

Minor Midget AA Tigers get even in York-Simcoe final



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A late third period goal on Sunday at the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex has the Minor Midget AA Tigers back in York-Simcoe contention.

The Tigers opened the YSMHL final series with the Whitchurch-Stouffville Clippers on Friday, edged out 4 ? 2 on the road. The first-to-six-points series moved to the SARC for Game 2, an afternoon game that drew a big crowd for both sides.

It didn't take long for the Tigers to strike.

Less than a minute in and already on the powerplay, Matthew Ferry made a nice move to wait out the Clippers goaltender while coming out from the side of the net to make it 1 ? 0.

That score would hold up for more than two periods, despite multiple two-man advantages for the Tigers. At the other end, John Hopkinson kept the Clippers at bay with some solid rebound control.

With nine minutes to go and the Tigers unable to clear the puck from their zone, he was finally beaten while on his back during a scramble in front of the net.

Peter Chimienti thought he took the lead for Aurora on the very next shift, taking a couple whacks at the puck, but with a referee's conference deciding the puck never crossed the line.

It wouldn't mean much in the end, however, as the game winner came off the stick of Parker Boland with five minutes to go, a one-timer from the slot for the 2 ? 1 victory.

With the series now tied at two points apiece, the Tigers return to Stouffville for Game 3. Game 4 will be played Thursday at 7:55p.m. at the SARC, while if necessary, Game 5 will head back to Stouffville on Saturday.

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