

Tigers tie Raiders, suffer tight 3-2 loss to Patriots

The Aurora Tigers scored a 3-1 lead against the visiting Georgetown Raiders and coughed up a 2-1 against the Toronto Patriots.

If it is any story line of the week that would be a critical point of discussion it would be these two as the Tigers host another two games at the ACC this weekend.

In front of 100 fans in attendance last Friday, the Raiders were the first to open up the scoring.

Chase Coughlan found his way past Glen Crandall, but the Tigers, were quick and nimble to find a way back.

Lucas Stanojevic found the back of the net, not once but twice in succession in the first period. Zennon Edwards would add a third goal for the boys into the first intermission.

Kristian Lamanna would make the lead 3-2 early in the second period, but Stanojevic sealed his hat trick of the game shortly after.

The Ajax native has been on a scoring tear this year for the Tigers now up to 25 goals in 29 games. He is currently second in the entire OJHL in scoring, one goal behind Burling Cougars player Jack Richard.

Following Stanojevic's goal, the Raiders immediately went on the front foot and were rewarded. Rhys Chiddenton and Nathan Naves tied the game in the second period and the rest is history. Nobody was able to solve each other from here on out, like an impossible Sudoku game.

The next night against the Toronto Patriots, Zennon Edwards got the boys rolling in the first period with his sixth goal of the season to put the Tigers up by one.

With Jaden Reyers tying the game shortly after, Carter Real potted home his fourth goal and recorded his 12th point, in only his sixth game in a Tigers uniform.

With no scoring in the second period, the Patriots came out in the third period and sealed the win. Ray Hou and Ryan Nichols were responsible for giving the Patriots the victory, despite being outshot 27-22 by the home side.

This Friday, the Tigers host the Collingwood Blues, and on Saturday the boys host the Oakville Blades. Both puck drops are at 7.30 p.m. at the ACC.

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