

Face improving Caro Friday

Hawks take league lead with key wins

If the Cass City Red Hawks don't play better this Friday at Caro than they did Tuesday night at Cass City against the Mayville Wildcats, the Thumb B Association race could be all tied up again.

The Hawks, now leading the league, topped the Wildcats, 68-58, in a sloppily played game that wasn't decided until the last minutes of the final quarter.

This is the same Mayville team Cass City blew away in the first meeting between the schools, 80-51.

The Hawks started slowly and were behind, 10-4, after 5 1/2 minutes had been played. Cass City started to rally after that as Ken Martin hit from the center

and from the foul circle and Tim Johnson added 8 points in the quarter to keep Cass City from falling too far behind. At the end of the period Mayville was in front 14-12.

The visitors stayed ahead until there was 5:59 left in the first half when the Hawks finally forged in front, 17-16.

After that Cass City was never behind but also never able to lengthen the lead to a comfortable margin.

With 1:43 left in the first half the Hawks were ahead 29-28 and then spurred to go in front, 35-30 at the intermission.

In the early moments of the third quarter the Hawks started to score and ap-

peared ready to take command. A basket by Craig Tonti and two more by Johnson gave Cass City a 43-34 advantage after just under three minutes of play.

But the Wildcats refused to fold under the pressure and closed within a bucket before dropping back to trail by four, 49-45, at the end of three quarters.

Cass City opened the final period like it did the third with a scoring spurt that moved the margin to 7 points, 57-50. It stayed in that range until the final 2 1/2 minutes when a Wildcat rally cut the margin to 62-58 with 2:10 left in the game.

Cass City stiffened and held Mayville scoreless the rest of the way while scoring

a bucket and two free throws to ice the contest.

Johnson had the best scoring night of his career as he scored 23 points to lead Cass City. Martin with 18 and Tim Fahrner with 10 were also in double figures.

For Mayville, Don Beach, lanky center, scored 18 and Tim Elenbaum netted 14 while playing a fine floor game. Phil McLane netted 12.

JV WINS

The junior varsity made it a clean sweep by pushing past the Wildcat JV, 61-51.

Cass City	FG	FT	PTS
Johnson	7	9-10	23
Tonti	2	0-1	4
Richards	3	1-2	7
Hoag	2	2-2	6
Fahrner	2	6-8	10
Martin	6	6-6	18
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Mayville	FG	FT	PTS
McLane	4	4-5	12
Elenbaum	6	2-3	14
Colosky	1	-	2
Beach	9	0-1	18
Buhl	4	-	8
Stout	2	-	4
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LAKER GAME

There were plenty of heroes for Cass City fans to applaud as the Cass City Red Hawks took over the Thumb B Association lead last Friday with a 68-55 decision over the Lakers.

Ken Martin played a stellar game at center. Craig Tonti provided scoring punch at guard with his driving lay-ups and Steve Richards played his usual reliable game. Coach Ron Nurnberger credited Richards' defense on Todd Wisenbaugh in the third quarter as one of the keys to the Hawk victory. Todd Comment made a couple of baskets early when the Hawks were struggling and falling behind, 11-4.

The unsung hero of the game had to be Tim Johnson. Johnson didn't score much. His assist total wasn't all that great but when he

came into the game in the first quarter Cass City improved noticeably.

Johnson sparked the Hawk defense and helped check the Lakers' two fine guards, Todd Dubey and Scott Farver, who were hurting Cass City in the early going.

The offense started moving after the senior guard took the floor. Cass City trailed by 8 points with one minute left in the quarter and with some nifty playing moved to within two points, 17-15, at the end of the first quarter.

To get that close Cass City scored four points in the final two seconds. Martin went to the foul line with two seconds left and canned both tries.

The Lakers tried a long pass down the floor for a last second shot at the basket but the ball went out of bounds and there was still two seconds left.

Richards took the ball, tossed it into the corner to Martin who arched it up and in as the whistle ending the quarter sounded.

After that it was nip and tuck until just before the end of the half. Cass City went in front for the first time, 27-26, as Martin collected two free throws with 3:15 left. After that Cass City never trailed although the Lakers threatened until the final period when Wisenbaugh and Dubey both fouled out.

Sparked by a three-point play by Tonti who made a beautiful drive to the bucket and was fouled, Cass City was ahead 35-32 at the intermission.

The Hawks carried a 52-47 lead going into the final period. Wisenbaugh was sent back into the game and lasted just 10 seconds before fouling out. That sealed any chances the Lakers had of making a comeback and Cass City pulled steadily away.

With 4:27 left the Hawks were ahead, 60-51, on balanced scoring. After that it was mop up time and Cass City coasted in for the win.

The Lakers held a slight edge in the rebounding department, 34-28, but the Hawks countered that with better shooting from the foul line, 87 percent to 83 percent, and from the field where Cass City was 24 of 53 for 45 percent. The Lakers were 20 of 50 for 40 percent.

