

Golden Hawks 0-2 to start season after 6-5 loss to Fergus Sunday



Caledon Golden Hawks goalie Chris Vellucci makes a save while surrounded by Fergus Devils during the first period of their Sunday night home game at Caledon East arena. The Hawks suffered their second loss of the season, losing 6-5 to the visitors. Photo by Brian Lockhart

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The Caledon Hawks are yet to win this season ? but it's only two games in and there is a long way to go.

The campaign got underway in Erin Saturday, in a game that was dominated by the Hawks. They just couldn't find the back of the Erin net.

The game was tied at one, at the end of the second period with the Hawks' goal coming from Steve Zeppieri on a power play.

Caledon's Mark Smythe notched a goal at 2:24 into the third period to give the Hawks a one-goal lead, but the Erin response came at the midway mark to tie it up.

After one overtime period with no scoring the teams went to the shoot-out to decide the winner.

The Shamrocks won with a single successful goal.

The return to home ice at Caledon East arena saw the Hawks hosting the Fergus Devils for their opener.

A scrappy first period had several players ejected and at one point the teams both had two men in the box and were playing three on three hockey.

Nicholas McNutt scored the first Caledon goal early in the first period, and a second Hawks' marker from Christian Bonaldi gave them a 2-1 lead going into the second frame.

The Devils responded in the second period with two goals to take the lead when the teams returned for the final 20 minutes.

Patrick Savella scored at 1:16 into the third period to make it a 3-3 game.

Fergus took the lead back with three goals to make it 6-3 with nine minutes remaining on the clock.

If the last few minutes are an indication of what the Hawks can do, it bodes well for the team, as Daniel Cafagna and McNutt both scored to come within a goal of tying the game but the clock ran out before the Caledon squad could get the goal they needed to tie it up.

They had to settle for a 6-5 loss.

The Golden Hawks will return to home ice this coming Sunday (Sept. 22) to host the Midland Flyers.

The puck drop is scheduled for 7 p.m.