

Bad Axe win clinches title share

Hawks spoil opening of USA gym Tuesday, 60-53

Cass City dampened the enthusiasm of the USA Patriots Tuesday night in the inaugural game in the school's new \$5 million gym by topping their hosts in a hard fought battle, 60-53.

The game, played before a capacity crowd, was even closer than the final score. Cass City led all the way except for a brief moment in the third period but every time the Hawks would

bounce in front by 8 or 9 points USA came bouncing back to threaten to break Cass City's win streak.

A bright spot for the Hawks was the play of Craig Tonti. Without him it's certain that Cass City would have gone down for the second time this season.

The junior guard hit on his patented drives and on shots from the corner to rack up nine field goals. He also

made 10 of 10 charity tosses for 28 points, his personal high for the season.

The Hawks were hampered by the loss of Ken Martin for about half the game as he rode the bench in foul trouble.

Without his muscle in the center USA came from behind on two different occasions.

Cass City moved in front for the first time in the closing moments of the first period. With 1:26 left in the quarter the Hawks were in front 8-6. But 6 unanswered points shoved them into a 14-6 advantage at the end of the first 8 minutes.

The Hawks held that margin until midway through the second period when Martin went to the bench. The Patriots quickly closed the gap and by intermission time trailed by just a point, 26-25.

USA went in front 27-26 shortly after the third quarter but the lead didn't last long. Cass City scored 8 points in a row and with 2:06 left in the period were in front 38-29.

The Patriots mounted another charge to move to within a point 40-39 just before the quarter ended. A basket at the buzzer by Todd Comment made it 42-39 going into the final 8 minutes.

It was nip and tuck for the first 4 minutes of the final quarter. The Hawks led 48-47 with 4:06 left in the game.

But that was as close as the losers were to come. Playing for the sure shot and converting foul tries the Hawks pulled slowly away as the clock ran out.

Besides Tonti, Tim Johnson was in double figures for Cass City with 10. Terry Winter netted 11 and Ralph Hoppe and Lynn Ewald 10 each for USA.

In the preliminary the

USA JV had little trouble with the Hawk JV and posted an 85-56 decision.

The Hawks end the regular season Friday at Sandusky. A win will give the Hawks their second straight Thumb B Association championship.

Cass City	FG	FT	PTS
Johnson	3	4-5	10
Tonti	9	10-10	28
Comment	1	-	2
Richards	1	-	2
Hoag	1	4-4	6
Fahrner	2	2-3	6
Martin	3	0-2	6
	20	20-24	60

USA	FG	FT	PTS
Hoppe	5	-	10
Ewald	5	-	10
Zimmer	4	-	8
Winter	4	3-3	11
Eisengruber	3	-	6
Kemp	4	0-1	8
	25	3-4	53

BAD AXE GAME

The Cass City Red Hawks exhibited a rock-ribbed defense Friday night to roll past the Bad Axe Hatchets, 74-34, at Cass City High School. It was mothers' night and the moms were fêted before the game and then watched their sons post the one-sided victory.

The game was almost over before it started. Although Cass City was missing shots in the early going, the Hawk defense almost completely shut off the Hatchet offense.

Paced by two fine drives by Craig Tonti and a couple of baskets on rebounds Cass City moved in front 8-2 midway through the period.

In the next minute and 40 seconds Cass City used two baskets by Todd Comment and a basket by Ken Martin to score six unanswered points and move in front 14-2.

After that it was all over. At the end of the first quarter Cass City was in front 20-6.

Neither team was very impressive in the first half of the second period. Turnovers were numerous and the play generally ragged.

The Hawks added to their lead with a 16-14 margin in the quarter to leave the field at intermission with a 36-20 edge.

Cass City made it a rout in the first four minutes of the third quarter by whipping in 13 unanswered points for a 49-20 lead.

After that Coach Ron Nurnberger turned to his bench and all 11 players in the game broke into the scoring column. In the third period the visitors scored just one basket.

In the final period Cass City won the battle of the benches by edging the Hatchets 19-12.

