

Hawks to help open USA gym

Cass City edges Eagles after crushing Vassar

The Cass City Red Hawks tuned up for the home stretch of the regular season Thumb B Association race Tuesday night by defeating a tough Frankenmuth quintet with a last half rally. The Hawks trailed at halftime and came back to post a 62-52 decision.

It's not likely that Cass City will face any better team than the Eagles in the final three games of the season. Friday the Hawks entertain Bad Axe and Tuesday travel to USA.

At USA Cass City will have the pleasure of opening the Patriots' brand new gymnasium. If present plans are followed the first regular game will be played when USA meets the Hawks.

It is likely that a good crowd will be on hand to see the game. The Patriots have been playing well recently and that coupled with the interest in the new facility should be enough to pack the place.

It's sure that Cass City fans will be following the Hawks. At Frankenmuth, Hawks fans greatly outnumbered the meager turnout for the home team.

It's too bad, too, because it was a game worth seeing.

Cass City jumped out into an early 8-2 lead midway in the opening quarter. Frankenmuth came charging back to tie the game with 50 seconds left in the quarter. Then two quick baskets by Craig Tonti pulled Cass City in front 14-10 at the end of the first eight minutes.

The Hawks retained a narrow lead until there was just 2:51 left in the half. Frankenmuth tied the game at that point.

The Hawks were bothered by the Eagles' quick guards led by Brian Maurer, a 5-10 speedster and deadly shot from outside the foul circle. The guards forced numerous turnovers and at the intermission Frankenmuth was in front, 25-23.

The Hawks came charging back in the third period. Fouled while driving to the basket, Tonti sunk the shot and the free throw to push the Hawks ahead 29-27 with 2 minutes gone in the quarter. Cass City never trailed after that but Frankenmuth stayed close through most of the game.

With 4:24 left in the third quarter, Steve Richards hit two short pops from about 12 feet and Cass City was in front 37-35. At the quarter the Hawks were in front by four, 43-39.

Cass City's margin might have been greater if the outside shooting of Maurer hadn't been as good as it was. The senior guard kept the Eagles in the game.

Both teams traded baskets for more than half of the final period. Cass City still had its five-point lead with 2:27 left in the game.

After that the Hawks went for the sure basket and widened the margin steadily as they converted important free throws after fouls by the desperate Eagles.

Cass City's scoring was well divided. Tonti led with 16. Maurer led Frankenmuth with 14.

JV GAME
Frankenmuth has traditionally strong JV teams and this year's edition was too much for Cass City which lost its first game in four starts, 50-39.

Cass City	FG	FT	PTS
Johnson	4	4	4
Tonti	6	4	16
Richards	4	2	10
Hoag	4	2	10
Fahrner	1	7	9
Martin	6	1	13
Total	21	20	62

Frankenmuth	FG	FT	PTS
Maurer	7	0	14
Keberlein	3	4	3
Wolohan	4	1	9
Corrigan	4	0	8
Gilmour	5	0	10
Bernthal	1	0	2
Pollick	3	0	6
Total	24	4	52

VASSAR GAME
The Cass City Red Hawks proved Friday that when they are good they are very, very good and the team was at its best when it soundly defeated the Vassar Vulcans, 80-64, at Cass City High School.

The final score doesn't tell

the domination of the Hawks against the team that played them to the wire in the first game before losing, 74-69.

Cass City scored the first 11 points of the game and it was no contest after that. Paced by Steve Richards who hit on short pops from the baseline and Tim Fahrner who hit from all over, Cass City roared to a first quarter lead, 27-4.

The pressing Cass City defense was near letter-perfect as it controlled the tempo of the game and forced the visitors into numerous turnovers.

The Hawks showed their bench strength in the second quarter as Rusty Hoag entered the line-up and scored eight points.

Cass City moved in front 39-10 with 3:44 left in the second period as Craig Tonti and Hoag thrilled Cass City fans with beautiful drives to the basket.

Vassar was trailing by 29 points in the second quarter before adjusting to Cass City's tight defense and excellent shooting.

From the middle of the period the Vulcans played the way they were supposed to in the key Thumb B Association game.

Although the game was far out of reach Vassar actually outscored the Hawks in the last 2½ quarters.

In the first period and a half most everything Cass City threw up found the hoop. Most of the shots were high percentage tries, the result of excellent passes by the team.

The Hawks posted a big rebounding edge over the Vulcans, snagging 43 to Vassar's 28. All in all it was probably the best game Cass City has played this season.

Typical of Cass City's success Friday was its foul shooting ability. The Hawks have been super from the charity circle all year but no one, college or pro, is consistently as good as Cass City was against Vassar. The Hawks made all 18 of their foul shot tries.

As usual Cass City exhibited a balanced scoring attack. Tonti showed the way with 17. Also in double figures were Richards, 16; Fahrner, 15, and Hoag, 14. For Vassar, Todd Wallace and Tom Harper each scored 10 points.

Cass City Junior Varsity made it three wins in a row with a 52-48 decision over the Vulean JV.

