

Face Ubly-Hamady winner Saturday

Hawks roll to regional finals, 83-45

It's a lead pipe cinch that no matter what team Cass City faces in the finals of the regional tournament at Frankenmuth Saturday at 2 p.m. it won't be as easy to beat as Capac was Tuesday night.

Seldom does a school get through the districts with a

team as talent-poor as the Chiefs.

Coach Woody Perryman's charges lacked height, lacked speed and lacked shooters.

As a consequence Coach Ron Nurnberger's Cass City Red Hawks coasted to the regional finals, 83-45.

And if that score gives you an idea that this was a one-sided game, well... that's exactly what it was. A very one-sided game.

Only in the first six minutes of the first quarter was it a contest. During that period the two teams traded baskets. The Chiefs used

some pinpoint passes for buckets underneath and Cass City scored on short shots from close-in.

With 2:10 left in the opening stanza Craig Tonti

scored twice on shots from the baseline from 10 feet and added another on a drive and suddenly Cass City was ahead 13-7. At the quarter it was 13-8, Cass City.

Cass City ended all suspense about the outcome in the second period. Paced by Todd Comment, who hit two quick jumpers, and by a couple of fast break baskets by Tim Fahrner, the Hawk lead swelled to 23-10 in the next 3½ minutes.

It was more of the same the rest of the quarter. Cass City outscored Capac 10-2 in the next 2 minutes and 20 seconds to boom ahead 33-12.

By the intermission the score rose to 37-14 and the Chiefs had managed only a basket and a free throw in the quarter.

Capac refused to fold in the third period and played better than at any other time all night. During the first four minutes they actually outscored the Hawks and put a slight dent in the huge Cass City margin, trailing 42-20 midway through the period.

But Cass City quickly put an end to that brief spurt by the Chiefs and roared away again.

When the margin reached 40 points, 64-24, with a minute gone in the final quarter, Nurnberger turned to his bench to play out the string.

Fahrner led balanced scoring for Cass City with 20

points. Tonti scored 14, including the six points he registered when there was a doubt about the outcome of the game in the first quarter. Comment also netted 14 for the Hawks. For the losers Abel Rosas scored 20

points.

Saturday the Hawks will play the winner of the Ubly-Flint Hamady game slated Thursday. Ubly boasts a 20-3 record and Hamady is 19-4. Capac bowed out with a 12-11 mark.



INTENT ON HIS work on this drive from the low post is Ken Martin. The big burly center helped Cass City dominate the boards against an outmanned Capac team Tuesday at Frankenmuth.

Sieradzki named to all-league first team

Four girls from Cass City were among players receiving votes for All-conference honors in the Thumb B Association.



Beth Sieradzki

On the first team is Beth Sieradzki. Placed on the second team were Tammi Rabideau and Vickie Pobanz while Padgett Randall received honorable mention.

The volleyball teams are selected by a vote of the coaches.

League champion Bad Axe was the only school to place two girls on the first team. They were Sandy Havens, the top vote getter in the league, and Terri Stern, who was the second most popular choice. Sieradzki was third. Others selected were Darlene Miller, Lakers; Brenda Smith, Caro, and Carolyn Strick, North Branch.

The second team selections, in addition to Rabideau and Pobanz, are: Bonnie Lapak, Vassar; Laura Badgley, Bad Axe; Terrie Lumm, Marlette; Kim Marston, North Branch, and Mindy Cubitt, Bad Axe.

Honorable mention honors went to: Barb Rathje, Lakers; Susie Polewach, Sandusky; Debbie Lumm, Marlette; Randall, Cass City; Sue Dost, Caro; Cindy Krohn, Lakers; Tracy Farver, Lakers; Tammy Heizog, Vassar; Linda Bock, Lakers; Ann Krause, Sandusky; Patty Mann, Sandusky.



COACH RON NURNBERGER outlines strategy for his team during a timeout, but it wasn't really necessary. This was in the third quarter and the Hawks already were ahead by 30 points.

O-G bows to host spikers

It wasn't the Owen-Gage volleyball team's day Saturday, as it was quickly disposed of in the opening round of regional play and then had to drive through a snow storm to get home.

Host Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes quickly downed the Bulldogs, 15-2, 15-7, and later defeated Michigan Valley Lutheran to advance to the state semi-finals this Saturday at Mount Clemens.

Becky Howard had 11 spikes for Owen-Gage. Julie Andrakowicz had six.

The Bulldogs, who have won five district titles in a row but have yet to get past the regionals, finish the season at 22-6 overall.

Alumni to meet USA

Cass City alumni will face alumni from USA in a benefit game in the new USA gym Saturday, April 5. The game is open to all former Cass City High School players, Jeff Hartel said this week.

Persons wishing to join the squad should call him at his home and leave their names and phone numbers, Hartel said.



VOLLEYBALL REGIONALS -- Becky Howard of Owen-Gage gets set to slam a shot back across the net in her team's game Saturday against Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes. The Bulldogs lost, with Waterford winning the regional crown later that day. (Dave Burrows photo).

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