

Bandits drop two games in a row to Halton and Wilmot

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A solid effort to get back on track in mid-May by the Jr. C Caledon Bandits seems to have once again hit a roadblock, racking up back-to-back losses last week.

The two-time Ontario Junior C Lacrosse League champions came within a hair of tying the Halton Hills Bulldogs at Mayfield Rec Complex last Tuesday, in a back-and-forth affair that saw Colin Sinclair and Jarett Petrie score twice early in the third to bring the Bandits to within a goal.

Halton, having played catch-up for most of the first two periods, took a 10-8 lead with eight minutes remaining on the clock. Petrie made it 10-9 with just less than two to go, but the Bandits couldn't sustain the pressure to the final buzzer.

A much tougher task awaited the Bandits Friday in the form of the Wilmot Wild, the first game this season to be played at the Caledon Community Complex. Wilmot, with a West division-leading record of 6-1, tagged the Bandits with four goals in the first 15 minutes before Petrie put Caledon on the board.

Caledon goalkeeper Jordan Roswell was plastered with shots by the powerhouse Wild squad for the full 60 minutes, giving up 11 in an eventual 11-4 loss. Also scoring for the Bandits was Alex Freethy, along with Brandon Marion with two, who was given third-star honours for his efforts.

Petrie's two points solidified his position as the Bandits' leading offensive force so far this season, leading the team with 15 goals and 11 assists over eight games played.

A 2-6-0 record has the Bandits two spots above the bottom of the OJCLL's West division, topping the winless Mimico Mountaineers and Shelburne Vets. Now in the second half of the short two-month lacrosse season, the Bandits will hope to turn it back around fast against the 5-3-0 Oakville Buzz at Caledon Community Centre tomorrow (Friday).

Opening draw is set for 8 p.m.

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Colin Sinclair notched two assists in the Jr. C Caledon Bandits' 11-4 loss to the Wilmot Wild at Caledon Community Centre Friday. Photo by Jake Courtepatte