, Giroday has already proven himself to be among the elite offensive defensemen in the OJHL, putting up ten goals and twelve assists in seventeen games this season.

Van Schubert, who skated with the Newmarket Hurricanes last season after a stint in the OHL, has been excellent between the pipes for the Tigers this year in posting a .928 save percentage to go along with seven wins.

Consisting of over 200 players, with around three dozen already committed to NCAA Division I schools, the tournament runs as a player identification showcase for the prestigious World Junior A Challenge, and a chance to represent Team Canada East.