

Hawks strong in distance events

Coach Lloyd Schinnerer's problem this spring will be to find thinclads to support Steve Richards if he hopes to improve on last season's fifth place finish in the Thumb B Conference.

Last spring Richards set a new league record in the mile with a mark of 2:01:25 and was the conference champ in the 880. In addition he ran a leg of the winning mile relay team.

Another top performer back for the Hawks is Bob Sawdon. The junior speedster picked up valuable points in the 440, 220 and mile relay.

If Mark Mozden, a junior, continues to improve as he did in his sophomore year Cass City could have its strongest distance team in years. Mozden specializes in the mile and two mile.

In the field events, Cass City will look to Brian deBeaubien in the discus and Todd Comment in the high jump. Both juniors exhibited promise last year. Sophomore Joe Decker is Cass City's hope in the pole vault.

Rob Clarke won valuable points for Cass City in the sprints and the 440 and 880 relays last spring. He's another of the veterans that

Schinnerer will be counting on.

Cass City's major losses by graduation were Doug Erla in the shot put and Dave Heins in the sprints and relays.

Schinnerer will look to a host of freshmen and sophomores for help in the field events and sprints, an area that Cass City has been weak in for several years.

If these underclassmen can fill in the weak spots, Cass City could be a contender. If they don't, the thinclads will be hard pressed to improve on last year's fifth place spot.

Cass City Boys' and Girls' 1980 Track Schedule

Apr. 2	Cros-Lex (boys only)	There	4:00 P.M.
16	Reese, Almont, Mayville	Here	4:00
19	St. Louis Relays (boys only)	There	9:00 A.M.
21	Caro	There	4:30
23	Bad Axe	Here	4:30
24	Lakeville Relay (boys only)	There	5:00
25	Yale (girls only)	There	10:00 A.M.
28	North Branch	Here	4:30
30	Sandusky	There	4:30
May 3	Cass City Invt.	Here	10:00 A.M.
5	Marlette	Here	4:30
7	Vassar	There	4:30
12	Lakers	Here	4:30
14	League Meet	Caro	4:00
16	Regional	Marlette	3:00
19	Huron Meet of Champs	Bad Axe	5:00
21	U.S.A. 9th & 10th Invt.	There	3:30
27	Caro Meet of Champs	There	4:00
31	State Finals (boys only)	Middleville	10:00 A.M.
	State Finals (girls only)	Cassopolis	10:00 A.M.

Hawk girls in rebuilding year

Craig Weaver, in his first year as coach of the Cass City High School girls' track team, has his work cut out for him.

Cass City lost several stellar performers from last year's squad, which finished sixth in the Thumb B Conference.

Regardless, Weaver feels that his young team has talent that will assert itself later in the season.

Until that time he will lean on a small group of veterans to carry the load.

Leading the way will be Teresa Hewitt, the only Hawk girl to qualify for the state meet last year. She runs the hurdles.

