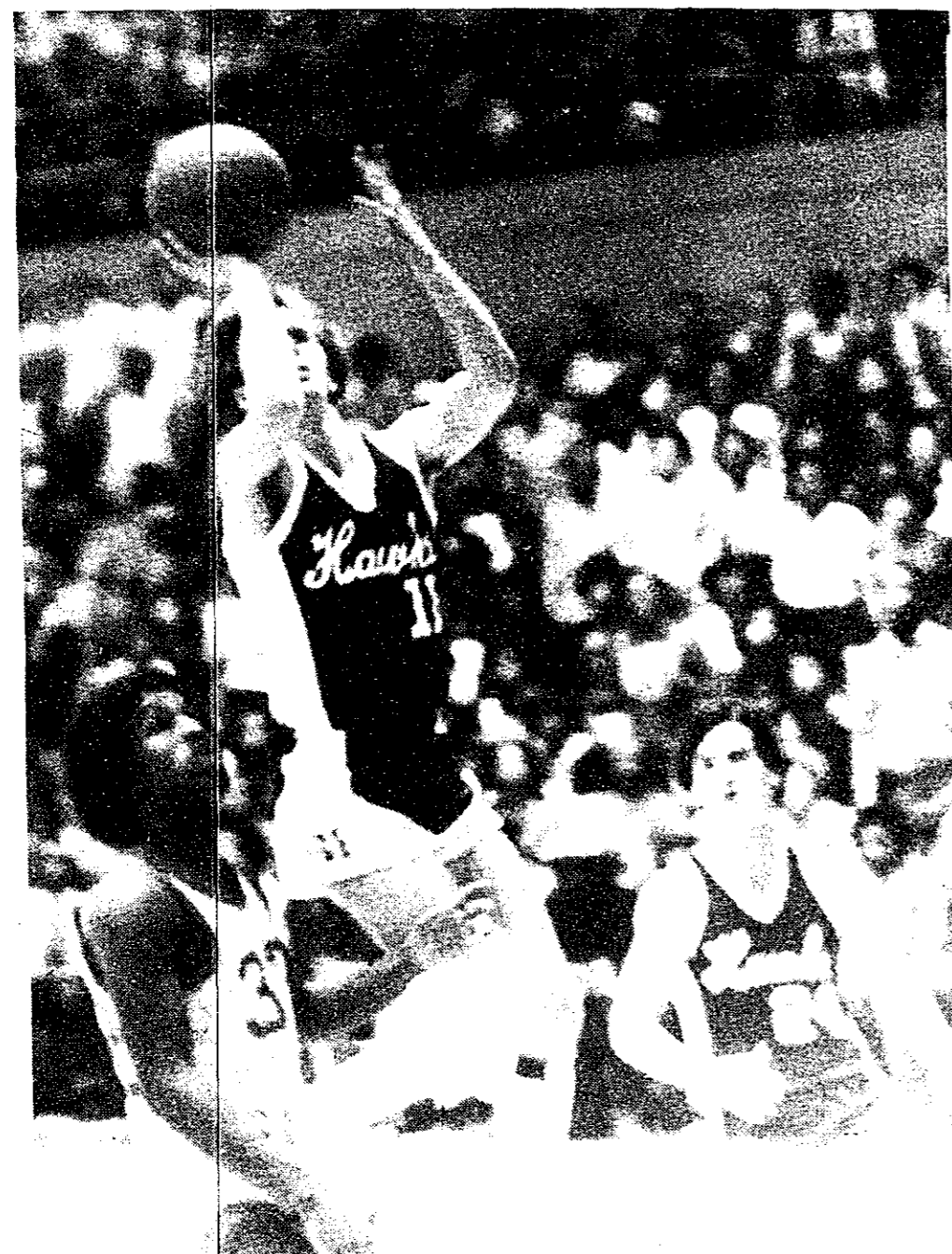


Team proves class in narrow loss

Hawks fight Ecorse to wire in quarter-final shoot-out at Troy Athens



TIM JOHNSON scored on this jumper as Steve Richards watched, but it wasn't quite enough as Ecorse won a narrow victory.

