

Marlette bows in tune-up game

Vassar-Cass City collide — title on line

It all boils down to one final game for the Cass City Red Hawks. Everything that has gone before means little if anything.

At least a share of Thumb B Conference championship will be riding on the outcome of the game between Vassar and Cass City Friday.

The stage was set for the showdown last Friday when the Vulcans rolled past Caro and the Hawks cruised past winless, in the league, Marlette, 48-6.

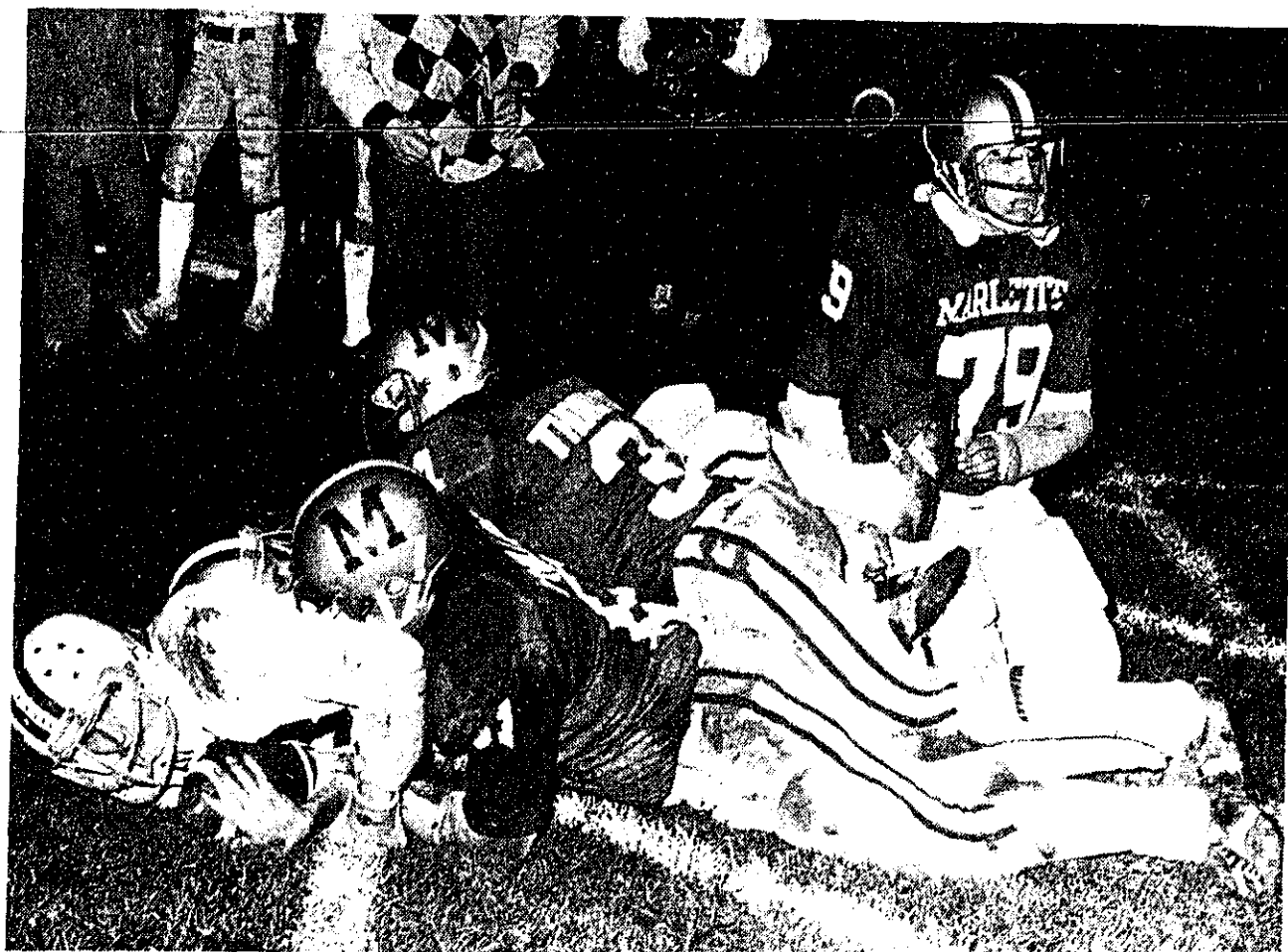
There's no telling how large the final margin could have been if Coach Don Schelke hadn't pulled the regulars early.