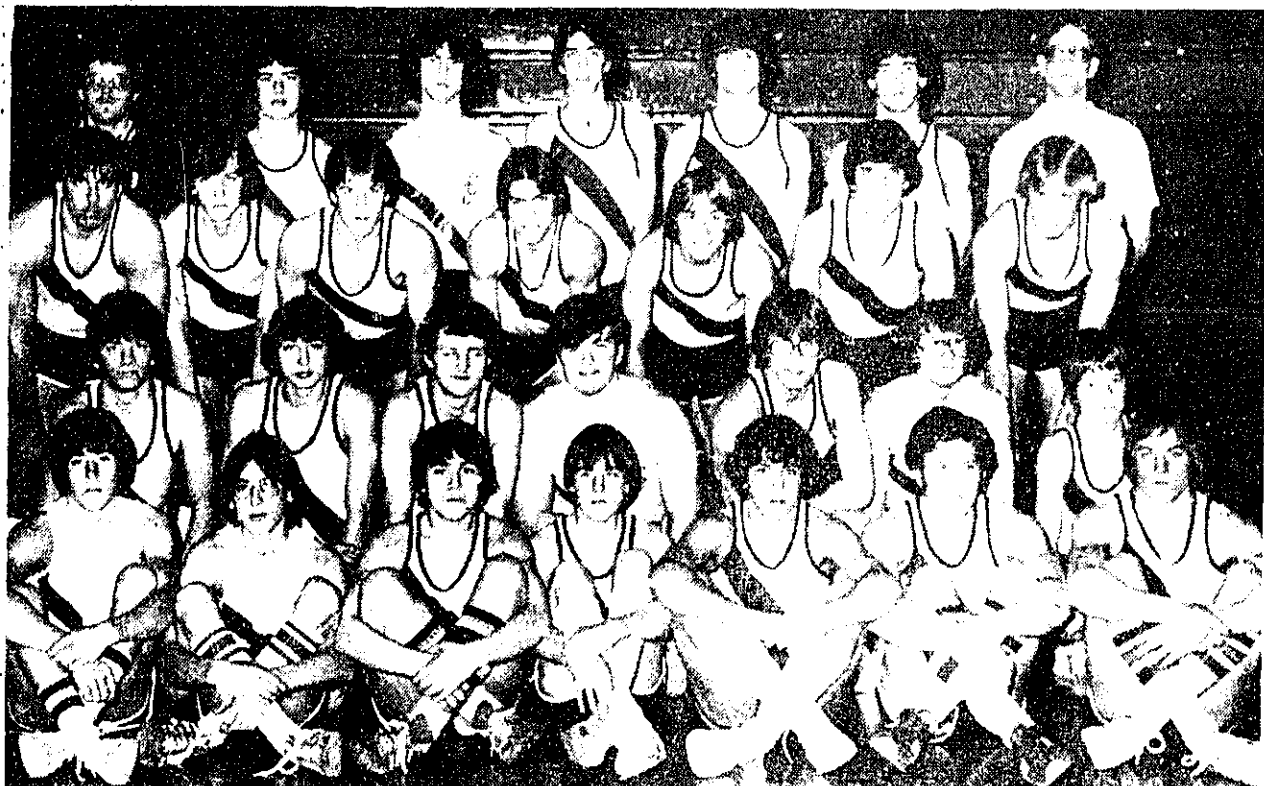
Kristy Deering is counted on again in the distance races. Jane Hobart, Tam Rabideau and Sherry Hillaker are experienced sprint and relay performers. Shelley Rabideau is looked to in the middle distance and Sharon Wells is expected to help in the hurdles.

Gone from last year's squad are some class per-

formers. They include Deb Rabideau, hurdler and sprinter; Laurie and Cindy Ware, middle distance and mile relay; Kari Witherspoon, distances, and Sheree Lapeer, field events.

Weaver must look to a group of freshmen, sophomores and juniors to fill the rest of the gaps in the squad this season. Twenty-five girls were out for the squad last week.

The coach feels that Vassar and Caro will be the teams to beat in the Thumb B Conference this season.



THIS SQUAD PROMISES to be strong in the distances. The problems will come in the sprints and the field events where the coaches will be taking long looks at underclassmen.

From left, first row: John Agar, Marty Hawley, Mark Baldwin, Phil Harmer, Joe Decker, Bob Sawdon, Steve Dadacki.

Second row: Dan Dickinson, Tim Smith, Max Morrish, Jim Jensen, Scott Hobart, Phil Zawilinski, Jim Cooklin.

Third row: Mike Vatter, Mark Mozden, Brian deBeaubien, Tim Sontag, Bob VanCamp, Tom Loomis, Barry Lapp.

Back row: Coach Doug Grezeszak, Chuck Erla, Ray Kloc, Todd Comment, Rob Clarke, Steve Richards, Coach Lloyd Schinnerer.