Cass City	FG	FT	PTS
Ferris	2	2	2
Johnson	1	0	2
Tonti	7	3	17
Comment	3	0	6
Richards	6	4	16
Hoag	4	6	14
Fahrner	6	3	15
Martin	4	0	8
Total	31	18	80

Vassar	FG	FT	PTS
Evans	3	0	6
Harper	5	4	4
Wallace	5	0	10
Bekemeier	2	0	4
Franko	2	2	6
Harper	5	0	10
Guegel	2	2	6
Vanwormer	4	0	8
B. Birk	4	0	8
G. Birk	0	1	0
Soloat	1	0	2
Total	28	8	64

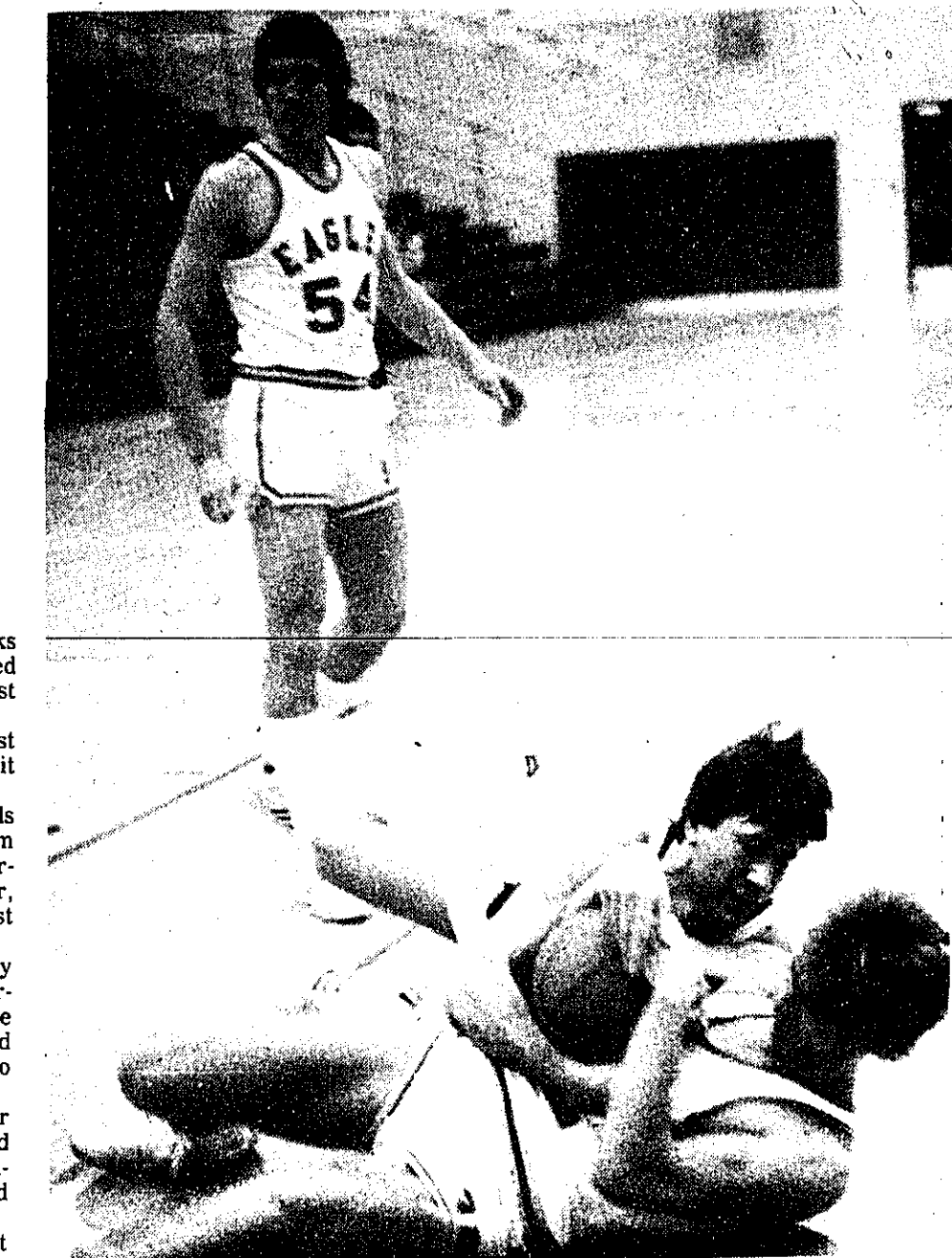
Fastpitch loop to organize

An organizational meeting for the Cass City Men's Fastpitch Softball League is scheduled Thursday, Feb. 28, in the basement meeting room of the Charmont at 7:30 p.m.

All teams planning to par-

ticipate in the 1980 season must have a representative attend. Umpires and others interested are also encouraged to attend.

If further information is needed, call Jim Turner at 872-2474 after 7 p.m. weekdays.



VISUAL EVIDENCE that basketball is a contact sport can be seen as Tim Fahrner of Cass City wrestles with Bob Corrigan of Frankenmuth for possession of the ball in the Hawks' tight win over the Eagles. Watching is Tom Frahm.



