

Golden Hawks fall to two PJHL powerhouses

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Predicting this week's Caledon Golden Hawks results should have been a breeze for any follower of the Provincial Junior Hockey League.

The junior C club was faced with back-to-back meetings with the two hottest teams in the Carruthers division, the Alliston Hornets and Stayner Siskins, coming out on the wrong end of both scores.

Despite being on a hot streak of their own, winning three of their last four games, the Hawks met a Siskins squad last Thursday night that was a perfect 9-0-0 on the year, averaging an astonishing seven goals-for per game.

They remained consistent, putting seven goals past the goaltending combo of Brody Read and Matthew Kazcor, as neither could figure out the Stayner offence.

Stayner's four straight goals to open the game chased Read, before Randy Chen broke the goose egg for Caledon.

The final two periods were fairly evenly matched, as the Hawks outshot the Siskins in the third, but were down 7-3 by the final buzzer.

Everett Flewelling and Mathiau Young found the back of the net late in the game for the Hawks.

Facing the Hornets Sunday in the always rowdy New Tecumseth Rec Centre was no easier task, with Alliston's only loss of the season coming in late September. They're perfect in their home barn.

It was actually Caledon that supplied the early offence, surprising the Hornets with two early goals off the sticks of Matt Magliozzi and Behn Ware, chasing goaltender Andrew North from the crease.

Despite the Hawks holding onto the 2-0 lead after the first buzzer, it was a re-energized Hornets squad that came out for the second, settling in with five unanswered goals while shutting out the Hawks the rest of the way.

Kazcor, who stopped 33 of the 37 shots he faced, earned third star honours for his effort, while replacement goalie Brendan Macham was named second star for his 25 saves.

With the toughest week of their season behind them, the Hawks can now focus on putting distance between them and the Schomberg Cougars, who sit one point back of the 4-6-1 Hawks in Carruthers division standings.

The two meet for back-to-back games this week, with the Cougars hosting the Hawks Thursday night before the venue switches to Caledon East Friday.

Puck drop is set for 8:30 p.m.

The weekly Sunday game will go as scheduled with the Hawks hosting Stayner, their third of six meetings for the year.

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Caledon's Sean Nottle circles the Stayner net with the puck in the Golden Hawks' 7-3 loss to the Siskins last Thursday. Photo by Jake Courtepatte