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**ROB CLARKE** 

A senior. Rob Clarke was the best jumper on the team. He was valuable in several games when Ken Martin ran into foul trouble. A strong team player he was a big booster for the team when he watched from the bench. He's the type player the coach appreciates even though fans sometimes fail to know his true value to a championship club.

**TIM FAHRNER** 

A senior. Fahrner sat out his

junior year with injury. He

worked his way back into the

starting line-up with some

outstanding play during the

summer. He was Cass City's

leading rebounder and his

quickness made him the player

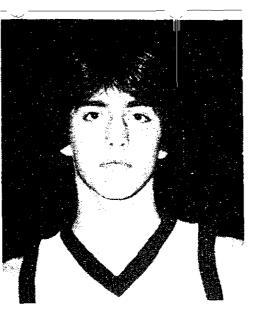
Nurnberger looked to on defense

to stop his opponent's best

forward. He logged more

playing time than any other

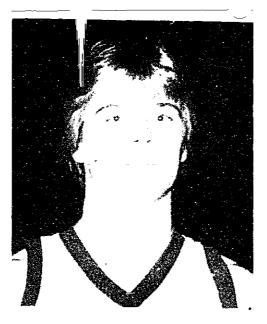
player. He's a second team all-



### **TODD COMMENT**

A junior. A football injury kept Comment off the floor for the first three games and hampered his development during much of the regular season.

Cass City's best outside shooter, his height, 6-21/2 and growing, helps in the rebounding department. He worked his way into the starting lineup for the tournaments and added to Cass City's scoring punch.



### **BRIAN deBEAUBIEN**

A junior. Brian didn't figure to play much this year and he knew it. His development toward next season was hampered by a string of injuries. He's on crutches now. But he accompanies the team on every game and is one of the club's strongest boosters. He's the type of player and individual that everyone hopes will do well. He helps the team without playing.



### **RANDY FERRIS**

A senior. Randy is in his second year on the varsity. He is a good shooter and was used in spot situations all year. On nearly any other team in the Thumb B Association he'd have been a starter and a top scorer. Most years he would have been one for Cass City. But during his years here Cass City was loaded with good guards.



TRENT GUINTHER

A senior. Trent didn't see much playing time this season. When he did he showed flashes of ability. His problem was that he wasn't tall enough for a guard and was facing competition on the front line by much taller players.

Trent was one of the most popular players on the team and a big favorite with the fans when he took the floor.

	conference selection.						
An Excellent Job	Our Highest Praise	Well Done Fellows	Best Wishes To The Team	Way To Go	Congratulations To A Fine Team	Well Done	
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# **Championship season: woeful** beginning, glorious ending

It was a season that started miserably and ended gloriously for the Cass City Red Hawks.

Cass City was a heavy favorite to take the conference crown and the Lakers were expected to be the chief challengers. The luck of the schedule pitted the two best in the opening game. That was expected to be in Cass City's favor with a veteran team.

But it didn't turn out that way. Injuries to Todd Comment, Ken Martin and Tim Fahrner hurt. The Lakers took command with hot shooting guards to post a 60-57 win and the Hawks' hopes for a title appeared slim.

Next on the list was Caro, which was expected to be the best of the rest in the league. The Hawks handled them, 73-54, and Craig Tonti started to assert himself as the guard Coach Ron Nurnberger was looking for. He scored 16 points.

The first of many one sided victories was posted by the Hawks over North Branch. 83-59. Everybody played, everybody scored. The Hawks moved outside

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of the league for the first time to play USA and it was nearly a duplicate of the North Branch blow-out. Cass City won, 83-59.

It was back to league action following the Christmas holidays and Marlette bowed, 59-40. Fahrner scored 16 to show the way in a lackluster game.

The Hawks put it all together against Mayville and the result was an 80-51 decision for Cass City. That set the stage for the first big test of the year.

The Lakers had been defeated and Vassar was leading the league with a 4-0 mark. The game played at Vassar was a good one and Cass City, led by Tonti with 22 points and Martin with 19, registered a key 74-68 win to make a three-way tie for the league lead.

