

**Bad Axe falls; Broncos next**

# Red Hawk title express stays on track

The Cass City Red Hawks pulled their act together in the last half at Bad Axe last Friday to roll past the Hatchets, 24-9, to remain undefeated and on course towards a Thumb B Conference football title.

The Hawks can't afford to look back or the title express could very easily be derailed this Friday at North Branch.

The Broncos are considered to be one of the better teams in the league and a

win for the once-defeated challengers would shove them right back into the title chase. A loss would probably effectively remove them from any chance at a shot at the title.

One thing that Coach Don Schelke is sure to be working on this week is a way to get his charges out of the starting blocks quicker than they did against both Caro and Bad Axe.

Against teams like North

Branch it is asking for trouble when you spot the opposition a touchdown in the first quarter.

Against the Hatchets Cass City gave up a touchdown on the opening series of the game. Starting on their own 35-yard line, Bad Axe rode the passing arm of sophomore quarterback Terry Pangborn down the field for the touchdown.

The hosts went to the six-inch line, were penalized

five yards for offside, but scored on the next play anyway as Pangborn passed to Mike Shaw for the five yards.

The Hawks took the next kick-off and ran just one play from scrimmage a long pass that was intercepted by the Hatchets.

The Hatchets controlled the ball for a couple of first downs before the Hawk defense came alive. For the first 11 minutes of the game

Cass City ran one play from scrimmage.

The Hawks struck from far out with 10:34 left in the second quarter to tie it up. Rob Sawdon, who played like an all-conference back Friday, broke through a hole in the center of the line and outraced the secondary for 33 yards and a touchdown.

Bad Axe came back after that one to take the lead again as Tom Pettie hit a

39-yard field goal late in the period.

The Hawks charged back down the field with about 2½ minutes left in the half but the drive stalled on the five-yard line with 30 seconds left before intermission.

The drive was a hint of things to come. After the intermission Cass City completely dominated, scoring the first two times it got the ball.

Taking the kick-off the Hawks moved down the field behind the hard running of Sawdon and a pass that covered 14 yards. Sawdon capped the drive by plunging over from the 3 with 7:13 left in the quarter.

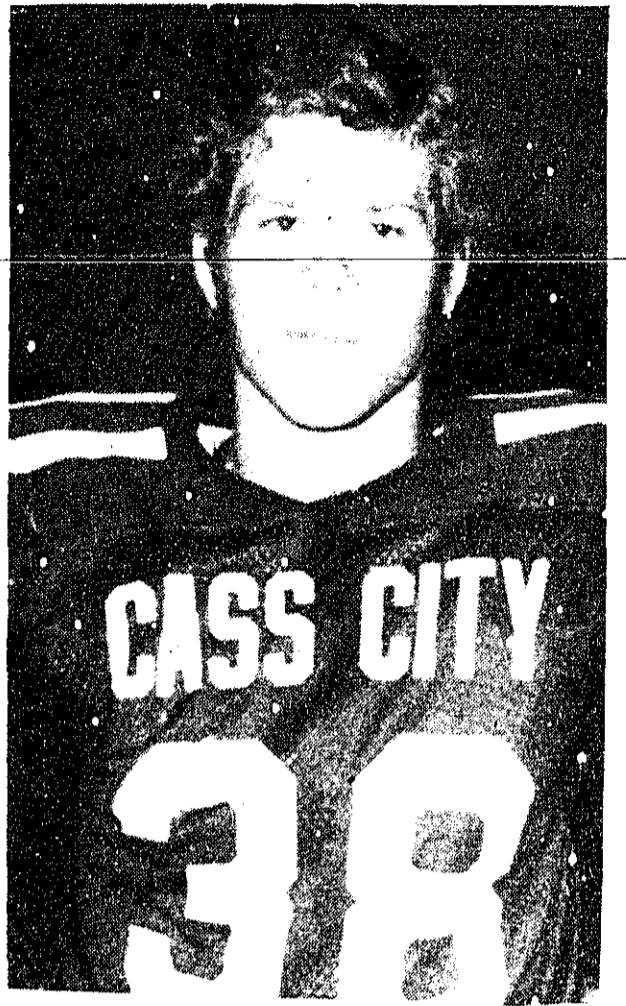
Just before the third quarter ended the Hawks scored again on a sustained drive that ended when Sawdon went over from a foot out.

A pass from deBeaubien to Sawdon was good for extra points.

The Hawk scoring was finished in the fourth quarter when Brad Hartel kicked a 25-yard field goal. With the game well in hand Schelke pulled his troops and it appeared on at least one drive Cass City could have scored again if it had been necessary.

For his outstanding running and his work in rushing the passer in the first half Sawdon was named Red Hawk of the week. Sawdon rushed for 149 yards on 17 carries and scored all three Cass City touchdowns.

