

Key Laker tilt ahead

Hawk victories knot Thumb B loop race

The first of two crucial tests in the drive for the Thumb B championship for the Cass City Red Hawks comes Jan. 25 when the Lakers come to town. With a key win over Vassar last week, Cass City moved into a tie for the lead with the Lakers and Vassar. Winner of the Laker-Hawk fracas will then need to get by Vassar to become undisputed champions. However, the Hawks must guard against an upset this Friday when they travel to Bad Axe to play the Hatchets. On paper it appears no contest but Cass City has not been overpowering against weaker teams this season. An upset would be a severe setback in the drive for the title.

An outmanned Harbor Beach Piratette quintet battled host Cass City Red Hawks for 3½ quarters Tuesday night before finally bowing to a late Hawk surge that resulted in a 65-50 Cass City victory. Although Cass City never trailed, the game was closer than the final score indicated. The Hawks broke out into an early 8-2 lead in the first quarter only to see the visitors tie it up at 10-10 midway through the first quarter.

That was as close as the Pirates were to get. At the end of the first period the Hawks led 16-13 in a game marked by numerous turnovers on both sides. That's the way the game went for the rest of the first half. Harbor Beach was paced by Glenn Mausolf who played a fine game and handled the attack for his team from his guard position. It looked as if Cass City was going to salt away the game in the third period. Paced by Tim Fahrner and Ken Martin who scored repeatedly from close in Cass City built a 41-32 bulge with 3:08 left in the quarter.

At the end of the third period it looked as if Cass City had a comfortable margin; leading 45-34. But the visitors were far from through. With Bill Maurer leading the way with two quick baskets the Pirates moved to within four points, 48-44, with 5:15 left and suddenly it was a game again. The Hawks answered this challenge with some of the team's best basketball of the night. In the next two

minutes the Hawks shoved in 10 unanswered points to wrap up the win. Ken Martin scored 20 for Cass City and Fahrner had 12. In double figures for Harbor Beach were Maurer with 18 and Darryl Wehner with 12.

JUNIOR VARSITY

The JV squad had an easy time with the Pirate JV, leading all the way in an 80-50 decision.

Harbor Beach	FG	FT	PTS
Mausolf	2	3-4	7
Wood	1	1-2	3
Roggenbuck	1	-	2
Maurer	8	2-2	18
Carmondy	1	-	2
Lange	1	-	2
Wehner	5	2-4	12
Weber	2	-	4

Cass City	FG	FT	PTS
Ferris	1	-	2
Johnson	4	-	8
Tonti	2	3-5	7
Comment	3	1-2	7
Sontag	0	1-2	1
Richards	1	2-2	4
Guinther	-	2-2	2
Hoag	1	-	2
Fahrner	4	4-4	12
Martin	7	6-6	20

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VASSAR GAME

The Cass City Red Hawks moved into a tie for the lead of the Thumb B Association Friday night with a close spine tingling victory over a good Vassar Vulcan quintet. The score was 74-68 and the game was even closer than the score indicates. The host Vulcans had a chance to send the game into overtime with just 15 seconds left on the clock. Vassar had fallen behind by six points with 1:15 left in the game but came storming back in the final seconds to pull within two points.

When the top end of a one and one was missed a rebound would have given the Vulcans the ball with time left to tie it up. But Rusty Hoag grabbed off the key rebound and put it in to ice the game. That was the ball game. A couple of charity tosses a moment later merely widened the final margin.

The game was close all the way with the lead switching back and forth constantly. This year's edition of the Vulcans features a not too

tall squad with good quickness. Coach Tom Frampton used the quickness in a full court press and it bothered the Hawks. Vassar scored several easy points on turnovers caused by its defense.

In the opening period Vassar jumped into an early lead paced by Todd Wallace who scored eight of his 11 points in the first 8 minutes and keyed Vassar's rebounding corps.

Cass City bounced back at the 4-minute mark to take a 11-10 lead only to see Vassar mount another charge behind Jim Evans to lead 26-23 at the end of the quarter.

In the first minute of the second quarter Cass City whipped in front by a point and from then on to the end of the first half first one team would forge in front and then the other. At the intermission the Vulcans were in front 35-34.

For the first time this season Cass City played some tough defense in the

third quarter, to go in front. Helping make the press effective was Tim Johnson who caused two turnovers and stopped a Vulcan basket when he was inserted into the line-up.

The Hawks were ahead 59-51 midway through the third quarter and led 61-55 at the end of three quarters.