The Cass City Red Hawks proved last Wednesday at Troy Athens High School that they were capable of playing with any class C team in the state.

The Hawks were defeated in the quarterfinal confrontation, 56-51, in a game that Cass City had an excellent chance to win right down to the final whistle.

Ecorse dropped out of the tournament with a one-point loss to Reed City, which was decided by a free throw after the clock showed time had expired. Reed City went on to win the championship Saturday night.

It was a question of who was on top when the games ended in those contests and Cass City fans undoubtedly will be talking about what might have been if the ball had taken a couple of bounces in favor of the Hawks.

Cass City showed a little tournament jitters in the early going, missing several one and one free throws, an area where the team had been outstanding all year long.

Meanwhile Ecorse moved its fast break into high gear and rushed off to a 12-6 lead.

Cass City never caught up but closed the gap to a point twice, once in the first half and once just before the end of the game.

The first half spurge was paced by Todd Comment. He hit three of his first half buckets midway through the second quarter and suddenly it was 25-24 with a minute left. The Red Raiders added a bucket just before the intermission to lead, 27-24, at the half.

Ecorse concentrated on Comment in the second half and kept him from getting the ball in scoring position much of the rest of the way. He added five free throws and another bucket to help the Hawks' attack.

With the attention on Comment, Cass City's guards started to operate. Craig Tonti came up with some key buckets and Tim Johnson added two from the key to keep the Hawks on the heels of Ecorse. Ken Martin and Tim Fahrner helped out with strong rebounding and crucial points.

Ecorse used its superior height to keep its offense rolling. The Raiders managed to stay from three to six points ahead until the dying moments of the game.

The Hawks kept their poise and chipped away at the Ecorse lead.

Suddenly it was a three-point lead for the Raiders, and when Comment converted two charity heaves it was 50-49.

Ecorse came down and failed to score and the Hawks had a chance to go in front for the first time in the game.

There was 2:38 left and Cass City had the ball. But a pass intended for the wing man was intercepted by Kevin Bailey, who went the length of the floor to score.

That turnover ended it for Cass City. With the lead,

Ecorse went into a control ball offense and Lance Ector took advantage of the pressing Hawk defense to drive for a score.

Holding Ector in check was one of the keys to Cass City's excellent defense of Ecorse. The senior guard was held to 13 points and kept from his usual role of dominating the Ecorse attack.

Johnson had the primary responsibility for guarding the Red Raider star who, at 5-11, electrified his followers with a reverse dunk on a lay-up.

