

Tigers still alive in OMHA finals



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Two AMHA teams are still looking to bring an OMHA title back to Aurora.

Both the Novice AA and PeeWee A Tigers are clashing in the all-Ontario championships, each in action at home over the weekend. With only two losses combined in their first three series against Richmond Hill, Newmarket, and Barrie, the Novice Tigers met the unbeaten Guelph Gryphons on the road Saturday to open their first-to-six-points series.

They were the first team able to break the Gryphons, winning by a score of 3 ? 1, before falling in a down-to-the-wire Game Two at the Aurora Community Centre 2 ? 1 on Sunday.

Game Three goes this Saturday back in Guelph, before game four returns to the ACC Sunday at 2:15p.m.

The PeeWee As have had a tumultuous run to the finals, coming out on top in two tough series with the Barrie Jr. Colts and Whitby Wildcats. They met the Oakville Rangers in a home-and-home to open their series over the weekend, dropping game one by a score of 3 ? 1 on the road Saturday before tying 3 ? 3 in front of a home crowd at the ACC on Sunday.

The series returns to Oakville for Game Three on Tuesday following press time, while Game Four can be viewed at the ACC Sunday at 3:45p.m.

While a handful of Tigers squads continue to battle in the local York-Simcoe League semifinal, four have already booked their tickets to the League's big dance. The Minor Atom AAs await the winner between Markham Waxers and Newmarket Redmen in their respective York-Simcoe final, after taking down the Stars in four games, while the Minor Bantam As will face the NobleKing Knights after sweeping Bradford.

The Minor Bantam AE final will see the Tigers face the Barrie Colts, with the Tigers riding a five game winning streak.

The Bantam As are sitting on a six game streak after sweeping the East Gwillimbury Eagles, and will face the Orillia Terriers in the championship.

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