It was out of the league again for a game with Harbor Beach. The Pirates bowed, 65-50, in a game without much excitement The Hawks didn't look all that impressive against the Pirates or against Bad Axe in the next game. Cass City waited until the final quarter to pull away, 57-45.

Cass City tuned up for the most important game of the regular season with a 93-47 win over Sandusky. Five players scored in double figures and everybody scored.

The Hawks were on their game after a slow start in the first quarter to take the league lead with a 68-58 decision over Lakers. It was a game where Tim Johnson won his spurs as a guard for the team.

Cass City suffered a letdown in the next game against Mayville but managed to win, 68-58, as Johnson scored his career high of 23 points.

Cass City jumped off to an early lead to top Caro, 69-54, and Fahrner showed his value taking over at center when Martin was on the hench with fouls

Cass City rolled past North Branch, 69-46, and easily topped Marlette, 76-44, to set the stage for the return match with Vassar, the last league team with a chance for an upset. That game was settled early as Cass City scored the first 11 points and went on

from there for an easy, 80-64,

Cass City was tested by a traditional foe in the next game. The Hawks and Frankenmuth battled for three quarters before Cass City spurted in the final

Returning to league action, everybody played as Bad Axe bowed, 74-34. The Hawks helped USA open its new gym in the next encounter and the Patriots staged a serious challenge before bowing, 60-53, as Tonti scored 28 points, the best of his career.

The Hawks had already clinched a share of the title before the final game against Sandusky. A win would give them an undisputed championship. It was no contest as the Hawks went ahead early and waltzed to an 81-45 decision. Comment showed his shooting ability with 18 points.

In the district tournament the luck of the draw pitted Cass City against Brown City in its first game. Brown City boasted a 17-3 record and fans were looking for an exciting game. It proved to be a blowout. The Hawks won, 80-61, in a game that

district finals against Sandusky. There wasn't much excitement, much concern over the title game. After all Cass City had defeated Sandusky twice by 38 and 46 points.

Everybody knew that Sandusky had no chance except Sandusky. The Redskins came out in a slowdown offense and fought Cass City to the wire before losing in the final period, 44-33.

Cass City had a much easier time in the first round of the regionals. Capac was talent-poor and the Hawks rolled to the finals, 83-54, as everybody played when the Hawk margin zoomed to 40 points early in the final period

That set the stage for the Hamady team. The Hawks

## The season's statistics

	Playe	ŝ									
	Games	Avg. por	Field Goals		Free Throws			Total			
Player	ŝ		A	M	%	A	M	%	Points	Rebounds	Assists
Ferris	15	3.4	38	16	.42	26	19	.73	51	14	10
Johnson	20	5.9	88	42	.48	44	33	.75	117	32	53
Hartel	11	1.1	13	5	.38	6	2	.33	12	12	5
Tonti	20	13.7	173	101	.58	84	71	.85	273	46	90
Comment	17	5.5	85	40	.47	16	13	.81	93	55	14
Richards	20	8.2	110	61	.55	48	39	.81	163	187	35
Guinther	14	1.4	17	7	.41	11	5	.45	19	21	7
Hoag	19	7.4	120	53	.44	43	34	.79	140	73	63
Fahrner	20	10.6	178	76	.43	84	49	.58	211	201	39
deBeaubien	7	.7	2	1	.50	4	3	.75	5	5	<u> </u>
Loomis	12	.6	4	2	.50	7	3	.43	7	4	
Clarke	17	2.9	39	20	.51	20	10	.50	50	91	4
Martin	20	12.6	183	100	.55	62	52	.84	_ 252	171	31
Home Team Totals	20	71.6	1164	538	.46	481	371	.77	1432	902	255
Opponent's Team Totals	20	51.6	1123	422	.38	313	186	.59	1031	557	209
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frame to win, 62-52.

was decided by halftime.

That set the stage for the

finals against a fine Flint moved into the quarterfinals on the heels of a fabulous shooting night by Comment who scored 30 points in a 60-59 come-from-behind vic-

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Well Done Boys	Our Highest Praise	Go Red Hawks	Congratulations To The Team	A Job Very Well Done	A Wonderful Year	Congratulations To A Fine Team
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