

Cass City wins big in tune-ups

It's showdown time—Lakers face Hawks

Seldom has a game in the Thumb B Conference been as one-sided as the Cass City-Sandusky clash Tuesday night when the host Hawks rolled over the Redskins, 93-47.

Undoubtedly it was Cass City's finest game of the season and probably Sandusky's poorest. Hawk fans left the gym saying to each other, I hope we play as well Friday night.

For it's Friday that the game that will probably decide the Thumb B Conference title will be played.

That's when the Lakers come to town.

Cass City and the Lakers are tied each with one defeat. The Lakers handed Cass City its only defeat in the opening game of the season.

Whether the Hawks are as good as they looked against the Redskins or whether it was just one of those nights will be decided in the battle for the league title.

Certainly Cass City could do little wrong against Sandusky. With Craig Tonti and Tim Johnson spearheading

the pressing defense, Sandusky had trouble getting the ball down the floor. More often than not it was turned over by the time the center line was reached.

Meanwhile, Cass City was cashing in on fast break lay-ups by Tonti and Johnson, shots from the corner by Steve Richards, shots from the center by Ken

Martin, shots from just outside the foul circle by Tim Fahrner and rebounds by the entire team.

And while most of the shots were going in for Cass City in the first half as the Hawks shot 60 percent, none was falling for Sandusky.

The Redskins went for more than 10 minutes, that's 2 minutes more than a full

quarter, without scoring a single point.

The score was still respectable after the first four minutes when the Hawks led 14-6 but after that the roof fell in.

The Hawks moved in front 30-8 at the end of the first period and added to the rout in the first six minutes of the second period. By that time the margin had increased to 44-8 and that's when Sandusky scored again. At the half the score was 52-12.

It was mop up time the rest of the way. Coach Ron Nurnberger left various combinations of his first 8 players play the third quarter and then they retired for the night. At the end of the third period the score was 75-28.

Cass City had five players in double figures headed by Richards with 15 and Tonti and Fahrner with 12 each. Pat Soffredine led Sandusky

with 12.

JV WINS

The Hawk junior varsity had an equally easy time with the Sandusky JV, winning 74-35, by far its largest margin of the season.

BAD AXE GAME

It doesn't appear to matter what team the Cass City Red Hawks are playing or what the record is, the Hawks find a way to make it close.

It happened again Friday at Bad Axe when the Hatchets challenged Cass City in the final quarter before losing, 57-45.

Cass City whipped out in front in the first period and led all the way. The Hawks pulled to a comfortable lead in the first two quarters and it looked as if the game was going to be a laugher.

But the Hatchets refused to fold and kept plugging away at the Hawk margin and pulled to within six points with 2½ minutes left in the game.

Threatened, the team responded the same way it did in the game against Harbor Beach, with a scoring blitz that ruined the Bad Axe come-back attempt.

Cass City won the game with better shooting percentages than the Hatchets could muster. The Hawks converted 23 of 43 field goal attempts for 57 percent while the host team made just 17 of 40 for 43 percent. From the charity lane Cass City netted 11 of 14 while Bad Axe converted 11 of 16.

The Hawks were led on the boards by Steve Richards and Ken Martin, each of whom grabbed 5 defensive and 3 offensive boards. As a team Cass City outrebounded Bad Axe, 32-25. Rusty Hoag led the team

in assists with 7 while Craig Tonti wasn't far behind with 6.

Scoring was divided for Cass City among seven players with Martin, 12, and Tonti, 11, showing the way. Leading all scorers was Charlie Woycik of Bad Axe with 21 points. Dennis Gebauer added 14.

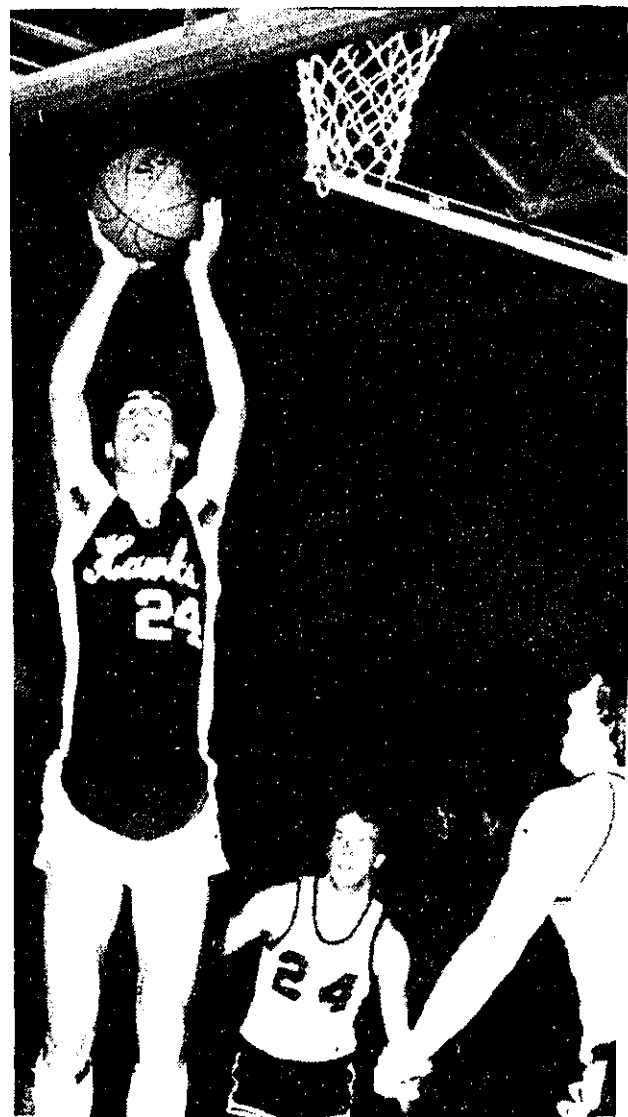
Box score:

