

Tough Sandusky next for home-coming

Broncos cut Hawk win string, 24-8

It's home-coming time for Cass City Friday when the Red Hawks host the Sandusky Redskins in a Thumb B Association clash that rates as a toss-up.

Caro, Vassar and North Branch. The Hawks fell from first place alone when they were soundly beaten by North Branch in a cold, wet miserable night, 24-8, last Friday.

of the losses were in overtime against North Branch and Caro. The Redskins are for real despite the record. It's likely that Coach Don Schelke is hoping for the weatherman to smile on the team and provide moderate dry weather.

Cass City's quickness which helped the Hawks to victories in the first four games. In all of its league wins Cass City came on strong in the last half to post the victories. The same pattern was followed against North Branch, but the Hawks simply let the Broncos pull

too far in front in the first two quarters.

North Branch took the opening kick-off and rolled down the field as the hosts' offensive line opened gaping holes for Bronco backs.

A 74-yard drive was capped by a 10-yard run by Gordie Porritt. A run was good for the extra points.

Early in the second period the winners started another touchdown drive. They marched 53 yards in a sustained drive. A key play in the drive was fourth and 2 on the Hawk 9-yard line.

the Broncos had a first and goal on the four. From there Porritt cracked over on the next play.

Meanwhile, the Hawks were unable to get anything going in the mud and slime other than an occasional first down.

The Broncos then raced the clock down field in the waning moments of the first half to take a first on the Cass City 13. Don Smeznik then split the uprights on a field goal attempt. The 3-pointer made it 17-0 and sounded the death knell on any chance that Cass City

had of pulling another of its patented second half rallies.

Although they trailed the Hawks didn't give up. They came out in the second half and staged a 60-yard drive that was capped by a 23-yard run by Rob Sawdon. A pass from Brian deBeaubien to Sawdon was good for the extra points.

That ended the scoring until the last few minutes of the game when the Hawks turned the ball over inside of their own 10-yard line instead of kicking and the Broncos ran it in for a meaningless marker.

Schelke named Randy Severance as Red Hawk of the week. On defense Severance was credited with 19 points under the coach's rating system. Severance is a 2-way player. Tops on defense alone was Shawn Papp with 25 points.

Table with columns: CC, NB, Rushing attempts, Rushing yards, First downs, Passes complete, Passes inter, Yards passing, Total yards, Punts, average, Penalties.

THUMB B CONFERENCE

Table with columns: League, Over, all, W, L, W, L, Cass City, Caro, Vassar, North Branch, Laker High, Sandusky, Bad Axe, Marlette.

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

NORTH THUMB D LEAGUE

Table with columns: League, Over, all, W, L, W, L, Owen-Gage, North Huron, Peck, Akron-Fairgrove, CPS, Caseville, Kingston.

Friday's Games — Peck at Owen-Gage; Mayville at North Huron.

Saturday's Games — Kingston at Caseville; Akron-Fairgrove at CPS.

and Pat Horner had six.

The Owen-Gage bus fell victim to the vandalism that has plagued the Akron-Fairgrove schools of late, the latest incident being more than \$30,000 in damage at the high school last week.

When the Bulldogs returned to their bus at halftime, they found the back window had been smashed. Police were notified.

Score by quarters:

Score by quarters table with columns: O-G, A-F, 0, 6, 6, 0, 12, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0.

The losers had only one completion of four attempts, no interceptions, for 7 yards gained.

The Vikings tried to contain the Bulldog offense by bottling up Jim Glidden, but Gaeth broke loose for 172 yards in 20 carries. Glidden carried the ball 10 times for 21 yards. Gettel gained 22 yards in nine carries.

Top Akron-Fairgrove ball-carriers were Scott Lindenburg, 17 carries and 52 yards, and Jesse Ruiz, nine carries and 35 yards.

Dan Glidden caught two passes for 35 yards. A third catch, while he was on his knees, was disallowed. Brother Jim caught two passes for 17 yards.

The winners made 13 first downs, were penalized three times for 25 yards and didn't fumble. Their opponents made eight first downs, were penalized twice for 20 yards and fumbled four times, but recovered three of them.

Gaeth made 10 tackles, Kendall Howard had 10 plus one fumble recovery and Gary Erickson made seven.

