

Junior C Bandits stung by the Fergus Thistles

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A slow start out the gate led to a 13-4 loss to the Fergus Thistles for the Caledon Bandits in their only Ontario Junior C action of last week.

Fergus exploded with four goals in the first 10 minutes of play at the Mayfield Rec Complex, notching five in total in the first period and spreading eight between the final 40 minutes.

Austin Heughan and Jordan Oshowy scored on the power play for the Bandits, while Jonathan Ferguson and Colin Sinclair added a single even-strength tally each. Drawing assists were Oshowy, Sinclair, Jarrett Petrie, and Sam McCanna and Brandon Marion with a pair each.

The loss was Caledon's sixth in a row, a streak lasting one month since defeating the Mimico Mountaineers and Shelburne Vets in back-to-back games mid-May.

The Mountaineers, meanwhile, are heading the other way. They have surged out of the basement of the OJCLL's West division with two straight victories over the weekend to surpass the Bandits (2-9-0), who now sit in eighth place in the nine-team division.

The OJCLL regular season enters the final week of play this Friday when the Bandits visit the Vets, who have amassed just one win all year. Two more games follow throughout the weekend, taking on the Warriors (6-5-1) in Six Nations Saturday and the Wild (11-1-0) in Wilmot Sunday.

Caledon Community Complex is the site for the next and final Bandits home game of the year before playoffs, next Friday hosting the Warriors. Opening draw is set for 8 p.m.

If standings remain the same, Caledon will try to rewrite history in facing the Thistles in the first round of the postseason for the third year in a row.

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Colin Sinclair scored his 11th goal of the year for the Caledon Bandits in a 13-4 loss to the Fergus Thistles at Mayfield Rec Complex last week. Photo by Jake Courtepatte