

Clutch wins propel Hawks to title

Girls do it again! Thumb B champs

Cass City roared to its second straight Thumb B Association championship Monday night at Vassar riding on the heels of a tight zone defense and clutch

shooting when challenged. The score was 41-31. Although Cass City led all the way the game was very much in doubt until midway through the final period.

Neither team looked as if it knew the object of the game was to score in the opening half of the first quarter. No points were put on the board until four min-

utes were gone and Padgett Randall cashed a pair of free throws. The girl with the golden touch went on to score 15 for the evening.

Vassar finally cracked the scoring drought with 1:05 left in the first quarter when Bobbi Fackler rammed home a rebound. At the end of the first quarter the Hawks were in front, 8-2, and kept the margin for most of the second period.

The Vulcans staged a rally with 2:02 left in the first half. Trailing 13-6, Vassar scored on a rebound by Mary Harper, added another on a turnover and converted a pair of free throws and suddenly the score was 13-12.

The Hawks stiffened and a tight press resulted in a turn-over and Cass City held the ball for the last shot of the half.

Randall swished it in from deep in the corner and Cass City had a narrow 15-12 lead at the half.

The turning point of the game came in the third quarter. Vassar controlled the tip and Fackler scored from close in. Threatened again, the Hawks showed their championship caliber and in the next six minutes tucked away the game and the championship.

It was a team effort. A tight aggressive zone defense coupled with timely shooting keyed the winning drive.

Carrie Lautner, 5-5 junior guard, tossed in a jumper from the free throw line and moments later hit another. Randall whipped in a short pop and Beth Sieradzki, 5-4 senior and the team point guard, added a free throw and suddenly it was 23-14 and the game was history. After that Cass City was never less than seven points ahead and when Vassar got that close on a couple of quick baskets, came charging back to widen the gap to a comfortable 10 points again.

Besides Randall, Sieradzki with 11 and Lautner with 9 were key Hawk scorers. Mosher scored 7 for the losers. Cass City hit 14 of 36 from the field for 39 percent

and 13 of 20 from the free throw line for 65 percent. Randall was the game's top rebounder with 10.

MARLETTE GAME

Cass City spotted the Marlette Red Raiders a big first half lead Friday and then came charging back in the last half to clinch a share of the Thumb B Association title with a tight, 33-30,

victory. The Hawks' offense was hurt in the first half as Padgett Randall collected three fouls and was forced to the bench for much of the second quarter.

With Randall on the bench and Marlette hitting from the outside, the Hawks slipped behind, 12-9, at the end of the first eight minutes and 24-15 at halftime.

In the second half Cass City proved that it had a championship caliber team. In the third quarter Coach Lloyd Schinnerer's charges shut out Marlette while scoring 8 points and moved within a point of the visitors, 24-23.

Schinnerer said that the key was a little more aggressive zone defense, coupled with a cold shooting streak

for the Raiders.

Whatever the cause, Hawks were back in game and made the most of it, moving ahead for the first time in the last period and then holding on for critical victory.

Randall scored 14. Carrie Lautner added 8. Cass City. Janet Gleason netted 14 and Mel Ross, for Marlette.



HAWKS VS. RAIDERS — Shelley Lapeer drives past Marlette's Janet Gleason and another player as she heads for the basket.



CHAMPIONS — The Hawks whoop it up after whipping Vassar Monday and successfully defending their Thumb B Association basketball crown.

3 Hawks honored

Randall leads all-loop squad

Three seniors were among the players selected by coaches of the Thumb B Association Tuesday for all-conference recognition.

The trio was led by Padgett Randall who was named for the second time. The talented senior smashed all of Cass City's girls' scoring records and has been a four-year letterman for Cass City.

Named to the second team was Beth Sieradzki, the play making guard. A senior, she was the team's quarterback and a good shot from around the key.

Honorable mention honor went to Shelley Lapeer, the senior who played a strong defensive game for Cass City all year and was a rugged re-

bounder. The coaches also named Lloyd Schinnerer as coach of the year for guiding his team to its second straight conference title.

