

# Host Owen-Gage cops holiday tourney with wins over Kinde, Port Hope

Owen-Gage won the first place trophy in its own holiday tournament with a 56-40 win over North Huron. Despite the lopsided score, the hard fought contest potentially could have gone either way until the final few minutes, although the Bulldogs led most of the game. Several turnovers by Owen-Gage in the second quarter enabled the Warriors to go ahead 20-19 with

4½ minutes left. A layup by Kirk Carolan with 1:49 put the Bulldogs back in front to stay, 27-26. By the time the halftime buzzer sounded, his team led, 31-26. The 6-foot senior led his team with 15 points, followed by Pete Klemkowsky, 14, Brad Erickson, 12, and Alan Haag, 10. The victors shot 34 percent from the floor (22 of 63) and 63 percent from the

charity line (12 of 19). The game may well have been decided on the boards, according to coach Phil Gray, as his team grabbed 52 rebounds -- 18 of them by Jim Glidden -- twice the number pulled down by North Huron. Free throws were another factor. The Bulldogs only gave their opponents eight chances at the charity line and they converted on two of

them. The Warriors connected on 19 of 59 shots from the floor for a 32 percent mark. In double figures were Kevin Kennedy with 12 and Darrell Dyhse with 10. Owen-Gage resumes its league schedule Tuesday, Jan. 8, when it again hosts North Huron. Gray figures that team will be seeking revenge. Upon departing the visitors' locker room Satur-

day night, the Warriors left a note: "We'll be back." The Bulldogs didn't do as well in the junior varsity portion of the tournament, losing to North Huron in the finals, 76-47. Score by quarters: O-G 14 17 12 13 56 NH 6 20 9 5 46

rowly squeaked by the Blue Stars, 62-60, in a regular league contest Dec. 18, had an easy time of it in the tournament contest last Thursday, winning 70-50. Owen-Gage only led by three at halftime, 29-26, but pulled away easily in the second half for the 20-point final margin. A better defensive effort by Owen-Gage and poorer shooting by the Blue Stars accounted for much of the difference between the two games, coach Phil Gray explained. His team didn't do that well percentwise shooting from the floor but took a lot of shots, connecting on 30 of 88 attempts for a 34 percent average. The Bulldogs were 10 of 22 from the charity line for 45 percent. In double figures for the victors were Jim Glidden, 18 points, Pete Klemkowsky, 16, Brad Erickson, 15, and Kirk Carolan, 11. Carolan grabbed 15 rebounds to lead in that department. Kevin Arndt led the Blue Stars with 14 points, trailed by Jeff Woodke, 11, and Ray Finkel, 10. The Bulldogs won the junior varsity contest, 56-46, to also make it into the tournament finals. Score by quarters: O-G 14 15 21 20 70 PH 11 15 13 11 50



