

Caledon Golden Hawks are on the brink of elimination

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The Caledon Golden Hawks are hot at just the right time, yet find themselves one game away from the end to their season. After surprising the number-one seeded Stayner Siskins 5-3 in the second game of their PJHL best-of-seven series, the Hawks have lost two straight, including an overtime heartbreaker last Thursday.

Strong play between the pipes by Caledon's Christian Cipironi and Stayner's Hayden Ford had the two teams tied at a goal apiece through two periods, with Caledon's Hughie Sheppard notching his first goal of the post-season.

Stayner took the lead with just less than nine minutes to play, before Daniel Bolarinho, a call-up for the Hawks late in the season, tied the game late in regulation with his first goal as a Hawk.

It was the Siskins that put the game away for good early in the overtime period, beating Cipironi on their 40th shot of the game. Cipironi, who stopped 37 shots in the loss, has been a welcome addition to a young Caledon squad. He ranks among the division's leaders in goaltender stats this post-season, holding onto a .922 save percentage in two appearances in net.

Game four Sunday at Caledon East was a much different story, with the Siskins' offence returning to form in a 10-2 walloping of the Hawks.

Bombarding goalie Andrew Ireland with shots throughout the contest, Stayner spread 43 throughout the three periods in a game that the Hawks were never in.

Ryan Mouser and Anton Trublin scored for Caledon, while Matt Magliozzi, Tyler Whitten, Christian Hauck and Nicholas McNutt picked up assists.

Magliozzi leads the Hawks in points this post-season, earning three goals and three assists through four games.

Game five goes tonight (Thursday) in Stayner, and if needed, the series will shift back to Caledon East for game six Friday.

Puck drop for game six is set for 9 p.m.

The Siskins will be looking to join the rival Alliston Hornets in the division's semifinal. So far, the Hornets are the only team to move on after finishing their series with the Schomberg Cougars in five games Sunday.

The sixth-place Orillia Terriers need just one win to take down the third-place Penetang Kings, up 3-1, while the fourth-place Midland Flyers are tied with the fifth-place Huntsville Otters at two wins apiece.

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Caledon's Matt Magliozzi reaches for the puck in front of the Stayner Siskins' goal in the Golden Hawks' loss Sunday at Caledon East. Photo by Jake Courtepatte