

Hawks draw tourney bye

First game looms as acid test

District drawings were held Monday at Mayville and the luck of the draw places Cass City in what might well be the key game of the tournament the first time the team takes the floor.

The Hawks drew an opening round bye. They will play the winner of the Brown City-Marlette game Thursday night, March 6.

Marlette and Brown City face each other Tuesday night. Brown City will be the odds-on favorite to win. Marlette is on the bottom of the Thumb B Association and Brown City has a 16-2 record.

In the top bracket of the tournament, host Mayville will play Deckerville Monday. The winner faces San-

dustry Wednesday, March 5. Finals will be played Saturday.

All games start at 7:30 p.m.

Athletic Director Roland Pakonen announced this week that tickets for the Thursday, March 8, game will go on sale Wednesday, March 5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the high school.

Only residents of the school district will be eligible to purchase the tickets Wednesday. There will be a limit of four to a person.

Season ticket holders will have first chance to purchase tickets. If tickets remain after the Wednesday sale they will be offered on Thursday on a first come, first served basis.

Bulldogs host D tourney

O-G meets top team in opener

If the United States can beat the Russians in hockey...

It will take that kind of effort by Owen-Gage to survive the first round of district tournament play, which will be in its own gym.

The Bulldogs drew North Central D League champion Carsonville-Port Sanilac in the first round, at 7:30 p.m. Monday. All games will be at that time.

C-PS, which has lost only once this season, to non-league Uby, defeated the Bulldogs by a total of 71 points during the two regular season outings.

The Tuesday night game at Owendale will feature Caseville against Port Hope.

Wednesday, Akron-Fairgrove plays the winner of the Carsonville - Owen-Gage game.

The finals will be Friday, March 7, with the winner going on to the regionals.

It will be the first district tournament Owen-Gage has hosted, previous events being played at Bad Axe.

The merger of North Huron and Port Austin at the end of the last school year, both of whom had played in that tournament, elevated that school this year to Class C tournament play. C-PS and Akron-Fairgrove, which had played in other district tournaments, were shifted to the one at Owendale to fill the void.



GOT IT! -- Bulldog Julie Andrakowicz hits the ball back across the net while Peg Berube ducks out of the way in action last Thursday against Kingston. Owen-Gage won.

Bulldogs cop fifth straight Central D volleyball title

The Owen-Gage volleyball team won its fifth straight North Central D League championship Monday night with a win at North Huron. The only season the Bulldog girls didn't win the title was in their first year of competition, the only year

Judy Campbell wasn't coach.

This season was different in that it was the first time in their five championship years they were not undefeated, having lost a match to Akron-Fairgrove. Owen-Gage is presently 11-1 in the

league, 18-4 overall.

Owen-Gage won its first match Monday, 15-4 and 15-1; the second, 15-10, 15-9. Julie Andrakowicz scored 21 points and Peg Berube, 14. Becky Howard had 24 good spikes and four ace spikes.

The Bulldog JV's lost, 10-15, 18-16, 4-15.

Port Hope comes to Owendale Thursday for the final regular season contest.

Saturday, the Bulldogs host the district tournament, with their first game against Caseville at noon. Assuming they win that one, their next game will be Port Hope or Kingston at 2, with the championship game at 3:30.

CASEVILLE TOURNAMENT

For the first time in four years, Owen-Gage didn't win the Caseville invitational tournament. The team finished second Saturday behind Unionville-Sebewaing.

In their first game in the double elimination tournament, the Bulldogs defeated Lakers 10-8, 5-10, 10-7.

Next to fall was Kingston, 10-0, 6-10, 10-5.

Owen-Gage lost to USA, 8-10, 10-5.

Owen-Gage defeated host Caseville in the fourth game, 10-6, 8-10, 10-8.

The team then faced Kingston for a second time, winning 10-6, 10-3.

Next came Port Hope, Owen-Gage winning 15-0, 15-11.

The Bulldogs then took on USA again and won, 12-15, 15-11, 15-10.

That meant both teams had lost once, so they faced each other a final time, with the Patriots winning, 15-13, 15-10.

Julie Andrakowicz scored 86 points during the day, plus contributing 35 good spikes and six ace spikes.

Becky Howard had 126 spikes and 22 ace spikes.

Kingston, which had been

Bulldogs win final loop game of year

Owen-Gage ensured itself at least a third place tie in the North Central D League Friday night with a 56-51 win over Akron-Fairgrove, but it took them two overtime periods to do it.

Score at the end of four quarters was 45-41 and at the end of the first overtime, 47-47.

Peck has to win both games this week in order to tie the Bulldogs for third.

The game last Friday at Owendale was the last league contest for the Bulldogs. They end the regular season Friday at Fairview, which beat them at the season opener Dec. 7, 76-50.

Owen-Gage finishes with a 9-5 league mark. They are 11-8 overall. The third place finish, coach Phil Gray said, was better than he expected at the beginning of the season, especially after Kirk Carolan missed the first few games because of an injury the first day of practice.

His team had three men in double figures against the Vikings, Jim Glidden with 14 and Brad Erickson and Pete Klemkowsky, each with 12.

Kyle Detmers' 31 points were more than half of Akron-Fairgrove's total.

The Bulldogs shot 43 percent from the floor, 25 of 57, and 40 percent from the charity line, six of 15. Their

opponents were 22 of 62 in the field goal department, 35 percent, and seven of 15 in free throws, 46 percent.

Owen-Gage led in rebounds, 36-21, with Glidden grabbing 12 of them and

Klemkowsky, 10. Owen-Gage won the junior varsity contest, 59-46.

Score by quarters:

O-G 18 11 11 5 2 9 56

A-F 8 14 12 11 2 4 51

Hatchet spikers top Cass City

Thumb B Association champions Bad Axe spotted the Cass City Red Hawks the first game of the match Thursday, then rallied to take the next four games to preserve its undefeated loop record.

The Hawks, behind the excellent serves of Sherry Bader, won the first game 12-15. Then the Hatchets started rolling and won the next two games, 15-6, and 16-14 to win the first match.

The second match went to the visitors in straight games, 15-6 and 15-5.

In the JV game, Cass City won. The Hawks won the first game, 15-11, then lost, 6-15, before winning the decisive game, 15-8.

Sue Stine, Lori Little and Tammy Dearing had 100 percent serves for Cass City.

VASSAR INVITATION

At the Vassar invitational

held Saturday Cass City finished third behind Bridgeport, the winners, and Frankenmuth.

The Hawks opened with 2 wins in 3 games over Vassar. Losing the first game, 8-15, then rallying for victories in the next two, 15-2 and 18-6.

In the second game the Hawks measured Millington in straight games, 15-9 and 15-5.

The first loss of the tourney by Cass City was to Bridgeport. The Hawks lost in straight games, 15-7 and 15-6.

In the battle for second Frankenmuth topped Cass City two games to one.

The Eagles won the first game, 15-12. Cass City came back to win the second, 10-15, and Frankenmuth took the match with a 15-8 decision in the third game.

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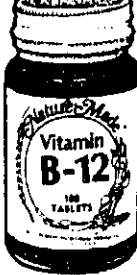




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