

Golden Hawks win back-to-back at home



Caledon Golden Hawk forwards Christian Hauck and Jacob Arsenault crowd the Erin Shamrock net during Sunday night's game at Caledon East arena. The Golden Hawks left the ice with a 6-1 win. Photo by Brian Lockhart

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Four more points over the weekend leaves the Caledon Golden Hawks tied for third place in the Georgian Mid Ontario Junior C Hockey League.

The Hawks share the spot with the Schomberg Cougars who have an identical 10-5 record. Both teams have one overtime loss and one shoot-out loss.

Hosting the Fergus Devils Friday night, the teams battled to a 2-2 tie at the end of the third period. Daniel Cafagna scored both Hawk goals, and both were assisted by Christian Bonaldi.

After being blanked in the overtime period, the squads returned to settle the game with a shoot-out.

After three attempts, the Devils came up short when Hawk goalie Eric Pitcher stopped all three shots.

Patrick Savella got the only shoot-out goal and the Hawks left the ice with the win.

Their regular Sunday night game at Caledon East arena had the Hawks hosting the Erin Shamrocks.

At the end of the first period the Hawks were leading 2-1 with both goals coming from defenceman Cody Forgione. The only second period marker came late in the frame, when Cafagna scored to make it a 3-1 game going into the final 20 minutes.

By the time the third period started the Caledon squad seemed to re-group. The Hawks notched three more in the third and they were all well executed, stylized set-ups that found the back of the net.

The final three came from Cafagna on a power play, Christian Hauck and a short-handed effort from Bonaldi.

"Usually we're taking one off," Forgione said. "And that's happened to be the first in the past couple of games. We've got to focus on playing 60 minutes."

The squad has had a few games where they started with lack-lustre first periods, then recharged for the latter part of the game.

"We talked about no penalties during the break," he said. "I think half the first period we were on the penalty kill. We were trying to focus on not taking penalties. We can't be scoring on the short all the time."

From the start of the season, head coach Sandy McCarthy has stressed the Caledon team has a reputation as a team that takes a lot of penalties and he's been trying to enforce a little more discipline. It's a strategy that seems to be working.

"In the first, we weren't moving out feet as much," Forgione said. "We were taking penalties, lazy penalties. In the second and third we started moving so we could make those plays."

The final was 6-1 for the Hawks.

The Hawks will be in Alliston tomorrow (Friday) to take on the Hornets.

They return to Caledon East arena for the regular Sunday night (Nov. 3,) game and will host the Stayner Siskins.

The puck drop is scheduled for 7 p.m.