The Hawks remained in front by two to eight points the rest of the way to claim the important victory. The closeness of the game followed tradition when Cass City plays at Vassar. Over the years the Vulcans always have presented problems for the Hawks regardless of the record of the teams.

Cass City was led by Craig Tonti who has been improving with every game since he moved into the starting line-up. He scored a game high 22 points hitting 8 of 11 shots and six of six free throws. In addition he was credited with six assists and ran the offense. Also shining for Cass City

was Ken Martin who scored 19 points and nine rebounds. Evans led Vassar with 17 points.

JV LOSES

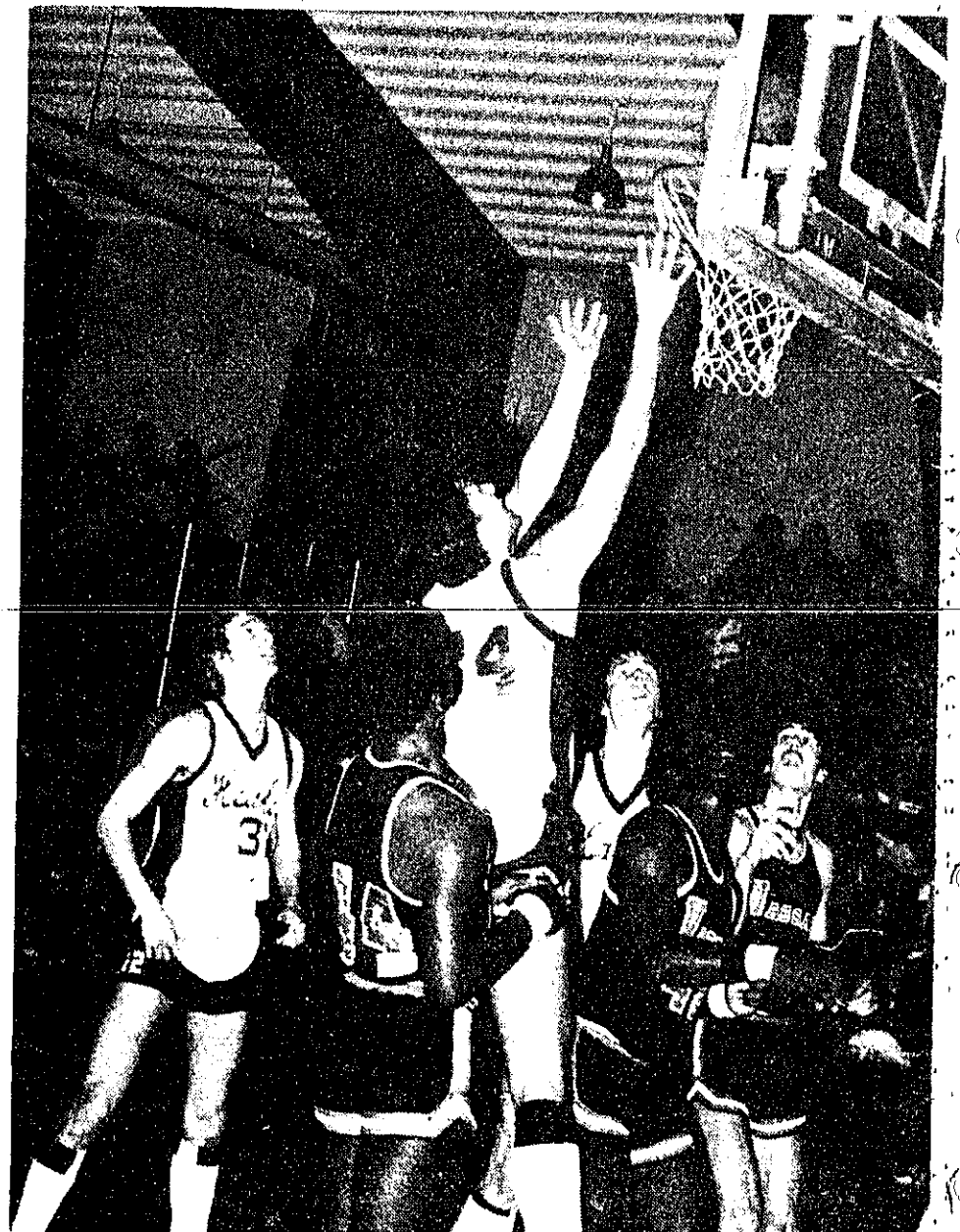
The Junior Varsity trailed all the way in the preliminary and lost 71-57. The Hawks were hampered because Mark Goslin was unable to play due to illness.