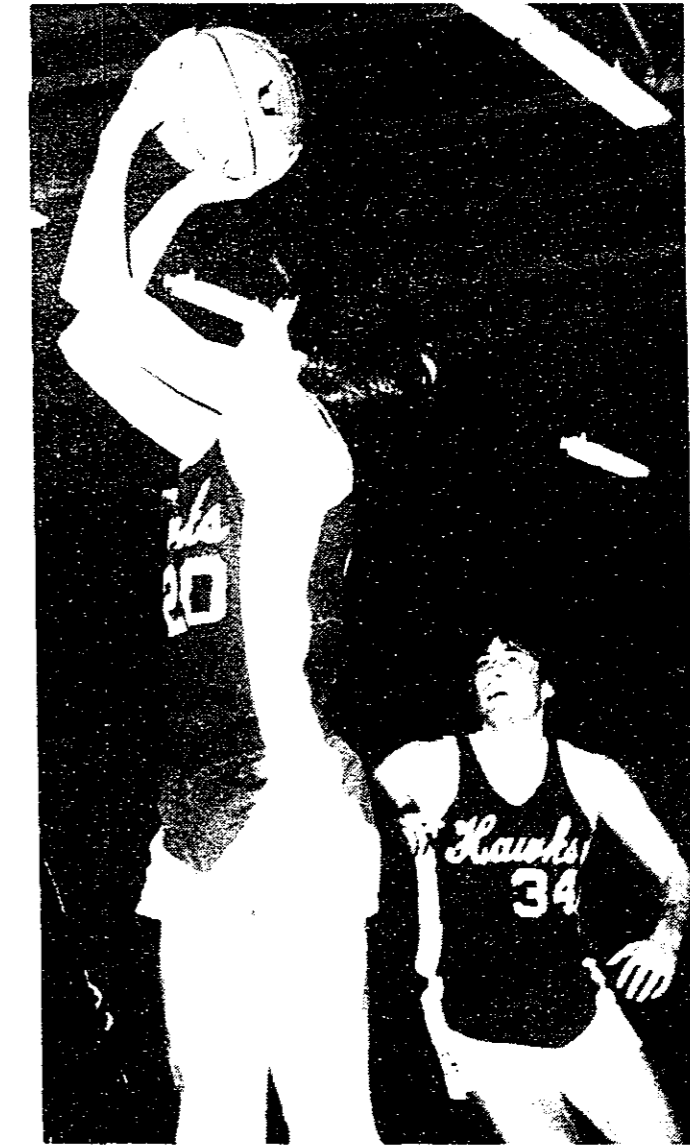
Coach Ron Nurnberger called this his best team before the tournaments, but

even he admitted that he didn't know just how good it was.

He found out last Wednesday. It was good enough to play with the very best.

Cass City	FG	FT	PTS.
Comment	6	5-6	17
Martin	4	2-3	10
Tonti	4	2-3	10
Fahrner	2	2-4	6
Richards	1	0-2	2
Johnson	2	0-0	4
Hoag	1	0-0	2
Clarke	0	0-0	0
Total	20	11-18	51

Ecorse	FG	FT	PTS.
Tidwell	5	0-4	10
Ector	6	1-3	13
Buttrom	3	2-2	8
McPhaul	2	0-2	4
Bailey	5	0-0	10
Hatcher	3	2-3	8
Hall	0	1-2	1
Drayton	1	0-0	2
Total	25	6-16	56



TODD COMMENT sparked the Hawks in the tournaments with super shooting after moving into the starting line-up. Tim Fahrner played super defense in addition to adding to the scoring punch in all of the tourney games.

THUMB B ASSOCIATION (Final standings)

	League		Over all	
	W	L	W	L
Cass City	13	1	19	1
Lakers	12	2	15	5
Vassar	7	7	9	11
Bad Axe	7	7	8	12
Caro	7	7	7	13
North Branch	5	9	7	13
Sandusky	4	10	6	14
Marlette	1	13	4	16

The story in brief

— DISTRICTS —	
Cass City 80	Brown City 61
Cass City 44	Sandusky 33
— REGIONALS —	
Cass City 83	Capac 45
Cass City 60	Flint Hamady 59
— QUARTERFINALS —	
Cass City 51	Ecorse 56

A Job Well Done.....

Richard's Furniture TV & Appliance
Cass City

Way To Go.....

Lawrence Insurance Agency, Inc.
Cass City

Well Done Boys

Old Wood Drug
Cass City

Congratulations Team.....

Martin Electric Company
Cass City

Best Wishes From.....

Harris-Hampshire Agency, Inc.
Cass City

Congratulations To Fine Team Effort.....

IGA Foodliner
Cass City

Well Done Boys

Haley Oil Company
Elkton

A Job Very Well Done ---

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Cass City

Congratulations

Hahn's Real Estate & The Pine Cone Shop
Cass City

To A Wonderful Team...

Cass City Auto Supply
Cass City

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Fort's Confectionery Store
Cass City

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Cass City

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State Farm Insurance Co.
Cass City

Best Wishes To The Team.....

Cass City Steel Supply, Inc.
Cass City

A Job Well Done.....

Mutual Savings & Loan Asso.
Cass City