

Barbs take lead in U18 Rugby Union



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A back-and-forth season has the under-18 Aurora Barbarians at the top spot in the Toronto Rugby Union's Premiership Central.

July has seen the Barbs follow a win with a loss and vice-versa throughout the entire month, putting Aurora at a 3 ? 2 record with one game left on the regular season schedule.

The Premiership team joined the 2nd Championship team in a sweep of the Ajax Wanderers in mid-July to take first-place position, with the Premiership squad beating the host Wanderers 31 ? 12.

?The strength of the team is reflected in the fact that tries were scored by four different people,? said Sandy Townsend, co-coach of the team.

Nick Teti, Tyler Ellis, and Joey Furguielle all scored in the first half, with Jack Liotta adding to the lead in the second. Prop James West helped out his team by adding three converts.

A loss at home followed on July 21 to bring the Barbs season to a 2 ? 2 record, battling with both the Wanderers and Oshawa Vikings for first place.

Furguielle and Ellis scored the only tries for the Barbs in a 14 ? 17 loss to the Markham Irish, with Scott Sedore adding two converts.

A key matchup against the Vikings at Fletcher's Field on Thursday had the Barbs come out on top 21 ? 12.

Now holding a record of 3 ? 2, the Barbs are third in the twelve-team Premiership league and first in the Premiership Central division.

The final game of the season comes this weekend against the Wanderers, in a battle for supremacy in the division as they sit just one point back of the Barbs.

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