At the end of the first quarter Cass City was in front 21-0 and at the half it was 41-0.

There's a question if an easy game like that one is good for a team before a major encounter like the Hawks face when Vassar comes to town.

Vassar had to go all out to defeat a good Caro team and some observers feel that it may be to their advantage coming into the title tilt with Cass City.

The Hawks came through the Marlette game in good physical condition although Steve Steeley, a guard, was injured in an auto accident.



CASS CITY ran almost at will against Marlette when the regulars were in the game in the first half. Phil "Buck" Zawilinski picked up 8 yards on this play before being driven out of bounds by Red Raider defenders.

Whatever happens Friday the chances are that the winner will share the title with North Branch which now shares the top spot.

There wasn't much to the game against the Red Raiders. The Hawks scored early and often in the first half and then coasted home as Schelke used some of the players who will be the mainstays of next year's team.

The scoring started with 7:12 left in the first quarter. Brian deBeaubien hit Bob Leslie with a 37-yard scoring strike and the TD parade was on.

The next time the Hawks got the ball Rob Sawdon capped a drive with a 270-yard run to paydirt. The Hawks struck again with just 17 seconds left in the first quarter.

Face Tigers Friday

Napoleon conquers O-G in non-league game, 29-16

It was a long ride to Napoleon, near Jackson, on Owen-Gage Friday and even longer coming back as the Bulldogs lost the non-league game, 29-16.

The Bulldogs, now 4-3 overall and 3-2 in the North Central D League, end their league schedule this Friday night at Carsonville-Port Sanilac.

The Tigers are 2-3 in the league and 2-5 overall and a win will give the Bulldogs second place, tied with the winner of the Akron-Fairgrove-North Huron game.

The winner of that one will tie with Peck for first. Carsonville coach Ken Sullins changes his offensive strategy from week to week, Besonen said, relying on his ground game one week and throwing the ball the next.

"If we play like we played the second half (at Napoleon), we'll be all right," he predicted.

Including a stop for dinner, it took the Bulldogs five hours to get to Napoleon, which left them groggy in the first half. In the second, although it wasn't enough to overcome the first half deficit, Owen-Gage came alive with 178 yards gained, versus 78 by its opponents.

The team didn't get back to Owendale until about 3 a.m. Saturday.

Napoleon, 1-5 going into the game, with several close losses, is a big C school that plays in a Class B league.

In the first quarter, Pirate Bill Young passed 45 yards to Trent Anderson to score. Joe Messerly then kicked the extra point.

Later in the quarter, Rick Mahaney scored on a 4-yard

run. The extra point kick attempt was blocked.

Messerly kicked a 24-yard field goal to start second period scoring. Anderson scored again after catching a Young pass, the play totaling 26 yards. Messerly kicked the extra point.

Owen-Gage got on the scoreboard when Jim Glidden grabbed a pass from Craig Gettel in a 47-yard play. Gettel then ran the ball over for two more.

Joe Messerly collected Napoleon's last touchdown, on a 9-yard run. The extra point kick attempt was blocked.

The final touchdown came in the fourth quarter on a 19-yard pass from Gettel to Glidden, to cap a 68-yard, eight-play drive. Scott Gaeth ran the ball in for two points.

Owen-Gage collected nine

first downs, rushed for 165 yards in 31 carries and gained 90 yards in the air, on four completions of 10 attempts, with one interception.

Its opponents made 15 first downs, gained 235 yards in 46 carries on the ground and 66 in the air on four completions of eight attempts, with two interceptions.