Cass City's scoring was well divided. Martin scored 14 and Tonti followed with

13. Tim Fahrner and Comment netted 11 each. For Bad Axe Charlie Woycik scored 10.

Fahrner snagged 10 rebounds and Steve Richards and Martin each picked off 9.

JV WINS

The Cass City Junior Varsity led all the way to notch a 65-46 decision over the Hatchet JV in the preliminary.

Cass City	FG	FT	PTS
Ferris	1	2-2	4
Johnson	1	-	2
Hartel	1	-	2
Tonti	6	1-2	13
Comment	5	1-2	11
Richards	3	-	6
Guinther	2	1-1	5
Fahrner	4	3-4	11
Loomis	1	0-1	2
Clarke	1	2-2	4
Martin	5	4-4	14
	30	14-18	74

Bad Axe	FG	FT	PTS
Volk	1	-	2
Rounds	3	1-1	7
Batzler	2	-	4
Duggan	1	0-5	2
Pangborn	-	0-1	0
Spring	2	5-6	9
Woycik	3	4-5	10
	12	10-19	34

THUMB B ASSOCIATION

League Over all

	W	L	W	L
Cass City	12	1	18	1
Laker High	11	2	14	5
Vassar	7	6	9	10
Bad Axe	6	7	8	11
Caro	6	7	6	13
North Branch	5	8	6	13
Sandusky	4	9	6	13
Marlette	1	12	4	15

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

NORTH CENTRAL D LEAGUE

League Over all

	W	L	W	L
Carsonville	13	0	18	1
North Huron	11	2	14	6
Owen-Gage	9	5	11	8
Peck	7	5	12	6
Port Hope	4	8	6	9
Akron-Fairgrove	3	9	3	12
Kingston	3	11	6	13
Cassville	1	11	4	14

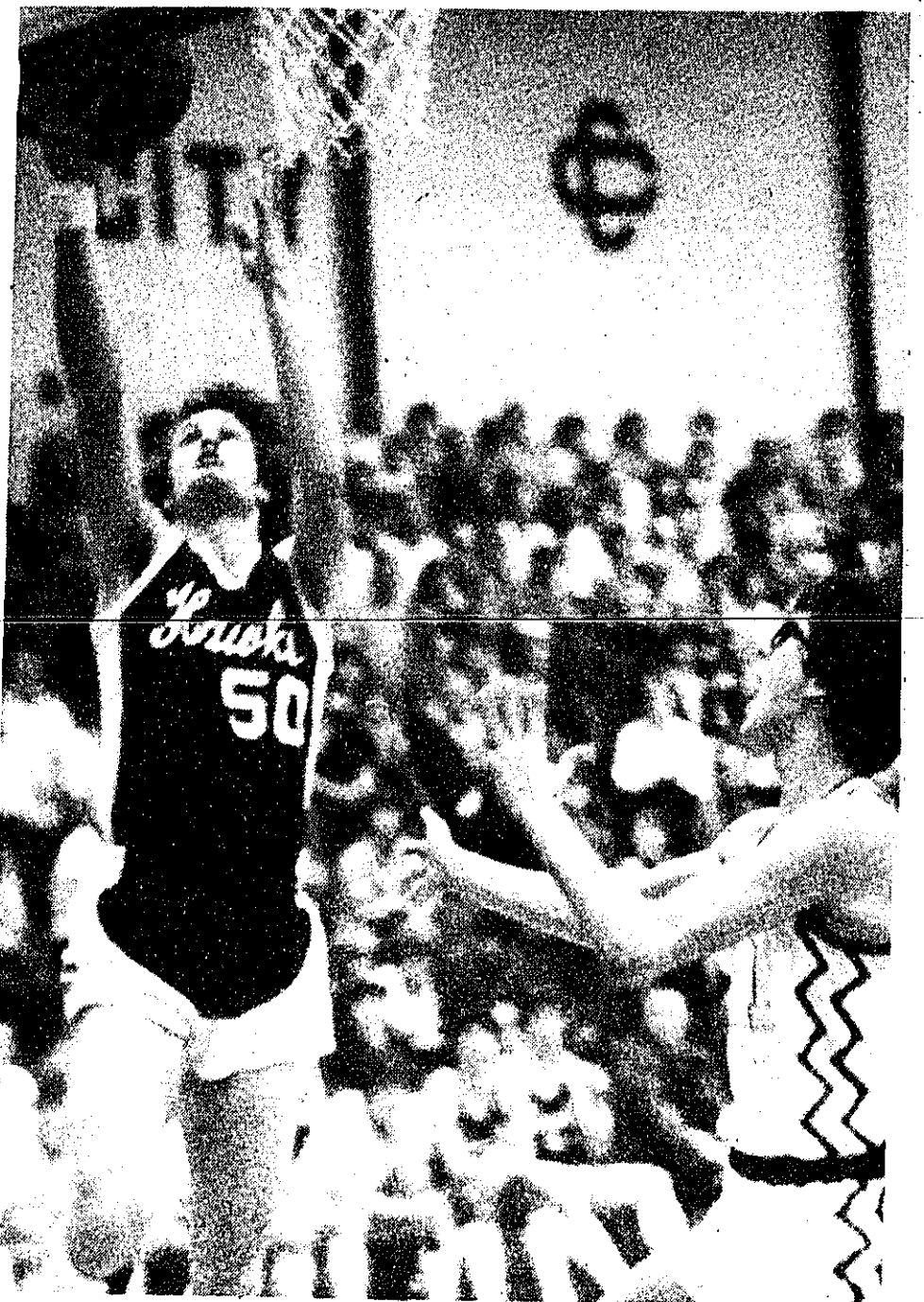
Friday's games — North Huron at Akron-Fairgrove; Port Hope at Peck; Cassville at Carsonville.

