

Junior C Bandits come from behind over Hamilton

By Brian Lockhart

Last Tuesday's (June 10) Junior C Lacrosse game at Bolton arena proved one thing ? never give up.

After trailing in the first and second periods, the Caledon Junior C Bandits returned for the final frame and scored seven unanswered goals against the Hamilton Bengals to leave the arena with a 12-10 win.

The first period ended with Hamilton leading 5-1 and the Bandits struggling to keep up.

A single from Bandits' Spencer Wood was the only Caledon first period goal.

By the end of the second period, the Bandits closed the gap, but not by much, after scoring four times and matching Hamilton's four goal tally for the frame to trail 9-5 with the final period still to go.

It was the third period that made all the difference when the Bandits unleashed a flurry of shots on the Hamilton net that tied the game and ended with the Caledon squad earning a two point lead to end the game.

That final period included four goals from Austin Heughan and singles from Daniel Gravelle, Spencer Wood and Josh MacIsaac.

?We played like we were supposed to,? said Bandit coach Mike Gillan of the turn-around in the third period. ?Our first period, we gave the ball away. We weren't passing, we weren't shooting, we weren't hitting the net. We weren't doing anything to show the coaches or the fans that we wanted to win. The second period was a little better. We went in and we were down 5-1, and were down 9-5 at the end of the second period. We finally decided to wake up.?

While the squad came up short in the first two periods, Gillan said that on defence, the team played a solid game from the start.

?Our defence did their job the whole game,? he said. ?In the first period our goalie wasn't up to snuff and we changed them.?

While the Bengals saw their lead evaporate in the final frame, the Bandits held it together and played a well disciplined period that changed the momentum of the game.

It was their fifth win and gave them a 10-point total for the season and placed them right in the middle of the pack in the West Division of the OJCLL standings.

The Bandits will be back at home this coming Tuesday (June 24), when the will host the Shelburne Vets.

The venue will now be at Mayfield arena for Bandit home games.

Game time is 8 p.m.

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The Caledon Junior C Bandits hosted the Hamilton Bengals at Bolton arena. The Bandits had a huge third period comeback to catch the Hamilton squad and leave the arena with a 12-10 win. Photo by Brian Lockhart