Chuck Erla with 15 points under Schelke's rating system led the defense.



ROB SAWDON was named Red Hawk of the Week for his outstanding running and good spot defense play against Bad Axe. The diminutive halfback has been outstanding for Cass City all season.

## O-G stays in title contention with overtime nod at Kingston

Thank goodness for overtime.

With it, Owen-Gage managed to eke out a 20-14 overtime win at home over Kingston Friday night.

Without it, the Bulldogs would have had to settle for a 14-14 tie in a game where the yet-to-win Cardinals were clearly the better ball club — except for the final score.

Owen-Gage had a tough time, but is liable to have an even tougher time Friday, when it travels to Akron-

Fairgrove.

The Vikings, having defeated Peck Saturday, 8-7, are now the only undefeated team in the North Central D League.

That puts the team in the driver's seat, Owen-Gage coach Arnie Besonen said, as it is the only team that can afford a loss. "Nobody else can."

The matchup in past years has always been a good one, with the Bulldogs having won last year, 41-12, after losing the two previous

years.

As for the Kingston game, Besonen said in praising opposition coach Mike Rea, "They came to play football. We came to watch the game."

His team made lots of mistakes, offensively and defensively, and many of those can be attributed to inexperience. The veteran coach started seven freshmen and sophomores. "We were making junior varsity mistakes on the varsity," he commented. Owen-Gage

doesn't have enough players for a junior varsity squad this season, much less an experienced varsity starting line-up.

Indicative of the kind of night it was, quarterback Craig Gettel threw six perfect passes which were dropped by the intended receiver, according to the coach.

Gettel scored the first six points of the game on a 14 yard run in the first quarter. His kick attempt for the extra point was blocked.

Kingston got on the scoreboard on a 34 yard run in the third quarter by Todd Remsing. An attempt to run the ball in for two more points was unsuccessful.

The Bulldogs got a break at the start of the fourth quarter when after being forced to punt, they got the ball back and a first down when Kingston was flagged for roughing the kicker.

A play or two later, Jim Glidden made a spectacular catch in the end zone of a 25-yard Gettel pass, despite two Kingston players around him. The same combination repeated for two more points.

With little over four minutes remaining, Jason Koehler scored on a 1-yard run to cap a nine-play, 38-yard drive. The Cardinals knotted the score when they ran the ball over for two more points.

The visitors came close to winning when they were near Owen-Gage end zone as time was running out but a pass in the last play of the game was intercepted, thus forcing the game into overtime.

Kingston won the flip of the coin, but in its four plays from the 10-yard line, could get no closer than the 2-yard line.

Then it was the Bulldogs' turn and in their first play from the 10-yard line, Glidden snaked through the Cardinal defense to score.

Indicative of the way Kingston dominated everything but the final score, the team made 14 first downs versus only five by their opponents.

The Cardinals advanced 189 yards in 44 carries, while the Bulldogs could only manage 92 yards in 31 carries.

The visitors also dominated the aerial game, with seven completions of 15 attempts for 56 yards, with two interceptions.

Gettel tossed the ball 10 times, completed three passes for 36 yards, and had one interception.

Kingston gained a total of 245 yards; Owen-Gage, 128.

The home team fumbled the ball four times and recovered it twice. Kingston lost it five times and only got it back once.

Owen-Gage was penalized five times for 45 yards; Kingston, four times for 40 yards.

Top ground gainer for the victors was Jim Glidden with 38 yards in 13 carries, followed by Scott Gaeth with 31 yards in 10 carries.

