

Muskies take two losses over the weekend

The Shelburne Muskies continue to play much improved hockey, but couldn't notch a win over the weekend against a couple of the traditionally stronger teams.

On Friday, January 15, the Muskies were up against the first place Mapleton-Minto 81's.

The Muskies gave them all they could hand through the first half of the game, leading 2-1 in the second period.

The Shelburne team learned how damaging penalties can be when they spent time in the box and gave the 81's a pair of five on three advantage powerplays, which the Mapleton-Minto squad turned into a 6-3 lead after two periods.

The third period saw the 81's score a couple more to end the game 8-1.

The Muskies returned to the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex last Saturday night, January 16, to host the Saugeen Shores Winterhawks.

The Hawks scored in the last minute of the first period for the game's opening goal.

Shelburne's Steve McSwain tied it up in the second period banging in a rebound from Santino Diflorio.

The turning point in the game was a short-handed goal by Hawks' Andy Mitchell as he pulled a Muskies defend and put it past goaltender Eddie Davey to take a 2-1 lead.

The Winterhawks took a 3-1 lead in the first minute of the third then added another five minutes later to make it a 4-1 game.

The Muskies kept battling the rest of the way and closed the score to 4-2 when captain Chris Greer scored from Blake Lovell and Ryan Halbych with just over three minutes remaining.

The Muskies pressed with the goalie out but couldn't close the score, giving Saugeen Shores the 4-2 win.

The Muskies travel to Saugeen Shores this Friday, January 22, for an 8:30 p.m. game.

They return to home ice on Saturday, January 23, to host the Ripley Wolves.

Game time is 8:00 p.m.

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