

Golden Hawks split the weekend with OT loss at home

By Brian Lockhart

It was an epic battle as far as Junior C hockey games go Sunday night at Caledon East.

The Caledon Golden Hawks hosted the Schomberg Cougars ? two teams that, at least on paper, are very evenly matched.

The Golden Hawks came to the ice with a 17-11 record for the season and 39 points ? good for fourth place in the standings.

Schomberg came to town with a third place standing, 42 points, and an 18-10 record.

The Golden Hawks were leading 2-0 at the end of the first period on goals from Steven Klomp and Daniel Cafagna.

All three goals in the second period came on powerplays ? two from Schomberg and a single from Caledon, to make it a 3-2 game going into the final 20 minutes.

The Caledon single came from Adam Breen.

When the Cougars scored at 12:11 into the third period to tie it up, the battle was on to settle the game with eight minutes left on the clock, but neither team could score and the game went into overtime.

The night was over when the Schomberg squad scored at just 1:01 into the overtime period.

The loss made it a .500 weekend for the Golden Hawks, who were coming off a 7-2 win over the Midland Flyers Friday night in Midland.

After playing to a 2-2 tie at the end of the first period, the Golden Hawks erupted in a scoring frenzy in the third period and notched five ? four of them on powerplays ? to end the game at 7-2.

That third period result should be a wake-up call to the last place Midland team, who took 16 minutes in penalties and three game misconducts ? including a match penalty for spitting of all things.

Golden Hawks goals came from Breen in the first period and Cafagna in the second period.

Third period goals came from Randy Chen, Christian Bonaldi, Klomp, Zack Worth and Derek Czech.

After the weekend, the Golden Hawks maintain their fourth place standing in the Georgian Mid Ontario Hockey League with 39 points.

The Hawks will return to home ice at Caledon East this Sunday (Dec. 22) to host the Alliston Hornets.

Game time is 7 p.m.



Caledon Golden Hawks' forward Christian Bonaldi dekes around a Schomberg defender during the second period of Sunday's Junior C game at Caledon East. The Hawks dropped a two-goal lead to lose 4-3 in overtime, but split the weekend with a Friday night win in Midland. Photo by Brian Lockhart