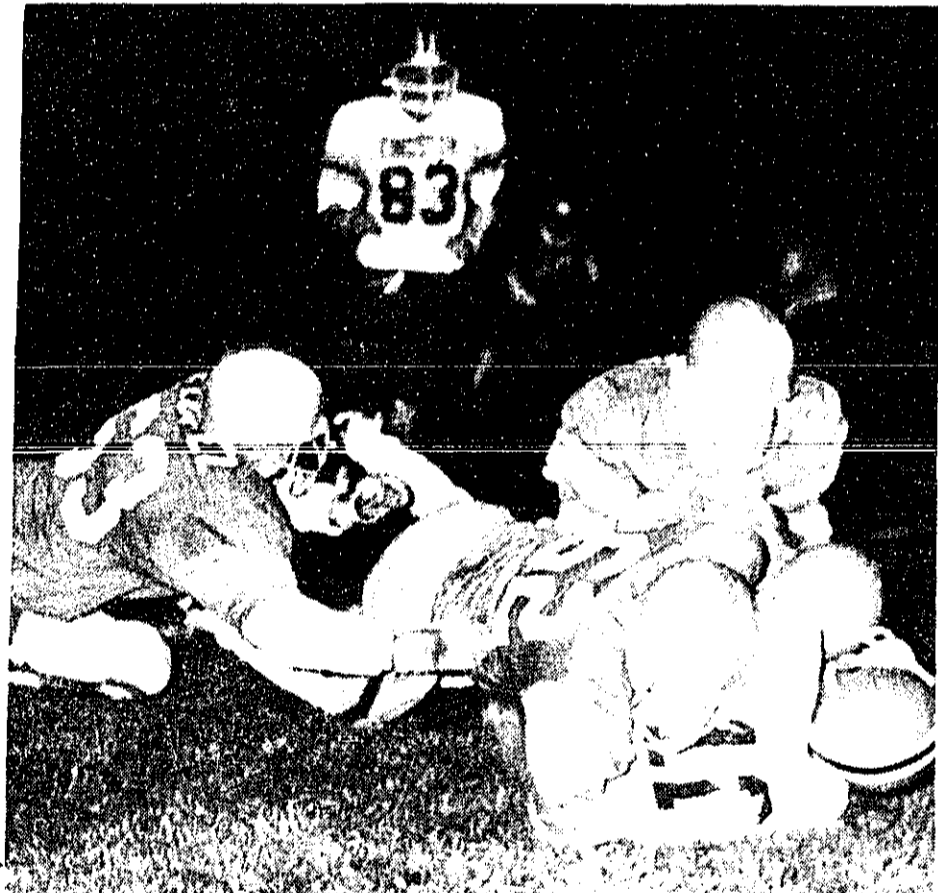
Todd Remsing had a super night for the Cardinals as he carried the ball 18 times and advanced 108 yards. Ron Mouton advanced 45 yards in 17 carries and Koehler, 36 yards in nine tries.

Glidden was also the top pass receiver for Owen-Gage with 30 yards gained in two catches. Jim Legg caught the ball twice for Kingston for 27 yards.

Scott Gaeth made 18 tackles, Kendall Howard, 13. Koehler made eight tackles and Bill Miracle, seven.

Score by quarters:

	CC	BA
Rushing plays	53	35
Rushing yards	264	90
First downs	16	12
Pass complete	4-8	16-31
Pass intercepted by	2	2
Passing yards	45	127
Total yards	326	217
Punt average	5-36	4-32
Penalties	3-35	5-55



DOWN ON ME -- Bringing down Kingston's Jason Koehler in this fourth quarter play were Jim Kuhr and another player, whose helmet is the only thing showing. No. 63 for Owen-Gage is Paul Lopez.

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## Key victory Owen-Gage cagers back in title picture after Caseville win

Owen-Gage climbed back into the thick of the North Central D League girls' basketball race last Thursday when it beat previously undefeated Caseville, 48-40.

Coach Judy Campbell's Bulldogs are now 3-1 in the league. The Eagles are 4-1.

Visiting Owen-Gage led by six points at the end of the first quarter and first half and by four at the end of the third quarter.

Becky Howard pumped in 28 points for the victors, while Julie Andrakowicz contributed 10. Andrakowicz pulled down 16 rebounds and Howard, 12.

The league's leading scorer, Peggy Wilfong, maintained her per game average with 25 points.

The Eagles won the junior varsity contest, 31-11.

### KINGSTON GAME

The Cardinals proved no match Tuesday, Sept. 23, as the home team Bulldogs won, 54-32.

The last time the game was tied was at the end of the first quarter when it was 8-8.

Becky Howard scored 24 points for the winners; Julie Andrakowicz had 11, and Terry Sontag collected 10.

Top Cardinal was Jenny Engler with 10.

Kingston won the junior varsity game.

Owen-Gage doesn't play again until Oct. 9, when it journeys to Peck, followed by a home game Oct. 14 against Carsonville-Port Sanilac.

### NORTH THUMB D LEAGUE

League	Over	all		
W L W L	W L W L	W L W L		
Akron-Fairgrove	2	0	1	2
Peck	2	1	3	0
Owen-Gage	2	1	3	1
North Huron	2	1	3	1
Carsonville	1	1	1	3
Caseville	0	2	0	4
Kingston	0	3	0	4

Friday's Games — Caseville at North Huron; Peck at Uby; Owen-Gage at Akron-Fairgrove.

Saturday's Games — CPS at Kingston.

THUMB B ASSOCIATION	League	Over	all	
W L W L	W L W L	W L W L	W L W L	
Cass City	3	0	4	0
Caro	2	1	3	1
Vassar	2	1	3	1
Laker High	2	1	3	1
North Branch	2	1	3	1
Bad Axe	1	2	1	3
Marlette	0	3	1	3
Sandusky	0	3	0	4

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

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