Jim Glidden was top rusher for Owen-Gage with 68 yards in 10 carries, followed by Gaeth with 58 yards in 11 carries. Messerly was tops for the Pirates with 95 yards in 20 carries.

Glidden was also the top pass receiver with three catches good for 73 yards. Anderson caught two Napoleon tosses for 37 yards.

Owen-Gage recovered its one fumble and was penalized five times for 55 yards. The host team didn't fumble and was penalized five times for 32 yards.

Glidden made 10 tackles and blocked one point-after-touchdown kick. Gaeth blocked the other and made nine tackles. Gary Erickson also had nine tackles and Gettel had eight.

Anderson and Tim Kutawa of the Pirates each made nine tackles.

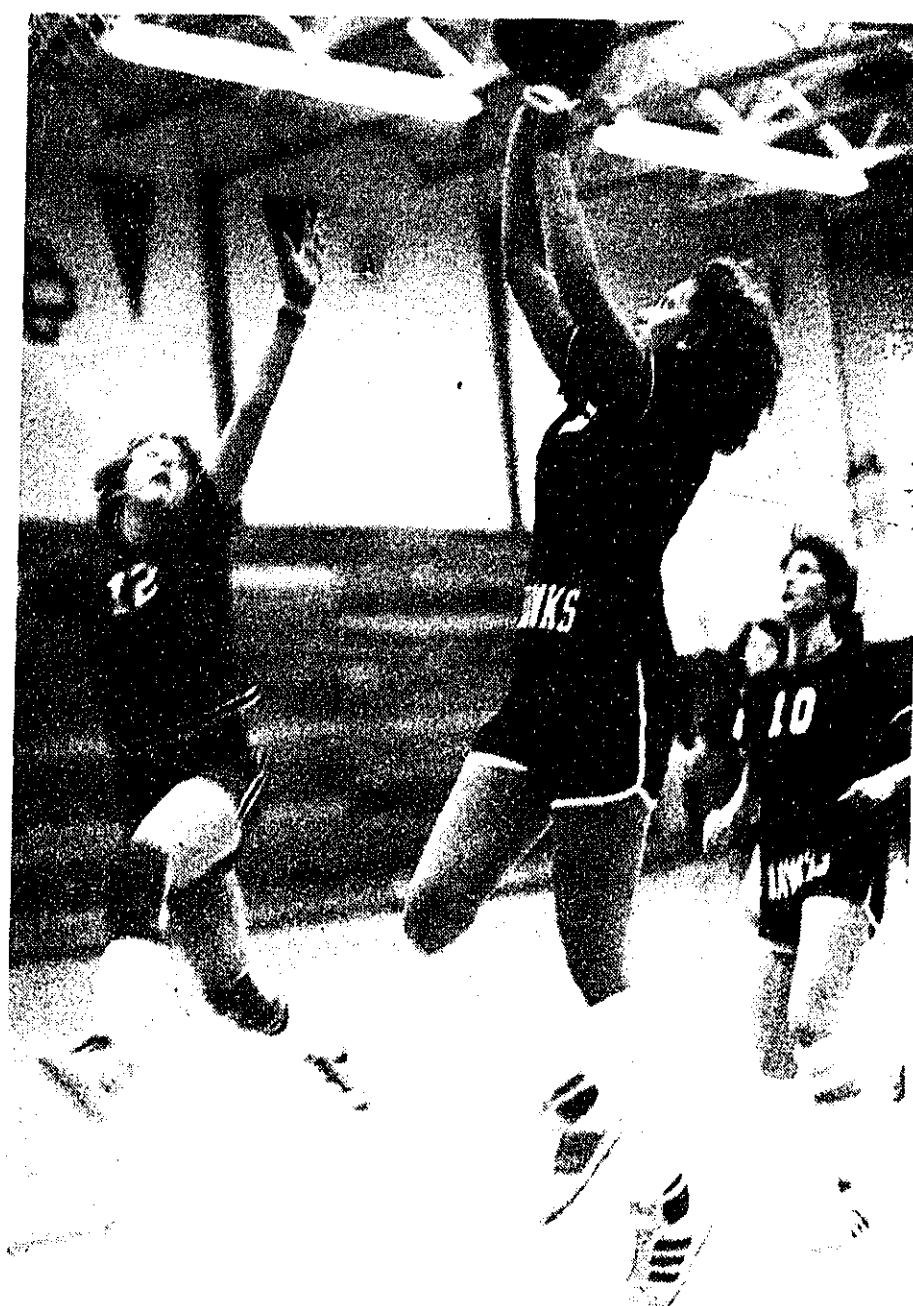
Score by quarters:
Napoleon 13 10 6 0 29
Owen-Gage 0 0 8 8 16

