

Penetang clinches first GMOHL title in seven years

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The Penetang Kings have won the Georgian Mid Ontario Hockey title after wrapping up with their final regular season game Friday with a win over Caledon Golden Hawks.

The Kings secured the title several games back, after achieving a points total that was far enough ahead of the pack that they couldn't be caught.

They last claimed the title in 2007, but have remained one of the top teams in the GMHL since.

The win brings an end to the Alliston Hornets six-year reign as title holders.

Winning their first title in 2008, the Hornets claimed the league for six consecutive seasons and went on to the provincial Junior C championship, winning twice and going to the final on three more occasions.

At the end of the 2013-14 season, the Kings wrapped it up with a 30-10 record, including two overtime losses and two shoot-out losses to finish with 64 points.

The Alliston squad has now finished in second place with one game left in the season followed by Schomberg Cougars in third place.

The Golden Hawks have dropped to fifth spot in the League after holding fourth place for much of the season.

The drop in the standings was the result of a few recent losses and the team from Stayner gaining steadily over the past few weeks.

The Junior C regular season wraps up this week with the final scheduled game tonight (Thursday).

There will be one more game Saturday, when Alliston and Caledon will meet to play a make-up game after one of their regularly scheduled games was cancelled due to weather.

Going into the playoffs, the bottom three teams ? Fergus Devils, Huntsville Otters and Midland Flyers ? will enter a playdown series to see which squad will find a berth in the quarter-final round.

As it stands, the Caledon will be meeting the Stayner Siskins in the first round of the playoffs.