

Bandits make it tough for Warriors, Bulldogs in defeat

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A potential first round matching of the OJCLL playoffs between the Caledon Bandits and Six Nations Warriors could be interesting, if last Tuesday night was any indication.

The last place Bandits hosted the first place Warriors at Caledon East in their second meeting of the year, a match that on paper looked extremely one-sided.

It was actually Caledon that got on the board first, and second, surprising the Warriors with two goals within the first three minutes off the sticks of Darcy Tainsh and Dimitri Meszaros.

Six Nations bounced back with three unanswered markers of their own, but it was Caledon that held a 6-4 lead heading to the locker room.

Both sides exchanged three goals apiece in the second period, with Spencer Wood scoring twice to complete a hat trick.

Going up 10-7 with an early third-period goal from Jonathon Ferguson, Caledon squandered the lead with another three-goal effort from the Warriors, before regaining it with just less than five minutes left on the clock.

Six Nations tied it up a minute later, took the lead with just more than three minutes to go, and never looked back, handing the Bandits a heartbreaking 12-11 loss.

Having to quickly regroup for a road game the following day, the Bandits faced another tough opponent in the Halton Hills Bulldogs last Wednesday night.

Down by one heading into the third in a back-and-forth contest, Josh MacIsaac and Wood were able to pull Caledon close, though Halton added three of their own in an eventual 12-10 final score.

Wood notched his second hat trick in as many games, while Ferguson and Scott Edwards added three points of their own.

Caledon wrapped up their regular season schedule Tuesday in a game against the Oakville Buzz (results not known at press time).

Playoff schedules are yet to be finalized.

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Spencer Wood cradles the ball in the Caledon Bandits' 12-10 loss to the Bulldogs last Wednesday. Photo by Jake Courtepatte