

Golden Hawks maintain fourth place with win over Huntsville

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Considering the number of penalties in the game between the Caledon Golden Hawks and Huntsville Otters in Caledon East arena Sunday, it's a wonder any one could score at all.

The game sheet listed 68 minutes on 26 infractions for the Golden Hawks and 53 minutes on 23 infractions assessed against Huntsville.

But that's hockey and the game did go on, with Caledon winning 8-2.

At the end of the first period, the Hawks were leading 3-0 on goals from Steven Klomp, a short-handed effort from Christian Bonaldi and a powerplay goal from Kyle Lee.

The Otters lit up the board on their side with a single in the second period, but the Hawks turned it up a notch for the rest of the frame, scoring four more before the buzzer sounded.

Caledon goals came from Steve Zeppieri, Chris Smith, and a pair from Daniel Cafagna.

Returning for the final 20 minutes, each team scored a single to end the game at 8-2 for the Hawks.

Cody Forgione notched the final Caledon goal at 1:17 into the third period.

While the score shows the Hawks were on top of the game, the stats back it up. The Hawks took 45 shots on goal while Caledon goalie Chris Velluci faced only 22 in the game, for a 2-1 ratio for the Hawks.

After 18 games, the Hawks are in fourth place in the Georgian Mid Ontario Hockey League with 25 points and an 11-7 record including one overtime loss and two losses that by way of a shut-out.

The Penetang Kings are hanging on to first place with a 15-3 record and 33 points.

The Alliston Hornets are in second place with a 14-3 record, followed by the Schomberg Cougars with 29 points and 13 wins after 19 games into the season.

The Golden Hawks will meet Huntsville again this week when they travel north tomorrow (Friday) night.

They return to home ice Sunday (Nov. 17) to host the Erin Shamrocks.

The puck drop is scheduled for 7 p.m.