

Golden Hawks drop to fifth place

By Brian Lockhart

A loss in Schomberg last Thursday (Jan. 16) dropped the Caledon Golden Hawks to the number five spot in the Georgian Mid Ontario Hockey League standings.

The Hawks were bumped down a spot by the Stayner Siskins, who have gained a few points by winning their last five games, and took over fourth place by a single point.

The road game in Schomberg turned into a battle for the third period after the Cougars took a 2-1 lead in the first and neither team scored in the second frame.

Steve Zeppieri scored the first-period Caledon goal.

He notched his second of the game at 4:18 into the third period to make it a 2-2 game.

It fell apart for the Hawks when the Cougars scored three unanswered goals to end the game 5-2.

?We tried to come back ? we did the best we could,? Zeppieri commented after the game.

?There wasn't much energy on the ice for both teams,? he said of the scoreless second period. ?It was just back and forth, kind of boring. We wanted to come up out and win, but not today.?

Schomberg's win placed the Cougars in second place, but only for a couple of days. The Alliston Hornets won their home game Sunday and moved back into second.

The return to the ice Sunday (Jan. 19) turned out better for the Hawks, as they dispatched the Midland Flyers 6-2 at Caledon East arena.

The Hawks opened the scoring in the first period on a goal from Kyle Lee.

Zeppieri notched the second early in the second period, followed by another marker from Patrick Savella on a powerplay.

The Flyers battled back, scoring two in the second to make it a 3-2 game going into the final 20 minutes.

This time the Hawks took control of the third period, scoring three to end the game.

Hawk goals came from Savella on a powerplay, Nicholas McNutt and another powerplay goal from Cody Forgione with less than two minutes remaining in the game.

With two weeks remaining on the GMOHL schedule, the Penetang Kings have already wrapped up the League title. With 62 points and a 29-9 record, no one else can catch them before the regular season ends.

The Alliston Hornets are in second with 53 points, followed by the Cougars with 53 points, and the Stayner with 48 points so far.

The Hawks are in fifth place with 47 points and a 21-16 record.

The Golden Hawks will have two road games this week beginning with a Friday night match in Penetang. Sunday, they travel to Fergus to take on the Devils.

The Hawks will return to Caledon East for their final home game of the regular season Feb. 1, when they will host the Alliston Hornets.

Game time is 8:10 p.m.



Caledon Golden Hawks' forward Steve Zeppieri charges for the puck in front of the Schomberg Cougars' goal during last Thursday night's GMOHL game in Schomberg. The Hawks lost 5-2, but won their next game at home against Midland Sunday. Photo by Brian

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