Helping the shooting percentages was Tonti who hit 7 of 10 from the field and 5 for 5 from the charity circle as he led the Hawks with 19 points. Martin picked up 17 points and led the team in rebounding with 10. Tim Fahrner was in double figures with 12.

For the Lakers Dubey netted 19. Wisenbaugh had 16 in three quarters and Farver 12.

JV LOSES

The Laker Junior Varsity continued the hex that has plagued the Hawk JV all season. Cass City lost to the Green and White by a single point, 48-47. In the first meeting between the teams the Hawks lost by two points.

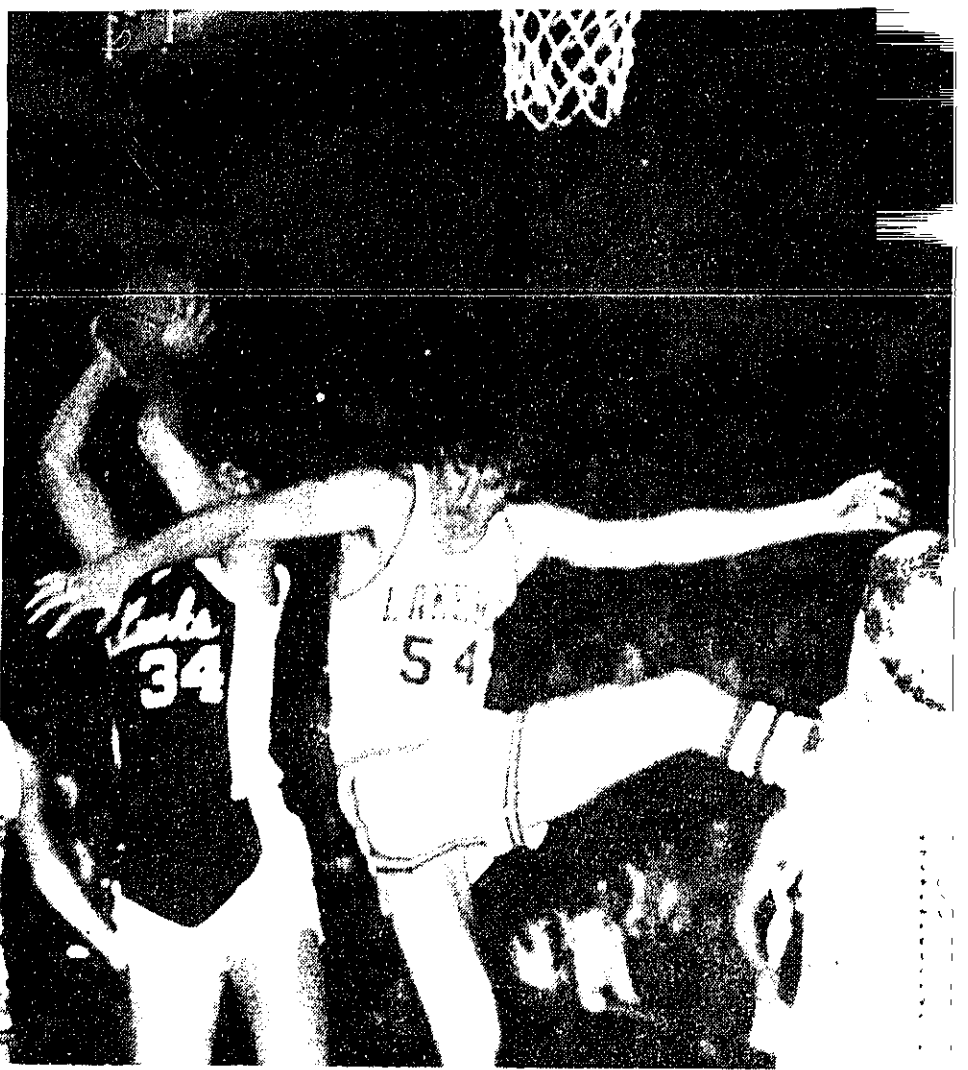
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Richards	4	1-2	9
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Lakers	FG	FT	PTS
Dubey	8	3-3	19
Sweeney	-	2-2	2
Leipprandt	2	-	4
Farver	6	-	12
Wisenbaugh	3	10-12	16
Bushey	1	-	2
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THUMB B ASSOCIATION League Over all

	W	I	W	L
Cass City	7	1	11	1
Lakers	6	2	8	4
Vassar	6	2	7	5
Bad Axe	4	4	6	6
Caro	4	4	4	8
North Branch	3	5	3	8
Sandusky	2	6	4	8
Marlette	0	8	3	10

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



TIM FAHRNER outrebounds the Lakers' Jeff Bushey on the offensive boards for two points for Cass City as the Hawks took over undisputed possession of first place Friday.



KEN MARTIN has been a dominant force under the basket for Cass City all season. When he can get the ball in close like this as he did against Mayville Tuesday night it's almost always two points for the Hawks.

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