The complete teams:

FIRST TEAM

Padgett Randall, Cass City; Lynette Coon, Caro; Mindy Cubitt, Bad Axe; Kim Marston, North Branch; Bobbi Fackler, Vassar.

SECOND TEAM

Robyn Smith, Lakers; Debbie Lumm, Marlette; Janet Gleason, Marlette; Ann Soffredine, Sandusky; Beth Sieradzki, Cass City.

HONORABLE MENTION

Wanda Sturgis, Carol Wisneski, Robin Belew, Bad Axe; Shelley Lapeer, Cass City; Tracy Haag, Lakers; Deanna Wilkins, Marlette; Sue Nellenbach, North Branch; Jenny Thompson, Ann Bradley, Sandusky; Margaret Wade, Vassar.

THUMB B ASSOCIATION GIRLS' BASKETBALL Final Standings

	W	L
Cass City	12	2
Bad Axe	11	3
Marlette	7	7
Vassar	7	7
Caro	5	9
Lakers	5	9
North Branch	5	9
Sandusky	4	10

Sentence Enos to prison for 6-14 years

William A. Enos, who pleaded guilty Oct. 23 to a charge of forgery, was sentenced Monday by Circuit Judge Martin E. Clements to 6-14 years in the State Prison of Southern Michigan at Jackson.

He was credited with 37 days served. Enos, 24, of 427 Fremont Street, Caro, had pleaded guilty to forging a check for \$100 June 21, paid to Barriger's Travel Stop, south of Caro.

In other cases Monday: Thomas L. Fuller, 17, of 4925 Hess Road, Vassar, failed to appear for sentencing for larceny in a building.

Bond is to be forfeited and a bench warrant for his arrest was issued.

He pleaded guilty to the charge Oct. 6, of having stolen a radio and calculator June 4 from Sargeant's Sand Co., Vassar.

Kevin W. Lawe, 19, of 2661 Barnes Road, Millington, pleaded guilty to violating probation. His plea was accepted and \$1,000 personal recognizance bond continued until sentencing Dec. 1.

He was placed on 12 months' probation Oct. 22, 1979, for unlawfully driving away an automobile.

James R. Stevens Jr., 19, of 6448 S. State Street, Vassar, pleaded guilty to a charge of attempted forgery.

His plea was accepted and sentencing scheduled Dec. 15. Bond was continued.

He pleaded guilty in connection with cashing an altered promissory note June 21 in Indianfields township.

The guilty plea of Dennis J. Brady, 17, of 3120 Hurds Corner Road, Caro, to a charge of larceny under \$100 was taken under advisement.

Sentencing was scheduled Dec. 15 if the plea is accepted. Bond was continued. He is charged with the theft of \$115 Aug. 26 from Ted Robinson in Wells township.

When the Cass City Red Hawks played the last game of the season against Mayville it marked the end of outstanding grid careers for 20 seniors. As a class it was one of the strongest groups to represent the school in recent years.

The one characteristic that separated the 1980 squad from many others is that it was determined to win and kept working and improving.

By the season's final it was a well oiled machine and Hawk fans were saying to each other what might have been if they had qualified for the state tournament, a spot they missed by the narrowest of margins.

These are the seniors that made it all happen.

SHAWN PAPP

Shawn Papp was a 188-pound linebacker who loved to hit. He led the team in tackles with 141.

TIM SONTAG

Tim Sontag was a three-year starter. He played both ways. On offense he was a crushing blocker and tough runner from his fullback position. On defense he snagged everything and everybody that came his way at the safety position.

BRAD HARTEL

He turned himself from an ordinary defensive halfback to one of the best in the league. In addition his talented toe was the key to several victories for Cass City. He had 54 tackles.

BOB LESLIE

At outside linebacker, Bob Leslie was credited with 48 tackles. In addition he turned in outstanding games at offensive end. He helped turn what figured to be Cass City's weakness into one of its strengths.

