

Golden Hawks remain winless at home

By Jake Courtepatte

A pair of losses over the weekend has left the Caledon Golden Hawks in the basement of the PJHL's Carruthers division, and still in search of their first win of the season at Caledon East.

The junior C club was first forced to contend with the Orillia Terriers on the road Saturday night. The Terriers were fresh off their second win of the season. They moved to a 3-4-0 record by defeating the Hawks 6-3.

The Terriers top line of Mike Barroso, Matt Lawlor and Jake Shaw combined for four goals for a night when the Hawks actually outshot their opponents 35-31.

Kyle Fischer put the Terriers on the board first just after nine minutes in, sending a wrister from the top of the slot over Caledon goaltender Jason Cumbo.

Caledon vet Tyler Whitten returned the favour with his second of the year a few minutes later, before Randy Chen put the Hawks on top 2-1 in the final minute of the first frame.

Orillia's Matt Vince tied the score early in the second, and from then on the Terriers were in control. Cumbo was helpless after stopping Barroso on a breakaway, when Lawlor deposited the rebound into the empty cage to regain the lead for the home team.

Four straight power plays for the Hawks in the third period resulted in just one goal, off the stick of captain Nicholas McNutt.

Barroso completed his hat trick with two goals in the final 10 minutes.

With less than 20 hours between game times, Caledon came up empty in search of their first win at home Sunday against the Penetang Kings.

Caledon once again threw an impressive amount of shots on net; 44 this time, but could capitalize only a trio of times in a 4-3 heartbreaker.

Kevin Pleasance had the only multi-point night for the Hawks, scoring the first goal of the game on the power play nearing the end of the first.

Whitten doubled the lead early in the second, before two quick Penetang goals tied the game.

Josh Hachey brought his point streak to three games shortly thereafter, giving Caledon the 3-2 lead heading into the third period.

With McNutt in the box for roughing and 12 minutes to go, Penetang's Nick Sammons once again tied the score. Colin Kijowski then scored with just more than two minutes remaining for a permanent 4-3 Penetang score.

Andrew Ireland stopped 27 of the 31 shots he faced for the Hawks.

The losses leave the Hawks with only two points on the season, playing to a 1-6-2 record including 0-3-0 on home ice. Caledon is tied with the Schomberg Cougars for last place in the eight-team division, albeit having played one more game.

This week's schedule does not get any easier for the Hawks, who have to contend with the Huntsville Otters (4-2-0) Friday night before hosting the Stayner Siskins (4-1-0) Sunday.

Puck drop is at 6:30 p.m. at Caledon East Sunday.

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Caledon captain Nicholas McNutt gets a shot in close against the Orillia Terriers. The Golden Hawks fell 6-3 to the Terriers Saturday. Photo by Jake Courtepatte