## Midget A Tigers losing ground in playoff hopes

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Despite scraping together less than a handful of wins over the regular season, the start of the York-Simcoe Minor Hockey League playoffs looked positive for the Midget A Tigers.

On the back of a 3 ? 3 tie with the Richmond Hill Stars, the Tigers were looking to make an impact in the play-in round to kick off the postseason.

The four-way battle between East Gwillimbury, Newmarket, Richmond Hill and Aurora began with a matchup against the East Gwillimbury Eagles, winners of four of their last five games.

It was déjà vu for the Tigers as they once again found themselves in a 3 ? 3 tie.

Monday night was a different story of defensive breakdowns.

Although they found the most success against the Stars during the regular season, beating them twice, the Tigers were unable to match their success, eventually falling 4 ? 1.

The Tigers have their work cut out for them Thursday night, as they look to pick up some points against the undefeated Eagles on the road.

They will have over a full week to recover before hosting the Newmarket Redmen on February 8.