

Wow! Final seconds TD wins for Hawks

Sandusky falls; Marlette is next

If form is followed the Cass City Red Hawks will have a breather this Friday when they travel to Marlette to meet the winless Red Raiders.

The team could use an easy game after a successful hard-fought Thumb B Conference title, including the classic home-counting battle last Friday with Sandusky.

The Hawks topped the Redskins in the last 20 seconds, 33-26, when an 80-yard in two play drive was capped by a pass from Brian deBeaubien to Rob Sawdon good for 41 yards and the winning touchdown.

Sawdon went step for step with the defender to grab the pass and shake loose to score.



ROB SAWDON had another big day for the Hawks against Sandusky. He moved deep into Redskin territory on this run around his own right end.

Birney misses crucial field goals in first game in Packer comeback

Tom Birney's comeback debut with Green Bay Sunday wasn't what he had hoped for.

With 1:09 left in regulation play and the Packers tied with Tampa Bay, 14-14, he missed a 25-yard field goal attempt. With five seconds left in overtime, he missed a 36-yarder. The game ended at 14-14.

The placekicker is married to the former Mandy Trischler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Trischler of Hurst Corner Road, Cass City. She is a 1974 graduate of Owen-Gage High School, when the family was living near Beach.

She met her husband when both were freshmen at Michigan State University.

Last year, the Packers called him up part way through the season, after his

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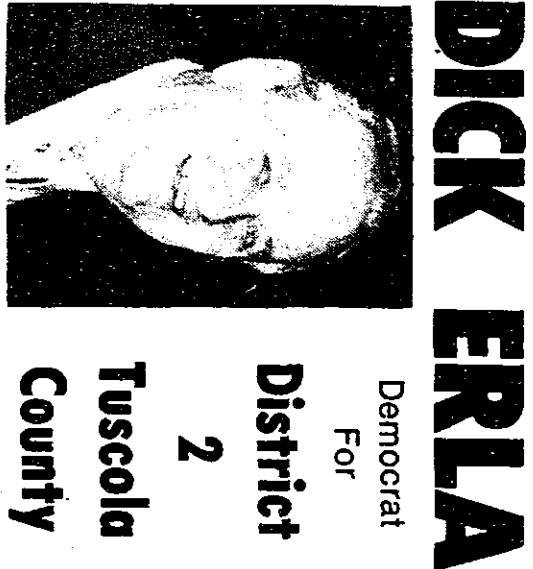
Bulldog cagers stay on top in loop play

The Owen-Gage girls' basketball team increased its North Central D League record to 6-1 Tuesday with an easy 59-26 win over visiting Carsonville-Fort Sanille.

High scorer for the Bulldogs was Becky Howard with 30 points followed by Julie Andrakowicz with nine rebounds and Howard grabbed 12.

Marcel Falls was high scorer for the Tigers with seven points and top rebounder with nine.

Carsonville won the junior varsity game, 32-19.



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own 20 the Hawks moved to the Sandusky 47 and were apparently stopped with fourth and long yardage. But a surprise run went for 25 yards and a first on the 20.

After Cass City was unable to push across, Brad Hartel booted a 36-yard field goal and the Hawks led 3-0 with 2:15 left in the quarter.

That lead didn't last long. Sandusky came charging back with a 72-yard drive. The visitors picked up yardage in big chunks around their own right end on the quarterback option play.

With 8:22 left in the half, Don Ziemanski scored the touchdown to put Sandusky on the scoreboard. The run for points failed.

Cass City edged back in front on the very next series of downs. The drive was keyed by Sawdon who ran for 38 yards to the one-foot line, evading a tackle at the line of scrimmage and two other tacklers in the backfield. Cass City scored on the next play. Hartel kicked the extra point after Cass City had been set back five yards on a penalty.

There was just under 4 minutes left when the Hawks

scored but that was enough time for Sandusky to take the lead before the intermission.

After moving inside the scoring parade, the Red Hawks 10 on a sustained drive Mark Colby found Ziemanski in the right corner of the end zone for the marker. By the time the play was completed time in the first half had expired. The conversion was missed and it was 12-10.

Like they have all year, Cass City came out smoking the TD on a 7-yard dash and also the extra points that tied the score, 18-18, with 25 seconds left in the third period.

It took the Hawks just four plays to get that marker back. Key to the drive were runs of 18 and 35 yards by Phil "Buck" Zawilinski. That gave the Hawks a first and on the Redskins two from where Sawdon bumped over.