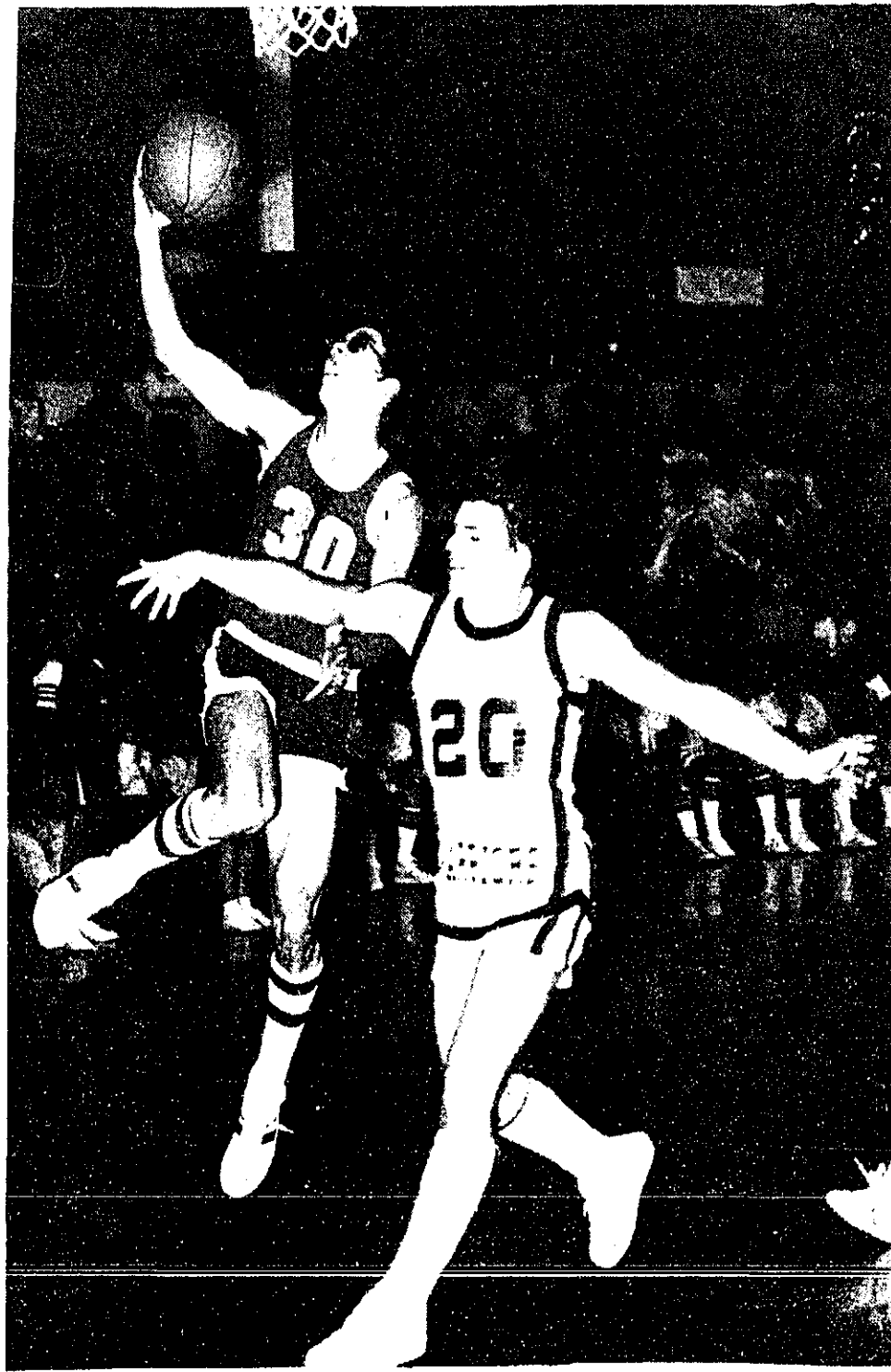
20 VS. 20 -- Brad Erickson (dark uniform) drives past Warrior Jon Binder for two of the 12 points he scored Saturday night. Binder scored four points.

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TOP REBOUNDER -- Jim Glidden (No. 30), seen here outdueling North Huron's Jon Binder, only scored four points Saturday night, but was top Bulldog on the boards with 18 rebounds. Owen-Gage grabbed 52 rebounds to only 26 for the Warriors.

OTHER GAMES

North Huron was the winner of the opening game of the Owen-Gage tourney last Wednesday with a 73-47 win over Caseville. The Warriors won the junior varsity contest by an almost identical score, 73-45. The consolation game Friday night was a squeaker, with Port Hope besting Caseville, 40-38. Caseville won the junior varsity clash, 56-50.

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THUMB B CONFERENCE				NORTH CENTRAL D LEAGUE			
		League Over all				League Over all	
	W	L	W	L		W	L
Laker High	3	0	5	0	Carsonville	3	0
Vassar	3	0	3	1	Caseville	1	0
Cass City	2	1	3	1	Owen-Gage	2	1
Sandusky	1	2	2	3	Kingston	1	1
Bad Axe	1	2	2	3	Caro	1	2
North Branch	1	2	1	3	Marlette	0	3
Caro	1	2	1	4			
Marlette	0	3	1	3			

Friday's games -- North Branch at Laker High; Vassar at Caro; Sandusky at Bad Axe; Marlette at Cass City.

Saturday game -- Mayville at Marlette.

Friday's games -- Kingston at Akron-Fairgrove; Cross-Lex at Peck.

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# Everybody's healthy as Hawks resume cage wars against Marlette Friday