Cass City	FG	FT	PTS
Hoag	3	-	6
Fahrner	5	3-6	13
Johnson	2	-	4
Martin	5	9-10	19
Richards	3	4-4	10
Tonti	8	6-6	22

Vassar	FG	FT	PTS
Evans	6	5-7	17
Franko	2	-	4
Harper	5	-	10
Birk, Greg	2	4-4	8
Birk, Rob	3	2-2	8
Wallace	5	1-2	11
Harper	4	2-2	10

26 22-26 74

27 14-17 68



WITH GOOD POSITION under the boards Tim Fahrner was able to cash an easy two points on this play. Watching are, from left, Cass City's Rusty Hoag and Ken Martin. Number 44 is Tim Harper while the Vulcan closest to the camera is Todd Wallace.

Anscomb: Hawks in race for volleyball crown

Cass City won a dual meet and finished fourth in an invitational at Frankenmuth in volleyball action during the week.

Saturday in the 8-team match at Muth the Hawks were shoved into the losers bracket in the opening round when they lost to Saginaw Lutheran Seminary, 15-3, and 16-14. After that loss Cass City defeated St. Charles, 15-1, and 15-9 and topped Freeland 15-3 and 15-7.

In the battle for third place Cass City lost to Pinconning, 15-11, and 17-15. The invitational was won by host Frankenmuth. Pinconning finished second and Seminary was third. In the dual meet Cass City topped USA. In the one-match meet, the Hawks dropped the first game, 15-7, and then bounced back to win the next two, 15-7, and 15-4.

Coach Michelle Anscomb said that Vickie Pobanz, Shelly Rabideau and Tammi Rabideau were perfect from the service line. The net play of Beth Sieradzki with dink spikes was outstanding.

'MUTH MEET

Cass City lost its opening volleyball matches of the season last Wednesday to Frankenmuth, losing the first match 2-1 and in

straight games in the second match.

Coach Michelle Anscomb said that the lack of good spiking cost the team the matches. She pointed to the great services of Tammie McKee and Kris Proctor in the first game as highlights of the games for the Hawks. The services paced Cass City to its only victory, 15-5.

After Cass City won that one, Frankenmuth took over winning the remaining four games. The scores were 15-10, 15-5, 15-5 and 18-16. In the second game Sherry Bader provided some good services and in the fifth game Vickie Pobanz registered 11 for 11 from the service line. Anscomb praised the all-around play of Beth Sieradzki and Tammi Rabideau. Despite the loss Anscomb feels that the squad is a good one and will be contenders in Thumb B Association play this year.

Returning varsity players include Sherry Bader, Tammie McKee, Beth Sieradzki, Cindy Smith, Tammi Rabideau and Vickie Pobanz. Up from the JV squad are Julie Carpenter, sophomore Kris Proctor, Annette Robinson and Shelly Rabideau.

Players on the varsity that were not out for the club last year include Dawn Herron,

Krys Meeker, Lori Gohsman, Laurie Hartsell and Padgett Randall.

Saturday the Hawks will host the Cass City Invitational starting at 10 a.m. with games running throughout the day. Cass City plays Harbor Beach. It is a round robin tourney and there are 8 teams entered.

Schedule:

Jan. 21	Akron-Fair, here
Jan. 24	Lakers, here
Jan. 31	at Caro
Feb. 2	at Capac
Feb. 6	at USA
Feb. 7	North Branch, here
Feb. 11	at Marlette
Feb. 14	Vassar, here
Feb. 18	at Uby
Feb. 21	Bad Axe, here
Feb. 23	at Vassar
Feb. 28	at Sandusky



COACH MICHELLE ANSCOMB has high hopes for this volleyball squad this season. The varsity, from left, first row: Shelly Rabideau, Beth Sieradzki, Lori Gohsman, Julie Carpenter, Laurie Hartsell. Second row: Kris Proctor, Annette Robinson, Sherry Bader, Cindy Smith, Tammi Rabideau. Third row: Coach Anscomb, Krys Meeker, Dawn Herron, Vickie Pobanz, Padgett Randall, Tammie McKee.

Improving Hawk grapplers paced by Paul Brown

Cass City finished fourth in an 8-team tourney Saturday at Marysville that Coach Russ Biefer said was the toughest of the year.

The event was won by Yale with 150 points. Birch Run notched 125½ while Lakeville posted 123½. Cass City had 100 points for its fourth place finish.