OFF THE GROUND

If you're waiting for your ship to come in, it's a good idea to check whether it was ever launched.

NEVER HAPPY

The fellow who gets something for nothing always thinks he should have gotten a little more.



ROB CLARKE gets two points for the Hawks. The senior center is part of the Hawks' strong bench strength that helped the Hawks to a Thumb B Association title.



WHEN IT'S ONE ON ONE on a drive to the basket, Craig Tonti usually wins. This two-pointer helped him to 28 points against USA, the best scoring night of his career.

Women still paid unequally

If you're talking about earning power, women still aren't equal, according to a survey by Michigan State University's Placement Services.

That survey shows that women graduates earn about \$1,000 less at their first job than the average MSU graduate. Broken down by colleges within the university, the differences often are not as dramatic, because women still tend to take jobs in fields which traditionally pay less, says Placement Director Jack Shingleton.

Female students who graduated with bachelors' degrees between August, 1978 and June, 1979 earned an average of \$12,355. That's \$1,024 less than the average of all graduates with bachelors' degrees.

Placement Director Shingleton says females also tend to be underemployed more than males, taking jobs as waitresses, receptionists and clerk typists when jobs aren't available in their own fields.

Females also had a higher unemployment rate than the

average. About 7.6 percent of the female graduates said they were looking for work but couldn't find it. The average for all graduates was 6.1 percent.

But, Shingleton says, the prospects for women appear to be getting better every year.

NOVESTA TOWNSHIP BUDGET HEARING

For Coming FISCAL YEAR

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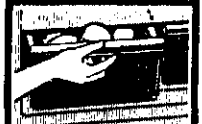
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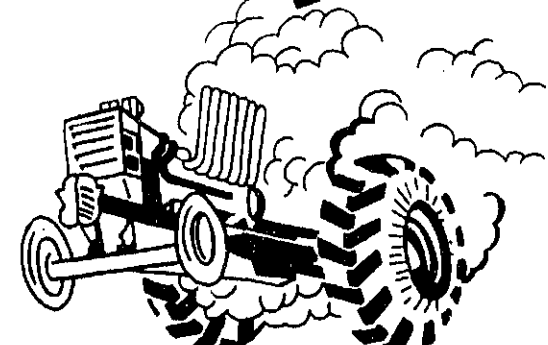


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