

Golden Hawks defensive woes continue, still searching for first win

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The Caledon Golden Hawks junior C team is still looking for the answer, and so far they haven't found it defensively.

They entered last Thursday's contest in Schomberg winless in their first four, and were given little chance off the bat in this one with two squeak-ins allowed by Hawks goaltender Brendan Macham by the seven-minute mark of the first period.

However, it was James Pitsadiotis who lead Caledon's charge back, potting two in a row before the end of the period to tie it up.

With a Schomberg player in the box for unsportsmanlike conduct to start the second, Daniel Cafagna scored the Hawks' third straight to give them their first lead of the game.

It didn't last long, as Schomberg took advantage of a few defensive lapses to score three goals in just over three minutes to lead going into the third. Macham stopped all nine shots he faced in the final frame, but Caledon could not counter and fell 5-3.

Pitsadiotis and Cafagna have both been putting up more than a point-a-game production, as a number of other Hawks have put up a handful of points early this season as well. One of those players is veteran Ryan Mouser, who gave the Hawks an early lead Sunday in Huntsville against the Otters.

The Hawks entered the third period down 3-2, when Cafagna breathed life into the team with 14 minutes to go. But they failed to register their first point of the season by just two minutes, when the Otters retook the lead for good shortly before overtime.

Almost one month into the season, the Hawks find themselves sitting at a record of 0-6-0. They are averaging 4.67 goals against per game, the highest in the league, during that period. That places both Procopio and Macham near the bottom of the league in their goals against average, but it's hard to blame them ? both are facing around 30 shots per game.

It doesn't get any easier this week, on the road or at home. The Hawks will visit the Alliston Hornets Friday night, before hosting the Penetang Kings at Caledon East Sunday.

The two sit second and third in the league respectively.

Puck drop Sunday is at 7p.m.

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Caledon's Daniel Cafagna faces off against a Schomberg centre. The Golden Hawks are still searching for their first win of the season.