Paul Brown, Biefer says, has developed into a first rate wrestler. He won his weight class by winning 3 matches. His record is now 10-2-1.

Phil Harmer finished second. He was defeated by a good wrestler, Pat Parberg, from Birch Run. Harmer's record is 6-3. He is a dependable, hard working wrestler, according to his coach.

Another Hawk doing a fine job, Biefer says, is Mark Dolecki. He finished third, winning three and losing one. A year makes a big difference. Last year Dolecki was 1-10 and this year he is 10-4.

Co-captain Bob Warju finished second. He wrestles at 145 pounds and has a record of 11-3. Biefer says that his most aggressive wrestler is Jim Nicol. Wrestling at 185 pounds he finished second.

For the season he is 8-4 and his lack of experience is his only drawback.

Guy Nanney is the other co-captain. He is the heavy-weight and finished third. His season record is 13-3 and he has 10 pins.

DEFEAT LAKERS

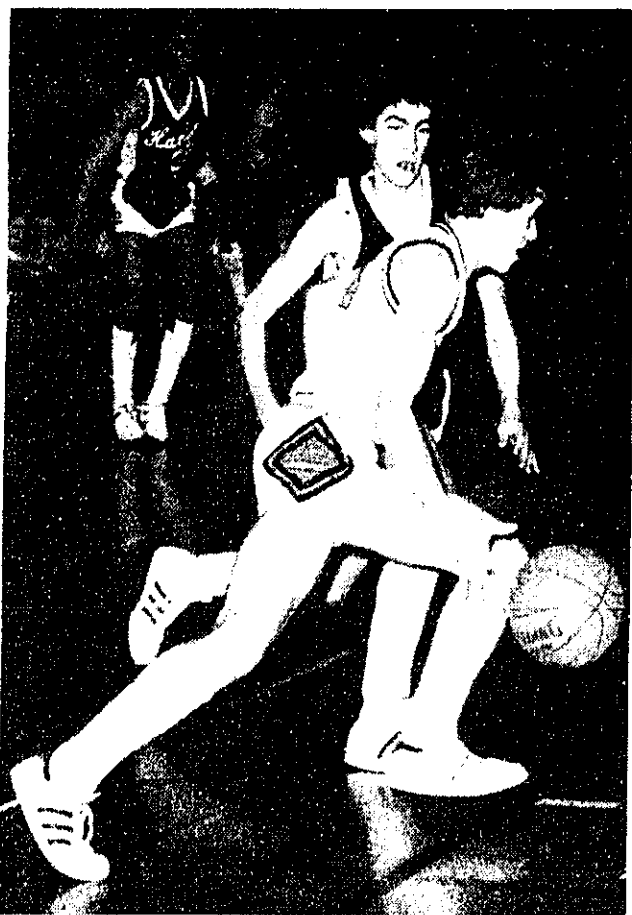
With 10 pins Cass City ran roughshod over Lakers in a dual match Monday, 60-15. Nanney recorded the fastest pin of the year as he won in just 9 seconds.

The results: 98 Jeff Papp (CC) pinned Dave Arsenault (L) 105 Tom Lefler (CC) won by forfeit 112 Phil Harmer (CC) pinned Troy King (L) 119 Mark Dolecki (CC) pinned Randy Ferguson (L) 126 Jim Clabuesal (L) forfeit 132 Jeff Barry (L) decided Blake Fisher 12-11 138 Brad King (L) pinned Max Moorish 145 Bob Warju (CC) won by forfeit 155 Bob Sawdon (CC) pinned Vince Cantewac (L) 167 Dale Cleland (CC) pinned Jim Kosinski (L) 185 Jim Nicol (CC) pinned Leo McArdle (L) 198 Jim Jensen (CC)

pinned T. Gremmell (L) H. Guy Nanney (CC) pinned Layne Henne (L)



THESE JUNIOR VARSITY players will carry the banner for Cass City in the years ahead. First row, from left: Tammy Dearing, Kelly McPhail, Jacki Yost, Lori Little, Karen Little. Second row: Chris Westerby, Lisa Wilson, Barb Watson, Kathy Pringle, Sally Severance, Susan Stine. Third row: Coach Peggy Flynn, Kathy Tuckey, Sherry Hillaker, Sally Lowe, Julie Woods, Gail Little.



CRAIG TONTI pressures a Pirate guard as the Hawks used their pressing defense more frequently Tuesday. In the games against Vassar and Harbor Beach the Cass City defense appeared to be becoming more aggressive and effective.

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