

Magliozzi extends Golden Hawks unbeaten streak to three

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After a dismal start to the season, the Caledon Golden Hawks seem to finally be finding their wings.

Sharing the basement of the Georgian Mid-Ontario Hockey League standings with the Orillia Terriers since the season opened one month ago, the Hawks finally found their offensive legs in a 10-goal outburst last week.

As it turned out, this was not an anomaly. The junior C squad put in a similar effort Saturday against the Terriers, scoring five unanswered goals en route to a 6-1 win.

Daniel Cafagna, with points in every Caledon game this season, save for a shutout at the hands of the Alliston Hornets, opened the scoring for the Hawks midway through the first period. At the other end, goaltender Brendan Macham stood tall until the start of the second, beaten on a solo effort by Terrier Quinn Steele.

From there, he completely shut down the Orillia offence, stopping 40 of 41 shots in the win.

Matt Magliozzi put the Hawks back on top, before a pair of goals each from Christian Mariconda and Nicholas McNutt sealed the deal.

Hosting Stayner Sunday, the Hawks were forced to deal with a Siskins team that had won three of their last four games, climbing to third in league standings.

Stayner jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead over goaltender Sam Procopio, beaten twice on the nine shots he faced in the first. It was rookie Matt Magliozzi and Cafagna, both on over a point-per-game pace, who combined to cut the lead in half before the end of the period.

Christian Mariconda tied the game for the Hawks midway through the second, with the initial assist coming off the stick of Magliozzi.

With a Stayner player in the box for hooking early in the third, the Hawks were caught with their guard down when Ricky Darrell took a nice feed to beat Procopio shorthanded and regain the lead. But Magliozzi was on a hot streak, tying the game at three with less than a minute to play in regulation time.

Overtime solved nothing, and the game ended in a tie.

Caledon's discipline was a main factor in earning the tie, picking up only two minor penalties in the contest and leaving Stayner 0-2 on the power play.

Although it is a long climb back to relevancy, the Hawks record of 2-0-1 in their last three games has vaulted them to a 2-7-1 record, climbing over the Terriers in league standings and only a few points behind both Schomberg and Erin.

They will have the opportunity to close the gap when they visit the Shamrocks in Erin Saturday night. A tough challenge awaits the Hawks for Sunday's weekly home match, hosting league-leading Alliston, who boast a 9-1-0 record.

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Golden Hawk Daniel Cafagna scored his team-leading eighth goal of the year Sunday in a 3-3 tie with the Stayner Siskins. Photo by Jake Courtepatte