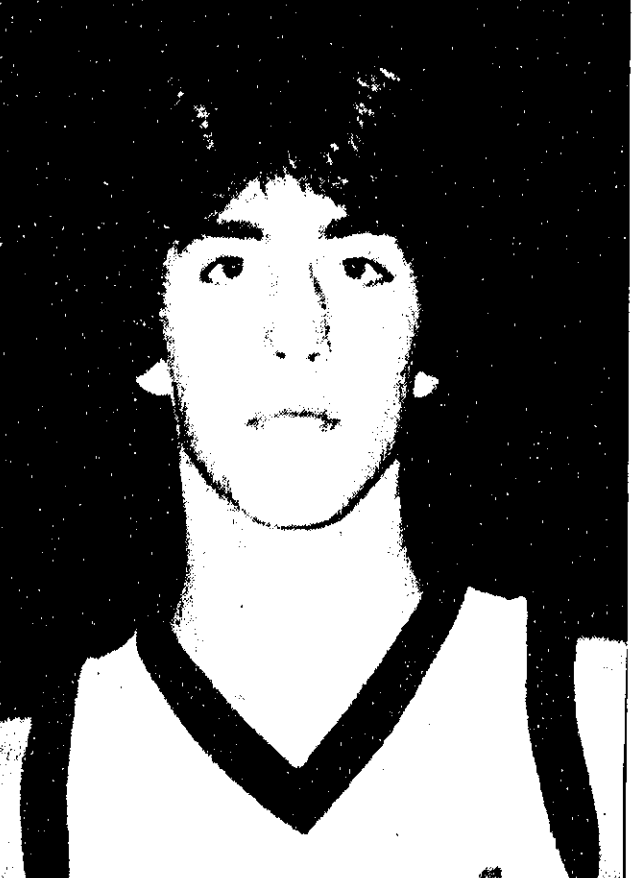
Barring accidents in practices the Cass City Red Hawks will return to the basketball wars Friday in top physical condition. It will be the first time this year that every member of the team has been healthy. Todd Comment was the last of the walking wounded to return. He made his first appearance of the year in the last

game before the holidays when the Hawks routed USA in a non-league game. What the long holiday break will do for the team remains to be seen. The club was rounding into the shape expected of it before the Christmas break and a continuation of the improvement is imperative if Cass City is to be the dominant force everyone expected it to

be before the season started. Because of his knee injury Ken Martin was slow to round into form, but played probably his best game of the year in the USA contest. Also showing lack of conditioning because of injury has been Tim Fahrner. Comment, the third of the trio, will undoubtedly need playing time to get his game into top form. Regardless of the squad condition, Cass City should have too much fire power for Marlette when they come to town Friday. The Red Raiders are inexperienced and in a talent down cycle. They are winless in Thumb B competition. North Branch, a team Cass City defeated easily, 83-59, walked over Marlette in an early season game.

After that game the Hawks travel to Mayville in a non-league tilt. The Hawks will be favored in this one, too. Friday, Jan. 11, the Hawks play at Vassar. On paper Cass City figures to win. But the Vulcans over the years at home have either upset Cass City or played them to a standstill in games when they didn't figure to come close.

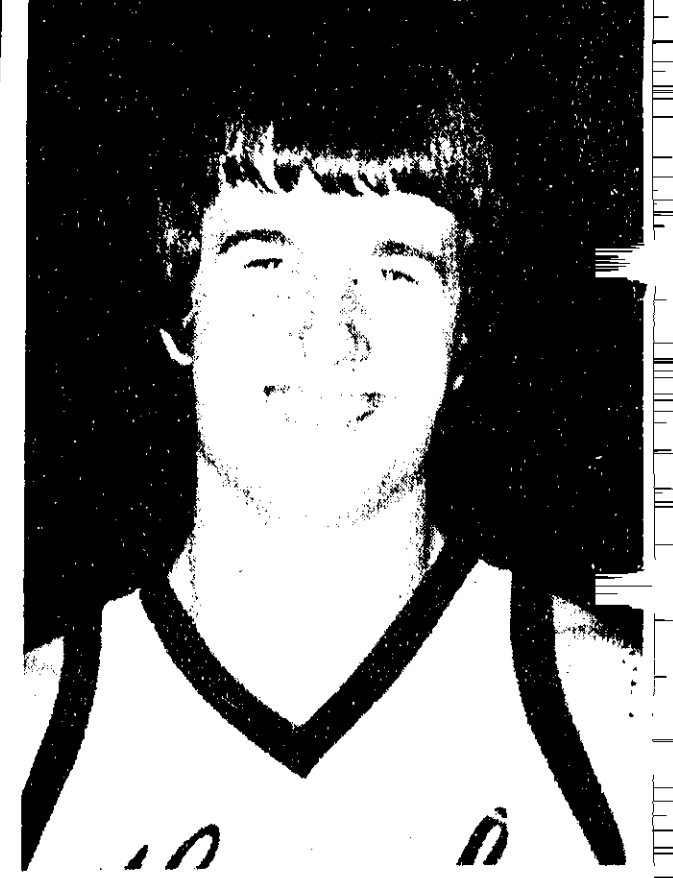
This year Vassar is undefeated in the league and the Hawks must win to stay in the conference race. After that it will be four league games in a row topped by the return match with Lakers Jan. 25. If form is followed that game should decide the Thumb B Conference title. If it does, plan to get there early because a turnaway crowd is likely.



**TODD COMMENT**  
Returned to action just before Christmas.



**TIM FAHRNER**  
Recovering, but bothered by shin splints.



**KEN MARTIN**  
Knee injury is responding to treatment.