

Vassar falls as Hawks share 1st title since '72

Key plays win grid title for Cass City

The Cass City Red Hawks battled powerful Vassar to a standstill Friday night, making the key offensive and

defensive plays when they had to, and hammered out a share of the Thumb B Conference crown.

The host Hawks topped the Vulcans, 15-6. It was the kind of game you'd expect from two teams vying for the champ-

ionship. It boiled down to who appeared to want the victory the most.

Friday, it was Cass City which had not won a title

in football since 1972. The Hawks were tough when they had to be tough and they now share the championship with North Branch. The Broncos rolled over Lakers, 30-14.

Cass City won by making the big plays on offense and defense.

The first of those big plays came midway in the first quarter. Tim Sontag momentarily fumbled a Vulcan punt on his own 28-yard line. The defenders swooped down on him and with a Vulcan hanging onto his leg he handed off to Phil Zawilinski who ran around the only man with a possible chance to tackle him and streaked down the left sidelines behind a wall of blockers untouched to score.

On the points after touchdown try, Brian deBeaubien found Rob Sawdon in the left corner of the end zone and Cass City was in front 8-0.

That lead didn't last long. After fumbles stopped marches for both teams, the Vulcans started a drive that ended in a touchdown with 7:32 left in the second quarter.

The Vassar forward wall was punching huge holes in Cass City's line and the Vulcans' familiar

power football picked up yardage in big chunks. Quarterback Jim Evans ran the last 10 yards on an option play for the score. A reverse for the extra points failed and Cass

City led 8-6.

That lead didn't look very safe. The next time Vassar got possession they started another drive that was a duplicate of the scoring effort.

The Vulcans moved down the field with precision and picked up a first down on the Cass City five.

That's when the Cass City defense came in. A line play gained nothing. A second play gained about the same but was called back because of off-side and Vassar was second and 10.

A pass failed and another off-side was called. That ended that scoring attempt and was what proved to be the visitors' last real scoring opportunity.

With the ball on the 12 and under four minutes left in the half Cass City rolled 88 yards to score. Most of the distance was covered by air. deBeaubien hit on passes to Randy Severance, Bob Leslie and Zawilinski. Sawdon threw to Severance from his halfback spot for another completion.

There was 31 seconds left on the clock when Zawilinski ran over from two yards out.

Brad Hartel kicked the extra point that made it necessary for Vassar to score twice if they were going to win.

A light rain started to fall at the half and it dampened the scoring. Neither team was able to put on a real scoring threat in the last two quarters.

Cass City was content to sit on its lead and not take any unnecessary chances and the defense did the rest. Helping keep the Vulcans in check was a fine punting game that averaged 33 yards per kick.

Tom Harper led Vassar with 80 yards in 15 carries while Zawilinski paced the Hawks with 87 yards in 10 tries. Rob Sawdon picked up 61 yards in 18 carries.

Randy Severance, who caught three passes good for 59 yards and was the defensive leader with 21 of Coach Don Schelke's tackle points, was named Red Hawk of the week.

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Rushing plays	44	46
Rushing yards	184	155
Passes complete	8/13	4/12
Yards passing	94	45
First downs	13	10
Total yards	278	200
Punts, avg.	4/33	4/30
Penalties	3/50	6/57

THUMB B ASSOCIATION

League Overall

	W	L	W	L
Cass City	6	1	7	1
North Branch	6	1	7	1
Vassar	5	2	6	2
Laker	4	3	5	2
Caro	4	3	5	3
Sandusky	2	5	2	6
Bad Axe	1	6	1	7
Marlette	0	7	1	7

Friday's Games — Sandusky at Crosswell-Lexington; Millington at Vassar; North Branch at Inlay City; Frankenmuth at Caro; Unionville-Sebewaing at Marlette; Cass City at Mayville; Harbor Beach at Lakeland High; Ubyly at Bad Axe.

There are 40 billion oranges grown in the U.S. each year. That's an average of 80 glasses of juice and 30 eating oranges per person.



TIM SONTAG was punished by a group of Vassar Vulcans moments after he picked up short yardage in a bruising game that netted Cass City a share of the Thumb B Association championship.

Play-off for Cass City if...if...if

The final regular season game at Mayville Friday looms as another important game for Cass City.

That's because Cass City still has a chance of earning a berth in the state play-off despite a loss to North Branch.

Coach Don Schelke says that three teams are ahead of the Hawks in the computer ratings that determine the schools that qualify. They are Flint Hamady, Memphis and Lutheran West.

The schools have games against teams that could defeat them and even if one or more win, Schelke says, there is a chance

that Cass City will qualify anyway.

One undefeated team in the Thumb, Harbor Beach, will not qualify ahead of Cass City because of its schedule, Schelke figures.

Any chance that Cass City has, of course, depends on a victory over Mayville. That promises to be no easy task.

The Wildcats have only a 6-0 loss to undefeated Harbor Beach in a game played in the rain that mars a perfect record.

Defeating a team with a fine record like this helps up the point total in the computer ratings, if Cass City can do it.

If...if...if...

Extra points pass nets O-G one-point decision over Tigers; End year at Flint

Owen-Gage coach Arnie Besonen's gamble paid off Friday night when he decided to try for two points

after what turned out to be his team's only touchdown against Carsonville-Port Sanilac.

