

## Golden Hawks rebound from tough losses for two-game win streak

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It's often said that the measure of a man is not how he acts in times of success, but how he faces adversity.

The same can be said of an entire team.

The Caledon Golden Hawks Junior C team faced adversity recently, getting blown out in back-to-back GMOHL games.

The week began Thursday in Schomberg, as the Hawks were visiting the Cougars at the Trisan Centre.

Schomberg earned the first scoring chance of the game shortly after the opening faceoff, when a Derek Neilly shot from the point provided a juicy rebound for Brandon Savoy at the right side of the net. A sprawling save by Hawks' goaltender James Cyfko kept the young game scoreless.

The save seemed to spark the Caledon offence immediately, as they headed the other way with great pressure, picking up more than a full minute of zone time on the attack.

However, Cougar Luke Gamoyda made two of his eight saves in the period, sending the game to the first intermission tied 0-0.

The second period was one that the Hawks would surely like to forget. Neilly opened the scoring for the Cougars just more than a minute in, opening the floodgates for five straight Schomberg goals. Only a late tally by Hawk Michael Andrews kept the game slightly in reach, heading into the second intermission with a 5-1 Schomberg lead.

After another astounding four-goal scoring streak by the Cougars in the third, the blowout game turned chippy. The teams combined for 34 penalty minutes in the final seven minutes of play, including a travesty of game gross misconduct to Hawk Ryan Wonfor.

The Cougars barraged the Hawks net with 40 shots in the 10-2 loss.

Outscored 17-3 over the last two games, the Golden Hawks went into Erin Saturday looking to get back on track offensively.

They did just that, with goals from Ryan Mouser, Daniel Cafagna and Christian Bonaldi giving the Hawks a 3-1 lead after one.

The tide seemed to turn in the second, as strong defensive play from the Shamrocks held Caledon to just four shots in the period.

Erin used the time to pot three goals of their own, going up by one heading into the third.

However, the Hawks stormed back once again, scoring three unanswered markers, breaking the losing streak with a 6-4 win.

Bonaldi picked up two goals and an assist in the game, and leads the team with 10 points through nine games.

The boys were back at home the following night, taking on the Stayner Siskins.

An incredible display of special teams was put on by the Hawks, going three-for-five on the powerplay and netting a shorthanded goal in a 5-1 victory. Meanwhile, the Siskins were shut down totally on their own chances, going zero-for-four on powerplay opportunities.

In a game that was never even close, a line brawl broke out in the second period that resulted in six fighting penalties and four game misconducts.

The two wins have padded the team's stats, as the Hawks now find themselves right in the middle of the Georgian Mid-Ontario Junior C standings with a record of 4-4-1-0. They will get a chance to savour their progress with a week off the schedule, before hosting Schomberg at home Sunday night.

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Hawk goalie James Cyfko tries to peek around a screen from Cougar Brandon Savoy and Caledon teammate Alex Palumbo last Thursday in Schomberg. The Hawks dropped the game 10 - 2, but bounced back with back-to-back wins. Photo by Jake Courtepatte