

## Pewee Tigers clinch Ontario Minor Hockey League championships



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Hard work paid off for Aurora's Minor PeeWee AE Tigers last month as they clinched the OMHA Championship.

Their opponents, the Oakville Rangers, gave these seasoned Tigers back-to-back high energy games.

With a 26-2-2 record in the regular season, it was not by chance that this formidable team continued to give it all they had to sweep the final series and win the championship for the second year in a row.

In a scoreless first period, both teams battled in what seemed to be a pretty even match. It wasn't until well into the second period that goals were notched onto the scoreboard.

Tiger Nicholas Petinarelis was able to put two goals past the Rangers goalie. With the help of Alex Morra and Ryan Fowler, the second period was out of the way and the score sat at 2-1.

The third period saw many scoring chances on both ends of the rink. Less than two minutes apart, the Rangers were able to score two more goals making it 2 ? 3.

Tigers' goalie Gianluca Panozzo had some incredible glove saves and kept our Tigers in the game. The strong defence proved to keep the Rangers at bay and some quick back-checking helped Lucas Depalma score a short-handed goal to tie the game.

The team continued to battle and Ryan Weeks scored the winning goal with three minutes left in the game.

Throughout the playoffs, the Tigers played as one unit and only lost one game. Through strong teamwork, the team made it two in a row.