

## Midget Tigers hang on to first in York-Simcoe standings



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The highest-tiered team in Aurora Minor Hockey can take their holiday break in high spirits sitting atop the York-Simcoe League pyramid.

Entering December, the Midget AA Tigers rode a five-game winning streak into their final tournament of the season in Kingston earlier this month.

There they continued to dominate opponents, reaching the final without a loss in five tournament games.

Ultimately, a 3 ? 2 loss to the Cumberland Grads brought the Tigers back down to earth.

It has been a short-but-rough go since, claiming one win in three games of league play, coming last Wednesday in a 4 ? 0 drubbing of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Clippers. Most recently, the Tigers allowed three-straight goals from the Newmarket Redmen at Magna Centre, after Brendin Ramsay put the Tigers ahead 1 ? 0 early on a nice wraparound goal.

The 3 ? 1 loss, however, still leaves the Tigers sitting pretty, heading into a two-week break before the finale of the season. At 14-5-2, they remain seven points up on the TNT Tornados for first in league standings, and have ten more goals on the scoresheet than any other opponent.

A boost to that record could come when they return to the ice on January 3, hosting the last-place Georgina Blaze. Two tough opponents close out the season for the Tigers, facing both the Tornados and Markham Waxers in mid-January, perhaps the only two teams that could catch Aurora this late in the game.

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