

Tigers drop another two, losing streak now up to seven

The Aurora Tigers have now dropped seven straight games, losing to the Collingwood Colts and the Pickering Panthers over the weekend.

In all of the OJHL, the Tigers rank 12th in goals for and goals against. The boys hold the 13 ranked power play and the sixth ranked penalty kill.

This resilient group averages 32.43 shots per game, just slightly beneath the league average 33.08.

There are always pre-conceived notions in sport: that sometimes it really doesn't matter how you win, as long as you get the result. Not every victory is going to be the flashiest and prettiest on the win column. Moving forward in the regular season, that's exactly what these boys could use to gain some sort of momentum as we approach the start of the playoffs.

Of course, there is a lot more to play for now. The Tigers, who predominantly held on to second place in the North Division standings since the beginning of the new year, have fallen to third. The Collingwood Colts now sit three-points ahead of the boys with 10 games left.

Upon viewing the standings of the entirety of the league, it was addressed earlier in the year the Tigers would like to improve their record at home in The Jungle. It seems they're not the only ones.

Out of all clubs currently in playoff positions, only the Tigers, Oakville Blades, Stouffville Spirit and Toronto Patriots have a negative home record.

The Tigers are 10-11-0-2 at the ACC. The boys best the other three clubs currently in the same boat. On the road, the boys are 11-7-1-2.

Of course, fate hasn't exactly been friendly. The team has battled numerous injuries to key players and has had to play with call-ups.

Health could not come fast enough; it is most likely their biggest enemy up until now.

As the road gets tough, the tough will get going. The Tigers head out on the road this Friday to take on the Burlington Cougars. Puck drop is at 7.30 p.m.

For those with a HockeyTV account, you can stream the game live at home.

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