John Montgomery made 10 tackles for the Vikings

O-G cagers move into second with key win

Owen-Gage moved into second place in the North Central D League girls' basketball standings Sept. 30 when it edged past North Huron, 45-42.

The Bulldogs led by two points at the end of the first quarter, by one at the half and by six at the end of the third quarter.

Becky Howard was the top scorer for Owen-Gage with 18 points. Barb Irwin collected 10 for North Huron.

The Bulldogs, now 4-1 in the league, resume action Thursday at Peck and entertain Carsonville-Port Sanilac Tuesday.

Score by quarters:

Score by quarters table with columns: O-G, NH, 12, 12, 12, 9, 45, 10, 13, 7, 12, 42.

Being an underdog can help.

Owen-Gage, predicted to be the loser Friday by most pundits, knocked off Akron-Fairgrove, 12-0.

The Vikings had been the only team left with an unblemished mark in the North Central D League. There are now five teams with one loss.

There will be one fewer after this Friday, as Owen-Gage hosts Peck in homecoming night at Owendale.

Bulldog coach Arnie Besonen describes Peck as "the biggest team around," with two tackles in the 210-pound range. His players will have their work out for them in gaining yardage.

Owen-Gage is now 3-1 in the league, 4-1 overall, while Peck is 2-1 in league play, 3-2 overall.

In contrast to its previous game, when the Bulldogs had to struggle to an overtime win over Kingston, Besonen said, "We had only three penalties and didn't make many mistakes this time. We didn't turn the ball over at crucial times."

The fact that Akron-Fairgrove was favored to win, he felt, took a lot of pressure off his team, especially the younger players.

The turning point, he said, came in the first quarter, when the Vikings advanced to the Bulldog 1-yard line, only to be penalized five yards and then were unable to score. Owen-Gage got the ball back on its own 8-yard line.

The first score came in the second quarter on an eight-yard run by Craig Gettel to cap a 10-play, 48-yard drive. Gettel's pass attempt for an additional two points was incomplete.

In the third period, Scott Gaeth scored on a 4-yard run, the four-play drive totaling 28 yards. A bad hike killed the planned two-point conversion attempt.

The game was played under miserable conditions, in rain and near freezing temperatures. From the middle of the field, it wasn't possible to see the end zones, Besonen said.

As a result, most of the yardage gained was on the ground. The Bulldogs rushed for 232 yards in 44 carries. The Vikings gained 115 yards in 38 carries.

Gettel passed nine times, had four completions and no interceptions, for a gain of 52 yards, for total offensive yardage of 284.



Bulldogs upset Vikings to knot loop title race

STOPPED AFTER A sizeable gain was the Broncos' Gordie Porritt. North Branch dominated the first half to knock the Hawks from the undefeated list.

Volunteers building facility at O-G

Fans and athletes at Owendale-Gagetown outdoor sports events won't have to run as far in the future, thanks to a group of dedicated volunteers.

Robert McPhail, are building a restroom building at the north end of the football field.

though the structure won't be done until spring, McPhail said, when bricks from the old high school are put on the outside of the concrete block structure. Students will do that part of the project.

Construction began about five weeks ago.

When the building is ready, it means spectators and athletes will no longer have to walk to the restrooms in the high school building.



RESTROOMS -- It was too wet Friday to get any work done, but among those building the restrooms at the Owen-Gage football field are volunteers, from left, Sandy Peters, Danny Ondrajka, Robert McPhail and Dick Glidden.

In addition to football, the building will be available for use during spring sports and summer softball games.

Those working on the structure have been McPhail, Dick Glidden, Jim Sontag, Danny Ondrajka, Sandy Peters, Carol Howard, Mike Mandich, Dennis Pavlichek, Ron Susalla, Rodney McCallum and Supt. Ronald Erickson.

According to Erickson, Pigeon concrete supplier Dave Vollmer is supplying the blocks and cement, in exchange for which he is getting two old school buses and about 25 bus tires the district was going to sell.

The Band Boosters and Owendale Lions Club are splitting the cost of the lumber, doors, etc. and any remaining costs will be borne by the school board.

Value of the building when done will be about \$5,000.

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