

Jr. C Bandits post two wins over Mimico

By Brian Lockhart

Last Tuesday night's Junior C lacrosse game at Bolton arena turned into target practice for the Caledon Bandits when they hammered the visiting Mimico Mountaineers 15-4.

After leading the first period 3-2 on goals from TJ Burton and a pair from Austin Heughan, the Bandits notched four unanswered markers in the second then a fifth, before the Mimico squad could put one past Bandits goalie Ryan Woodworth.

Second period Bandit goals came from Jordan Oshowy, Chris Sehl (with two), Brodie McLean, Mile Douglas and Spencer Wood. The Bandits were short benched in the Tuesday game and brought up a couple of midget players to fill in the gaps.

"We have one guy out with a concussion, and one guy with a suspension, so we had to bring up a few," said Bandit head coach Mike Gillan. "The guys we do bring up? they're players. They're probably middle of the pack in terms of where they fit on my team."

By the third period, Caledon controlled the game and peppered the Mimico goalie with shots, scoring five more times in the final frame.

"We're starting to do the offence we're trying to implement," Gillan said of the way his squad is starting to gel. "It's been tough, we haven't had many practices this year so finally getting out to some practices and working on our systems, they're starting to implement them in games and it's starting to create more space for us on the floor to get the goals we need."

While the good offence scored goals, half the battle is keeping the other team from scoring on you.

"Offence can score as many goals as they want, but it won't matter if the ball keeps going into our net," Gillan commented on the squad's defensive strategy. "The strongest part of any team needs to be your defence. That's what I enforce and that's what I expect from my players, and for the most part they deliver it when they can."

The Bandits made good in their second game against Mimico when they went on the road Sunday (June 8).

Leading in the first period on goals from Heughan and Wood, the squad returned for the second period two score two more from Sam McCanna and Oshowy.

Mimico managed two in the second period, but a final effort in the third frame from the Caledon squad sealed the deal with an 8-4 win.

Third period Caledon goals came from Heughan for two, Theo Solate, and Derek Czech.

The Bandits will be playing the rest of their home schedule games at Mayfield arena.

They return this coming Tuesday (June 17) to host Halton Hills.

Game time is 8 p.m.