

Caledon Golden Hawks pick up first win of PJHL season

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The junior C Caledon Golden Hawks can breathe a sigh of relief after picking up their first win of the season against Penetang Friday.

The Carruthers division rivals of the Provincial Junior Hockey League clashed at Penetang Memorial Community Centre in the third game of the season for either squad, both in search of those first two points.

Caledon's 40 shots were enough to keep Kings' goaltender Jason Cumbo, an ex-Golden Hawk, on his feet and tired out by the third period with a 2-2 score.

Veteran Andrew Woods put the visiting team up 3-2 just more than two minutes into the final frame, though Penetang bounced back to tie it with just over five minutes to go.

It was Mathiau Young, in his first year as a Hawk, who scored his second of the game and handed Caledon the victory with only 33 seconds to spare.

In what is an experimental cross over phase for the second-year PJHL, the Hawks visited the Goderich Flyers of the Pollock division for the first time in the team's history Saturday.

While Caledon got on the board first with a goal from Sean Nottle, it was Goderich that took over the offence from there, taking a 4-3 lead into the final period.

Despite outshooting their opponents 19-5 in the third, Caledon failed to beat the hot hand of goaltender Brandon Bean, and came up short of evening their season record.

A busy weekend concluded Sunday with a visit from the division rival Alliston Hornets, ending in much of the same results as most teams find against the powerhouse squad.

The reigning division champions stayed perfect on the season in a 5-1 throttling of the Hawks, led by perennial leading goal scorer Ryan Young's hat trick.

Mathiau Young scored the only Caledon goal, playing at a goal-per-game pace so far this season.

The Hornets and the Stayner Siskins have picked up right where they left off the previous season, dominating the rest of the Carruthers division. Holding records of 5-0 and 6-0 respectively, the two teams are already pulling away from the rest of the pack, with the Hawks tied for third at one win apiece with the Schomberg Cougars, Midland Flyers and Orillia Terriers.

Caledon continues their 2017-18 campaign Saturday with a visit to the Terriers, before Sunday's weekly home game at Caledon East, hosting the 4-1-1 Wingham Ironmen of the Pollock division.

Puck drop is set for 7 p.m.

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Caledon's Matt Magliozzi and Andrew Woods connect in the neutral zone in the Golden Hawks' 5-1 loss to the Alliston Hornets at Caledon East Sunday. Photo by Jake Courtepatte