Peck bounces O-G from share of league lead

"We got the crap beat out of us," was coach Arnie Besonen's summation after seeing his Owen-Gage Bulldogs overwhelmed by Peck Friday night, 44-16.

The loss, which bounced the Bulldogs out of first place in the North Central D League, spoiled homecoming night in Owendale.

The team must now prepare for its long, long bus ride to Napoleon, southeast of Jackson, for a non-conference attempt, and kicked seven extra points for a total of 28 points. Four of his field goals came in the last game of the season against the Detroit Lions.

In pre-season this year, Peck coach Bert Starr decided to go with nine-year veteran Marcel.

But the final City native had his problems and last Wednesday was cut in favor of Birney. Until then, he had been substitute teaching in Lansing.

According to Trischler, his brother-in-law received a call from Starr Friday, Oct. 3, that he was going to give Marcel one more chance.

After the kicker had another bad day that Sunday, the coach called Birney back, told him to be in Green Bay Tuesday, Oct. 7, and that he was going to cut Marcel.

Mrs. Birney and their 15-month-old son, Mark, followed Saturday. They will probably return to Lansing when the season ends, Jeff said.

The last game of the season for Birney and the Packers will be Dec. 21 against the Lions at Pontiac.

Indicative of the size difference between the two teams was Owen-Gage tackle Mike Powell, all 132 pounds of him, who was paired against 210-pound Peck and Jim VanComant.

The Pirates collected 15 points in the first quarter before Owen-Gage scored, on a 29-yard pass from Bell.

Red Hawk golfers end year in fifth place

The Cass City Red Hawks have ended their golf season with a six-win, four-loss mark in dual meets and a tie for fifth in the Thumb B Association.

In the league the Caro Tigers finished first. Trailing the Tigers were, in order: Vassar, Bad Axe, Sandusky, Cass City and Marlette (tie), North Branch and Lakers.

Four seniors played their final season for Cass City and Coach Mike Gogola. They were John Seaton, Scott Murphy, Don Dickinson and Chuck Aulen.

Next year the Hawks should be paced by Bob Eriola, the team's most consistent golfer this season. Also back will be Kevin Downing and William Burdon.

Helped by a pass that covered 35 yards for a first on the Hawk five, Sandusky tied the score for the last time with 6:45 left in the game to set the stage for the last second heroics already described.

Zawilinski, who had the best night in his grid career, was named Red Hawk of the week by Coach Don Scheike.

He picked up 147 yards on 15 carries. Sawdon gained 164 yards in 23 tries. Severance led the defense with 17 points under Scheike's rating system.

THUMB B ASSOCIATION	
League Over	
	all
Cass City	W 1 L 1
Vassar	4 1 5 1
North Branch	4 1 5 1
Caro	3 2 4 2
Lakers	3 2 4 2
Sandusky	1 4 1 5
Bad Axe	1 4 1 5
Marlette	0 5 1 5
Friday's Games — Lakers	
High at Bad Axe: Cass City	
at Marlette: North Branch	
at Caro: Vassar at Sandusky.	

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Cass City	W 1 L 1
Vassar	4 1 5 1
North Branch	4 1 5 1
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Marlette	0 5 1 5
Friday's Games — Cass	
City at Akron-Fairgrove,	
North Huron at Kingston	
Saturday's Games — CPS	

Hawk cagers lose first league game

Cass City lost its first game in Thumb B Association competition last Wednesday when host North Branch topped the Hawks, 33-29.

The Broncos won by holding their opponent Peck off handal to just 12 points. A stone cold shooting night helped in the upset. Cass City hit just 28 percent from the floor and 43 percent from the foul circle.

Added to that the Hawks grabbed just 19 rebounds, and turned over the ball 26 times. It was not one of our better games, Coach Lloyd Schimner said, in a masterpiece of understatement.

Cass City led at the end of every period but the last one when an 11-4 advantage by North Branch was decisive. The winners were led by Kim Marston with 16 and Sue Nellenbach with 13 points.

The Hawks were to have hosted Sandusky here Wednesday night.

Cass City's record in the league is now 3-1 while overall the team has a 4-6 mark.

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TOP GROUND GAINER for Owen-Gage Friday with 70 yards in 10 carries was Scott Gaeth, seen here carrying the ball with about 5½ minutes left in the game. The Bulldogs scored a few plays later.

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