

Jr. C Bandits clip Hawks wings 9-6

By Brian Lockhart

A strong first period set the tone for the Caledon Bandits in last Tuesday night's (May 27) Junior C lacrosse game against the Oakville Hawks at Bolton arena.

After matching goals before the five minute mark in the first period, the Bandits pulled ahead with four unanswered points to lead 5-1 at the end of the frame. The final score was 9-6 for the hosts.

Bandits goals came from Austin Heughan, Theo Solate, Chris Sehl and a pair from Spencer Wood.

"Our defence was right," said Bandit head coach Mike Gillan. "Our offence is starting to click. Five of their goals were fast breaks ? it was all break aways ? that's what we did wrong. Our offence was not stopping the reverse transition. Our defence started working together. There's a few things to fine tune, but they played an all around solid game."

The Bandits let up in the second period allowing Oakville to score three times while scoring only one of their own, setting up a 6-3 game going into the final frame.

The Hawks challenged in the third and closing the gap to two goals, but again the Bandits managed to pull away with two final goals from Heughan and Jordan Oshowy at the midway mark to end the game.

It was a tough game ? on a competitive level as well as in physical play, with a lot roughing going on in the corners and in front of the net while jockeying for position.

That, Gillan said, is a good sign for the team.

"Our game in Hamilton got a little rough and that's when our team started backing each other up and started playing like a team," he observed. "We lost ? it wasn't the result we wanted, but in the long run, it kind of was because these guys are starting to come together and hopefully we can keep it running into next week."

The Bandits will be back at Bolton arena this coming Tuesday (June 10) to host Hamilton.

Game time is 8 p.m.