FROM THIS GROUP of girls Coach Craig Weaver hopes to establish a Thumb B Conference title threat. First row, from left: Anna Schroeder, Kristy Deering, Teresa Hewitt, Rochelle Peters, Theresa Harmer, Janie Wright. Second row, from left: Becky Nye, Shelly Rabideau, Jane Hobart, Lisa Wilson, Merilee Leslie, Laura Richards.

Third row, from left: manager Sandy Little, Tammi Rabideau, Lori Little, Sharon Wells, Deanna Pomeroy, Charlene Izydorek. Fourth row, from left: Sherry Hillaker, Michelle Fahrner, Debbie Ouvry, Cathy Lepek, Danette Loeding, Chris Westerby, Coach Weaver.

Veteran Hawk softball 9 in race for league title

Last year the Cass City Red Hawks challenged the Marlette Red Raiders for the Thumb B Conference softball championship and chances are the girls will be in the thick of the race again this year.

Although there are holes to be filled, Coach Dave Hoard has a strong nucleus of veterans back this spring.

Among the losses that will hurt are Pat Otulakowski, Rochelle Messer, Deb Zawilinski and Lori Opanasenko. Chances are that Cass City will go as far as four outstanding seniors and a powerful junior can carry them.

One of the seniors is

Nancy Tonti, quick as a cat, with a strong arm, who will anchor the critical shortstop post. She was an all-conference selection in 1979.

Another is Libby Hartel, who was a second team all-conference at first base, and can bang the ball with the best of them. Tammie McKee is a senior letter winner and a good defensive catcher.

Shirley Fleming, a junior, was a powerful performer at the pitching mound or at the plate. She must deliver if Cass City will be a serious challenger.

Pitching should be one of Cass City's biggest pluses

this spring. Besides Fleming there is Tammie Root, a senior, who can get the ball over the plate. All she did was make first team all-conference and be named the team's most valuable player as a junior.

The rest of the team will come from juniors up from the junior varsity.

Hoard thinks Cass City will be one of five teams that will be in contention for the league title. The others are Caro, Sandusky, North Branch and Lakers.

The schedule:

April 1	- USA, here
April 11	- Mayville, here
April 14	- USA, away

April 17	- Akron-Fairgrove here
April 18	- Frankenmuth, away
April 22	- Caro, here
April 24	- Bad Axe, away
April 26	- Cass City Invitational Tournament (10 a.m.)
April 29	- North Branch, away
May 1	- Sandusky, home
May 6	- Marlette, away
May 8	- Vassar, home
May 13	- Reese, home
May 15	- Lakers - away
May 22-29	- Pre-District tournaments
May 30	- District Tourney at Cass City
June 7	- Regional Tourney
June 14	- Finals



PITCHING WILL DETERMINE how far the 1980 Cass City baseball team will go. The squad features many veteran players. First row, from left: Earney Stoutenburg, Randy Ferris, Tim Johnson, Randy Severance, Phil "Buck" Zawilinski.

Second row: Mike Stec, Doug Sowden, Brad Hartel, Craig Tonti, Trent Guinther, Scott Murphy. Third row: Coach Don Schelke, Scott Stine, Randy Stine, Ken Martin, Tim Fahrner and Todd Comment.



THERE IS A STRONG defense and some lusty hitting on the Cass City 1980 softball team this spring. Cass City is expected to be a challenger for the league title if the girls perform to potential.

Front row, from left: Julie Carpenter, Shirley Fleming, Tena LaRoche, Beth Sieradzki.

Second row, from left: Shelley LaPeer, Annette Robinson, Sherry Bader, Tammie Root, Nancy Tonti.

Third row, from left: Tammie McKee, Beabe McLachlan, Vickie Pobanz, Libby Hartel, Padgett Randall, Coach Dave Hoard.

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13	Reese	Here	4:30
15	Lakers	There	4:30
20	Capac	There	4:30
23	Pre-Districts TBA		
30	Districts at C.C.		

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