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

Saturday's Games — Peck at Caseville.

CHARACTER TEST

The surest way to test a man's character is to find out if he lives up to his promises.



IT WAS A PICTURE fast break by Cass City against Sandusky. All three Hawks beat the defense down the floor as Padgett Randall takes the shot. Number 12 is Shelley Rabi-deau and Number 10 is Kelly Seurynek.

Wins keep cagers in loop title fight

Cass City chalked up a pair of cage victories in Thumb B Association competition during the week to set the stage for a title showdown with the Vassar Vulcans.

The Vulcans were to have played at Cass City Wednesday night. Both teams have a 6-1 record in the league.

The Hawks used a big second quarter last Wednesday to roll past Sandusky, 40-29. The two teams played about even for the first 10 minutes although the Hawks led all the way.

Coach Lloyd Schinnerer used a full court press to speed up the tempo and it paid off with several easy

baskets. At the half Cass City was in front 25-14 and then played the visitors on even terms the rest of the way to post the victory.

In double figures for the Hawks were a pair of seniors, Padgett Randall with 12, and Shelley Lapeer, 10 points. Ann Bradley and Ann Soffradine led the losers with 10 points each.

Michelle Fahrner led all rebounders with 7. Randall, Lapeer and Kelly Seurynek netted 5 each. Cass City shot a poor 26 percent from the floor and was able to convert just 36 percent from the charity circle.

Cass City remained on top with Vassar in the league

with a close 34-29 decision over Marlette. Again it was a spurge in the second period that spelled the difference.

The Hawks outscored the Red Raiders 14-8 in the second quarter and that was enough for the win.

Randall was the only player in double figures with 12 points. Lapeer and Beth Sieradzki netted 8 each. Cass City improved its shooting percentage against Marlette, converting 15 of 47 from the floor for 32 percent and 4 of 6 from the line for 67 percent.

Kelly Seurynek led all rebounders with 9.

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Bulldogs win to retain loop lead

The Bulldogs tightened their hold on first place in the North Central D League last Thursday with an easy 58-23 win at Akron-Fairgrove which saw Becky Howard set a new school scoring mark.

The 5-8 senior pumped in 34 points, one more than her previous mark, which she scored twice. She was the only Bulldog in double figures, her points coming on 14 of 31 shots from the floor and six free throws.

Julie Andrakowicz dominated the boards, pulling down 17 rebounds. Howard grabbed 10.

Top scorer for the Vikings was Tracy Barriger with 12 points.

Owen-Gage is now 7-1 in the league; 11-1 overall. The Bulldogs won the

junior varsity contest, 22-12.

The Bulldogs play at Uby in a non-league contest Thursday and are at Kingston Tuesday.

Score by quarters:
O-G 15 10 16 17 58
A-F 2 8 4 9 23

NORTH CENTRAL D LEAGUE GIRLS' BASKETBALL (as of Oct. 16)

	W	L
Owen-Gage	7	1
Caseville	6	2
North Huron	5	2
Port Hope	5	2
Kingston	4	4
Akron-Fairgrove	2	6
Carsonville-PS	1	7
Peck	1	7



WINNERS of the recent Rolling Hills Golf Course 36-hole club championship were, from left, Jon Zdrojewski, junior boys' flight winner; Ed Pasant, men's first flight; Mary Rabi-deau, women's winner, and Dana Zdrojewski, junior girls' flight. Absent for the photo was men's winner, Maynard Helwig.