

Tigers still riding high after two more wins



By Jeff Doner

The Aurora Tigers Junior A squad is riding high after two more wins last week over Mississauga and Orangeville.

In their last 10 games, the Tigers have eight wins, a loss and an overtime loss, helping them rocket into first place in the north division standings.

In that span the Tigers have outscored their opponents 53 ? 14.

Defenceman Eric Williams, who has 11 points in his last 10 games, said the Tigers seem to be running on all cylinders.

?Good starts to games has been the key to us for winning and playing a strong 60 minutes and we're looking just to pull away from the rest of the division now,? he said.

?I feel pretty good. The power play has been kicking, which has really helped my stats, but the power play is helping our team a lot.?

On Friday night the Tigers hosted the Mississauga Chargers at the ACC for what turned out to be a rather one-sided affair. According to the shot clock, the Tigers outshot the Chargers 46 ? 16.

Williams scored for the Tigers in the first four minutes on the power play to give his team the lead.

Three minutes later, Aurora points leader Kory Kennedy also potted a power play marker to make it 2 ? 0 to end the first period.

Williams spoke to the importance of a good start: ?We got off to an early lead, which is important to us lately, and got a couple early goals which helped us get the momentum we wanted,? he said.

The second period was more of the same. The Tigers outshot, outworked and out-chanced Mississauga and it showed with a shorthanded goal by Taylor McCloy and another by Curtis Warren.

Kennedy added his second of the game to make it a 5 ? 0 final in favour of the Tigers.

Goalie Andy Munroe backstopped the Tigers, turning aside 16 shots for the shutout.

?It felt great. I mean, it was my first shutout as a Tiger, so I was glad to get that one under my belt and keep playing from there,? he said after the game.

?The boys made it real easy for me tonight. I only had about 11 shots at the end of two periods, so the boys did a good job. A shutout is a team thing, especially the way we played tonight.?

Munroe said he feels as though the Tigers have gotten much better at executing their game plan on a consistent basis.

?We just lost one in Cobourg last week, which was our first loss in a while and I think when our team comes out and plays as hard as we can, we can beat just about anybody in the league. We know we have to work to win a game.?

Saturday night, The Tigers again put in a full effort, this time against the Orangeville Flyers.

It was pretty well scoring by committee, as five different Tigers connected for goals. McCloy had two, with Kyle Liu, Warren, Matthew Bernard and Angiolella each adding one. Eric Williams tallied three assists.

Kevin Entmaa got the start in this one, with Orangeville spoiling his shutout bid five minutes into the third period. But he got the win, making 20 saves.

For the first time this season, the Tigers now hold a four point lead over the Newmarket Hurricanes for first place. Aurora will look to redeem last week's 5 ? 1 loss to Cobourg on Wednesday night at the ACC at 7:30 p.m.

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Movember

In what has become one of their most popular annual fundraising events, many of the Tigers are attempting to grow their moustaches to help raise money and awareness for prostate cancer.

?We said every single player has to participate in Movember and cannot shave for the month,? said assistant captain Kyle Liu. To show your support for the Tigers, or any other local teams, visit ca.movember.com.