

Golden Hawks lose in home-and-home with Flyers

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The young season is spiraling out of control for the junior C Caledon Golden Hawks, who added two more losses over the weekend. Special teams were the culprit in back-to-back losses to the Midland Flyers, the first of which came Friday night in Midland.

Midland went two-for-two on the power play, with Francesco Corona opening the scoring with the extra attacker just more than eight minutes in. Corona doubled the lead with a short-handed marker in the second period, jumping into the play out of the penalty box after a short five-on-three advantage for Caledon.

Caledon's Sean Nottle exchanged a goal with Midland's Matt Walilko, for a 3-1 Midland score after two periods.

Another one on the power play snuck past goaltender Jason Cumbo in the third, before Nottle made it a tight match with his second of the game.

Down by two in the dying seconds, Andrew Woods scored his first goal as a Golden Hawk, but it was too little too late in a 4-3 loss. Caledon was zero for six on the man advantage.

In Caledon's home barn at Caledon East Sunday, Midland continued to dominate on the power play by opening the scoring in the final minute of the first.

Captain Nicholas McNutt brought his scoring streak to four games with a goal in the second period, but a pair of Midland markers had the Hawks once again down by two in the third.

Tyler Whitten had a glorious opportunity to bring the Hawks back to within one five minutes into the final frame, hauled down on a breakaway for a penalty shot. Jake Norton, who had won three of his last four games for Midland, stopped the attempt.

Matt Magliozzi capitalized only a few minutes later, but the Hawks dropped another one-goal game by a score of 3-2.

Time is already running out for the Hawks in the short PJHL season, now one month old with three to go. A lone win in the season opener has been followed by 11 straight losses, while the other basement dwellers of the Carruthers division seem to have found their legs.

While the Schomberg Cougars and Orillia Terriers are beginning to add to their win columns, the Hawks record of 1-11-0 sits six points back of both squads.

The results, however, are remarkably similar to Caledon's start last season. After losing each of their first nine games of the schedule, the Hawks turned it around to post the second best record in the league following that mark and squeak into the playoffs. Still in search of their first home win this year, the Hawks will get a pair of opportunities this weekend beginning with a late 9 p.m. game Friday hosting the Terriers at Caledon East.

Sunday's home game will feature the Hawks and the Huntsville Otters, with puck drop set for 6:30 p.m.

The Alliston Hornets continue to lead the league with a perfect record of 10-0-0.

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Caledon captain Nicholas McNutt faces a horde of Midland players in the Golden Hawks' 4-3 loss to Midland Friday. Photo by Jake Courtepatte