

Bonaldi leads Hawks past Erin, continues incredible scoring pace

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The Junior C Caledon Golden Hawks have been hot and cold this GMOHL season, and they continued their unbalanced season last week.

Coming off a tough 4-3 loss in Schomberg, the Hawks had five days to think about it before heading to Huntsville to face the Otters Friday.

The Hawks' powerplay got off on the right foot, when just 15 seconds into a cross-checking penalty, James Pitsadiotis potted his fourth goal of the year.

After the Otters tied it up just more than a minute later, the Hawks' special teams continued to shine when veteran Christian Bonaldi scored a shorthanded goal to put the Caledon team up 2-1 heading into the break.

However, the second period was all Huntsville, putting up three unanswered goals while allowing only one shot against on goaltender Connor Christianson. This led to a heated third period, where a couple of large scuffles led to 55 minutes of penalties being handed out to the two teams.

Despite a drawn-out third, the scoreboard didn't change as the Otters took the game 4-2.

The Sunday game had the Hawks hosting the Erin Shamrocks for the first time this season, after splitting a 1-1 draw on Erin's rink so far.

Just two minutes in, Ryan Mouser helped Nick Figliomeni notch his first point of the year when he tapped in a pass to put the Hawks up 1-0.

Bonaldi doubled the lead eight minutes in, giving the Hawks a 2-0 advantage heading into the first intermission.

The game seemed to be over before it even started, as just less than two minutes into the second, Steve Zeppieri scored to pick up his second point in as many games.

Despite a Shamrock goal to break goaltender Sam Procopio's shutout midway through the second, Michael Andrews and Bonaldi would each tally one to give the Golden Hawks a 5-1 win.

Bonaldi has now notched 10 points in his last five games, and shows no signs of slowing down. He currently sits third in league scoring standings, despite playing two less games than the first and second-ranked players.

There will be no Sunday home game this week, as the home game has been pushed ahead to Friday when the Hawks will welcome the Fergus Devils for the second time this season. The Hawks then head to Orillia Saturday to take on the Terriers, a team they have yet to see, but sit just four points back of Caledon in league standings.

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