Cass City	FG	FT	PTS
Comment	3	-	6
Hoag	2	2-2	6
Fahrner	3	2-2	8
Johnson	3	2-2	8
Martin	6	0-2	12
Richards	3	0-1	6
Tonti	3	5-5	11

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Bad Axe	FG	FT	PTS
Pangborn	1	-	2
Spring	2	4-4	8
Woycik	7	7-12	21
Gebauer	7	-	14

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EASY LAY-UPS like this one by Steve Richards helped Cass City to an outstanding shooting percentage night Tuesday against Sandusky.

Bulldogs split with Lakers

Owen-Gage opened the volleyball season last Thursday with a split with visiting Lakers in a non-league contest.

The first match saw the Lakers coming out on top by scores of 15-13, 7-15 and 15-12.

The Bulldogs won the second, 16-14, 6-15 and 16-14. Becky Howard scored 19 points for the Bulldogs, Kris Erickson netted 13 and Julie Andrakowicz had 10.

Top point-getters for Lakers were Tracy Farver with 17, Darlene Miller, 13, and Deb Bollenbacher, 11.

The visitors won the junior varsity match, 13-15, 15-7 and 15-12.

Owen-Gage doesn't compete again until Thursday, Jan. 31, when it opens the North Central D League season at Carsonville-Port Sanilac.

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Pigeon quintet forges to top in Rec. league

It was Caro against Pigeon in the showdown battle for the lead in the Thumb Recreation League and Mutual of Omaha from Pigeon topped People's State Bank from Caro, 73-68.

That game was played Thursday night. It was close all the way. The bankers went in front, 14-12, at the end of the first period and the insurance men led at intermission, 34-32.

The Pigeon team forged ahead, 51-45, at the end of three periods and held on for the victory. The winners featured balanced scoring with 12 players finding the nets, led by Paul Beach with 13 and Randy Damm with

10. Dirk Sutherland netted 18, Chuck Smith, 13, and Chuck Peterson, 10, for the losers. People's played without its leading scorer, Mark Green.

In the first game Thursday it was no contest as Charmont rolled over IGA, 78-49. The winners led 38-28 at the half and 64-36 after three periods. Lloyd Schinnerer with 20 was tops for Charmont. Ron Nurnberger scored 18 and Paul Mienier, 16. Johann Schulz with 17 points and Chuck Hendrick with 10 points topped IGA.

In Wednesday's competition, Trend Vendors powered past Brown's Party Store, 95-70, leading all the way after chalking up a 28-18 first period advantage. Roy

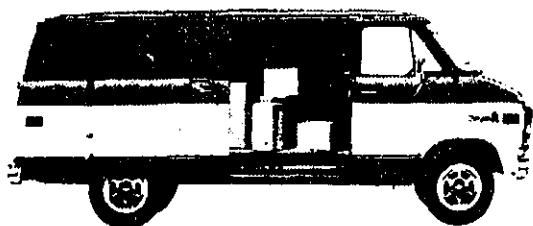
Calahan scored 27 for Vendors. Others in double figures were Randy Rife, 20; Louie Calahan, 14; Marty Zawilinski, 12; Dave Zawilinski, 11. Craig Miles scored 25 and Les Nicholas, 10, for Brown's.

The second game Wednesday went to the Advertiser on a forfeit as Gus's Party Store had only four players.

Standings:	W	L
Mutual of Omaha	6	0
People's Bank	5	1
Charmont	4	2
Trend Vendors	3	3
Advertiser	3	3
Gus's Party Store	2	4
Brown's Party Store	1	5
IGA	0	6

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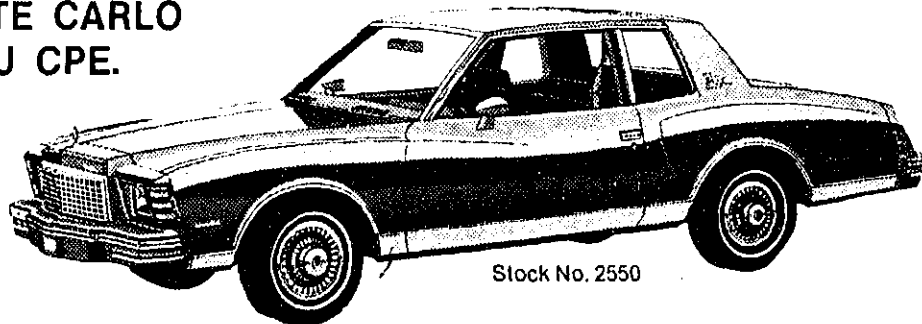
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