RANDY SEVERANCE

Helping make end one of the team's strong points was Randy Severance. You didn't hear much about him before the season started but his play changed all that. He was good on offense and great on defense as a linebacker. He was credited with 11 tackles and selected

all-conference on defense.

RANDY STINE

Randy Stine used his size, 210 pounds, to help the Hawks at defensive tackle where he was credited with 45, tackles for the champions.

JIM JENSEN

Jim Jensen showed steady improvement at defensive end and was credited with 30 points. Off to a slow start, he improved rapidly as the season progressed.

BOB SAWDON

Undoubtedly the strongest 164-pound player in the Thumb B was Bob Sawdon. He may have also been the best. Certainly he was one of the best. He was an

outstanding pass rusher from his outside linebacker position and was called on in critical defensive situations where he made 21 tackles, many in the opponents' backfield. On offense he was a 1000-yard back and a bone crushing runner with exceptional quickness.

DOUG SOWDEN

Doug Sowden helped to anchor the special teams and saw action at fullback on offense. He also was a linebacker and was credited with 17 tackles while giving his teammates needed rest during tough games.

RAY KLOC

A member of the special teams so important in the final outcome of the games, Ray Kloc also helped out at linebacker when needed. He was credited with 15 tackles from that spot.

CLAYTON HARMER

Most fans probably didn't appreciate what Clayton Harmer did for the team, but his backs and his coaches did. An offensive guard, he was named first team all-conference and was one of the spearheads of the special teams.

MIKE LOOMIS

One of the low spots of the season for the Hawks was the play that injured Mike Loomis in the first game of

the year. Loomis was called one of the finest players on the team by his coach and he was named tri-captain.

DAVE WHITTAKER

Another of the players that made the Hawks click was Dave Whittaker. A two-year letterman, he was named all-conference second team for his work at offensive tackle.

PHIL ZAWILINSKI

Small but mighty, Phil Zawilinski was the perfect foil for Sawdon. He improved from game to game and was at his finest in the crucial drive for a share of the title. He was all-conference second team at halfback and also the team's punter.

KENT WISCHMEYER

Kent Wischmeyer got behind in development because of a year spent abroad as an exchange student. But he was the type coaches like to have around. He played on the special teams and was a morale booster for the club.

JERRY PAGE

No one improved more on the squad than Jerry Page, said his coaches. He worked hard all season long and it showed. He did well in limited playing time.

Help! Help!

Santa wanted in Cass City

Cass City merchants may have to tell children there is no Santa Claus.

Santa is scheduled to arrive in Cass City, possibly by motorcycle sidecar, Friday, Nov. 28, at 2 p.m.

The problem, according to Mike Shaft, president of the Cass City Retail Committee, is that so far, there is no Santa, last year's Santa having declined to repeat the duty.

Hours will be from 2-4 p.m. the day Santa arrives, then 7-9 p.m. Fridays and 2-4 p.m. Saturdays through Dec. 20.

PHIL TUCKEY

The coaches like to point Phil Tuckey when it comes to spirit. Tuckey played his all year. He was advised quit by the doctors but played anyway. He was member of the special team and saw spot duty on defense.

BRIAN DEBEAUBIEN

Brian deBeaubien waited three full years for his chance to play quarterback and when his time came he made the most of it. He was a strong accurate passer but his big plus for the Hawks was his ability to handle the ball and his leadership qualities. He made Cass City go.

TOM LOOMIS

Tom Loomis was credited with 72 tackles from his defensive halfback position and covered passes like a blanket. In addition he was used in the offensive backfield to spell the starters.

SCOTT STINE

You don't have 1000-yard runners without all conference linemen up front. The Hawks had them. Named to the second team all-league team was Scott Stine a tackle. In addition he picked up 45 tackles on defense.

successful applicant(s) will be reimbursed. They will also get to wear a newly purchased beard.

Persons interested can contact Mike Shaft at Bigelow Hardware. Assuming a Santa is found he will be greeting youngsters in a house to be erected in the Finney Street bank parking lot at the corner of Seeger and Main (It will be heated for the benefit of would-be Santas who get cold feet.)

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