

Golden Hawks earn first home win over Flyers

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The Caledon Golden Hawks have shown some signs of life in the Provincial Junior Hockey League.

Almost two months into the season, and after eight home games, the Golden Hawks finally won their first game of the 2016-17 season at Caledon East.

It came at the expense of the Midland Flyers Sunday night; a stellar 4-0 shutout for goaltender Andrew Ireland, his first of the year while stopping al



Shane Rumboldt goes down to block a shot in front of goaltender Andrew Ireland in Caledon's 4-0 shutout of the Midland Flyers at Caledon East Sunday. Photo by Jake Courtepatte

129 Midland shots.

Caledon, meanwhile, threw 38 shots at the Flyers cage. Dominating the play from the first puck drop, Flyers' goaltender Jake Norton kept the Hawks off the board in the first period, but a peppering of pucks in the second resulted in three straight Caledon tallies.

Andrew Woods scored twice in the second, while Mitchell Devins-Cann notched his second goal in three games as a Hawk, before Tyler Whitten put the game away for good six minutes into the final frame.

The win came on the back of another victory; a 4-2 decision over the Penetang Kings Friday, tripling the Hawks' output of wins on the season in one fell swoop.

Tied 2-2 through two periods of play, Tyler Whitten scored his fifth of the season midway through the third, which would prove to be the game winner. Captain Nicholas McNutt added a late empty-netter.

Ireland was equally as impressive in this outing, stopping 27 of the 29 shots he faced.

Despite adding four points to their season standings over the weekend, the Hawks have a long road ahead if they are to have any chance of crawling out of the Carruthers division basement. Their record of 3-14-1 gives Caledon seven points on the season, six back of both the Kings and the Schomberg Cougars.

It is interesting to note, however, that it was in late October of the 2015-16 season that the Hawks turned around a dismal start, playing to the second best record in the division for the remainder of the regular season.

The Alliston Hornets winning streak came to an end over the weekend, though their unbeaten streak remains, following a 4-4 tie with Penetang Sunday. The Carruthers division's top team moves to a record of 17-0-1.

Only one game is on the Hawks' schedule this week, hosting the Orillia Terriers (7-11-0) at Caledon East Sunday.

Puck drop is set for 6:30p.m.

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