Jim Glidden caught Craig Gettel's pass for the winning margin, 8-7.

The Bulldog win gave them a 4-2 mark in the North Central D League, good for a second place tie with North Huron, the team the pre-



SHELLEY LAPEER missed on this short shot from the side but she helped the Hawks with a win over Vassar last Wednesday with some strong defensive play. Beth Sieradzki, left, was deadly from about 15 feet out for Cass City. Number 34 is Vassar's Bobbi Fackler, a potent player for the visitors all night.

Hawks widen league lead with 2 cage victories

With one game played in the second half of the Thumb B Association schedule the Cass City Red Hawks boast a two-game lead over the field.

This happy turn of events came when Bad Axe was upset Monday and the Hawks won a key game against Vassar last Wednesday.

The victory over the Vulcans kept the visitors from tying the Hawks for the lead. Cass City won the game with a third quarter rally, 42-35.

The game was closer than the final score indicated. Vassar jumped out into an early lead in the first half behind Bobbi Fackler, lanky Vassar center, who controlled the boards.

With just under two minutes left in the half, Vassar spurred to a 19-14 lead, the biggest margin either team enjoyed in the first 16 minutes.

Cass City came charging back with two quick baskets to move within a point and the Vulcans netted a bucket to make the margin three points at intermission, 21-18.

Coach Lloyd Schinnerer pulled his zone defense in tight in the third quarter and Vassar was unable to hit from outside. It proved to be decisive.

Using the fast break to advantage, Cass City streaked for 16 points in three minutes to bury the visitors. At

the end of three quarters Cass City was in front 36-25 and that was the ball game.

Padgett Randall, 18, and Beth Sieradzki, 16, led the Hawks. Sieradzki was deadly on short pops from just outside the foul stripe while Randall scored despite heavy defensive pressure. Fackler led all scorers with 20 points.

Cass City hit 19 of 42 from the floor for 45 percent and made just 4 of 11 from the foul line. Randall, 11, Shelley Lapeer, 9, and Kelly Seurnyck, 7, led the rebounders.

LAKER GAME

The Hawks kept rolling

along Monday with a decisive victory over visiting Lakers, 43-34.

Cass City jumped off to an early lead and was in command all the way. At the intermission the score was 22-13.

Randall and Sieradzki netted 11 points each. Carrie Lautner, 8, a sophomore, netted 8 points and Schinnerer singled her out for a fine defensive effort.

Rebounding honors were shared by Randall and Lapeer with 11 each. Cass City hit just 14 of 46 from the floor but converted a respectable 15 of 25 from the charity circle.

The Hawks are now 7-1 in the league and 8-6 over-all.

season puntists were picking to finish first.

Akron-Fairgrove and Peck tied for first at 5-1.

The young Owen-Gage team, with several starters being freshmen and sophomores, have the satisfaction of having administered Akron-Fairgrove's only loss.

The team ends the season Thursday at the Michigan School for the Deaf in Flint, which has had a terrible season. The team has only scored 12 points, to its opponents' 424. Game time is 3 p.m. MSD and Owen-Gage played each other five years ago. The Bulldogs won.

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They lined up a second time for a fake kick attempt and Gettel tossed the ball to Glidden for the two points.

The closest Owen-Gage got to scoring again was late in the fourth quarter when the team got to the 15-yard line but were stopped when Carsonville intercepted a Gettel pass.

The Tigers then got the ball to the Bulldog 18-yard line before being stopped. Earlier, in their only other scoring opportunity, they got the ball down to the Owen-Gage 12-yard line.

The victors rushed for 147 yards in 37 carries. Gettel completed eight of 11 passes, with one interception, for 131 yards. Total offensive yardage was 278.

Carsonville gained 135 yards in 29 carries and quarterback Dan Fortushniak completed five of 14 pass attempts, with zero interceptions, for 91 yards. Total gain was 226 yards.

The Bulldogs made 14 first downs, fumbled three times, losing the ball twice, and were penalized four times

The play was not without

for 30 yards.

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Top rushers for Owen-Gage were Scott Gaeth with 100 yards in 18 carries and Gettel with 12 carries and 49 yards. Lechnyr gained 80 yards in 17 carries for the home team.

Glidden was the Bulldog's top receiver with six catches and 85 yards. Stan Andrakowicz's one catch was good for 31 yards. Ed Ellis caught two passes for 61 yards for the Tigers.

Gaeth was also the defensive standout with 16 tackles. Gary Erickson made eight and Paul Lopez and Robert LaFave each had six. Fortushniak and Andy Washe made seven tackles for Carsonville.

Score by quarters:

O-G	0	8	0	0	8
C-PS	7	0	0	0	7

NORTH CENTRAL D LEAGUE				
	W	L	W	L
Peck	5	1	6	2
Akron-Fairgrove	5	1	5	3
North Huron	4	2	5	3
Owen-Gage	4	2	5	3
CPS	2	4	2	6
Caseville	1	5	1	7
Kingston	0	6	0	7

FRIDAY'S GAMES				
	W	L	W	L
Friday's Games — Akron-Fairgrove at Reese; CPS at Deckerville.				
Saturday's Game — Whittemore-Prescott at Caseville.				

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