

## Barbarians fall in OWL final



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The Toronto Saracens earned their revenge one year in the making on the Aurora Barbarians Saturday in the Ontario Women's League rugby championship.

A streak of two straight Aurora OWL championships was snapped at Fletcher's Field when the Saracens defeated the Barbarians 44 ? 26 to claim the provincial title, the third time in three years the teams have clashed in the final.

It was the cherry on the top of a perfect season for the Saracens, who opened the match with a quick penalty conversion just a few minutes in. They took a 10 ? 0 lead on a converted try in the twelfth minute, doubling their lead just ten minutes later.

Aurora began to mount a comeback with a pair of tries to bring the deficit back to six points, before a flurry of Toronto scores made it a 37 ? 14 game heading into the half.

Toronto held onto the lead until the final whistle.

The women reached the finals after a 27 ? 19 win over the Toronto Scottish at Fletcher's Field last weekend.

Aurora was also pitted against the Saracens in the OWL 2 championship, pitting the secondary squads against each other on the same day. A back-and-forth effort had the teams score a try each early on, before a late Saracens try game them a 14 ? 7 lead at the half.

Both sides swapped a few more scores in the final forty minutes, though Aurora could not make up the deficit and fell by a score of 24 ? 12.

The men's sides continue their regular season with a visit to Lindsay RFC this Saturday.