SHORT SHOTS like this one by Ken Martin helped Cass City to a gaudy 49 percent shooting average from the field in Cass City's easy victory over Vassar Friday, 80-64.

Tourney bye for Cass City spikers

Cass City drew a first round bye in the drawing Monday morning at the high school to determine the Class C district volleyball tournament line-up Saturday, March 1.

The Red Hawks will be hosting the tournament, with their first game at 12:45 p.m.

Pre-district games will have to be played between Monday and Thursday of next week. They will be Ugly

at Lakers, Harbor Beach at North Huron (in Class C for the first time this year, although still playing in a D league), Brown City at Sandusky and Deckerville at Marlette.

The first match at Cass City March 1 will be Bad Axe vs. the winner of the Lakers-Ugly game, starting at 9 a.m.

Unionville - Sebawaing plays the North Huron-Harbor Beach winner at 10:15; Mayville faces the Sandusky-Brown City winner at 11:30 a.m. and Cass City takes on the Marlette-Deckerville winner at 12:45 p.m.

The winners of the last two matches play each other at 3:15 p.m. The other second round match will be at 2 p.m. between the winners of the first two matches played in the morning.

The championship round will be at 4:30 p.m.

The winner plays in the regionals March 8 at Arma-

THUMB B ASSOCIATION League Over all

	W	L	W L
Cass City	11	1	16 1
Lakers	10	2	13 5
Vassar	7	5	9 9
Bad Axe	6	6	8 10
Caro	6	6	6 11
North Branch	4	8	5 12
Sandusky	3	9	5 12
Marlette	1	11	5 13

Friday's games: Lakers at Caro; Bad Axe at Cass City; Sandusky at Marlette; Vassar at North Branch.

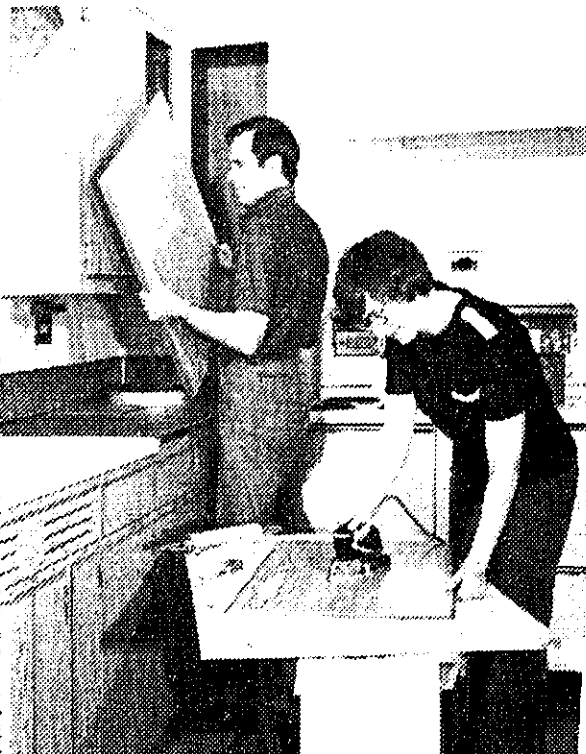
NORTH CENTRAL D LEAGUE League Over all

	W	L	W L
Carsonville	12	0	15 1
North Huron	9	2	11 6
Owen-Gage	8	5	10 8
Peck	6	5	10 6
Port Hope	4	7	6 8
Akron-Fair	3	8	3 11
Kingston	3	9	6 10
Caseville	1	10	4 13

Friday's games: Carsonville at Kingston; Akron-Fairgrove at Owen-Gage; North Huron at Port Hope; Peck at Caseville.

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Spikers top Ugly

The Cass City Red Hawks swept past Ugly in a non-league match Monday in straight games to boost the team's over-all record to 24-7.

The Hawks won the opening games, 15-11, and 15-6, and came back to take the next two games, 15-6, and 15-1.

The Hawks were led by Vickie Pobanz, Sherry Bader and Laurie Hartsell who were each 99 percent from the serving line. In the last game the Hawks required only two servers. Pobanz serve netted the first 7 points and Bader picked up the final 8.

Besides the outstanding servers, the Hawks were helped by Padgett Randall who ripped off 31 of 33 spikes.

In the Junior Varsity match, Cass City won 15-3 and 15-13. Leading servers were Chris Westerby, Lori Little, Tammy Deering and Susan Stine. The JV record is 8-5.

Thursday the Hawks will face league leading, undefeated Bad Axe at Cass City. Cass City is in second place in the Thumb B Association with an 8-2 mark. Monday the Hawks will face Harbor Beach and then end the regular season at Sandusky, Thursday, Feb. 28.

THUMB B ASSOCIATION

	W	L
Bad Axe	10	0
Cass City	8	2
North Branch	7	3
Lakers	5	5
Caro	4	6
Vassar	3	7
Marlette	2	8
Sandusky	1	9



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