

7 seniors end great careers

Brown City bumps Hawks from districts

The Cass City Red Hawks bowed out of the Michigan district basketball tournament Monday night at Cass City before a hard rebounding sick passing Brown City team, 40-30.

The game was much closer than the final score indicates. The two powerhouses battled each other until the final four minutes of the final quarter before the issue was decided.

The Hawks started fast behind the shooting of Padgett Randall. The Hawk senior made her final game a memorable one with 18 points and the bulk of Cass City's defensive rebounds.

In the opening quarter Randall riddled the Green Devil man-to-man defense as she swished her favorite jump shot from 15 feet. She scored the first four baskets for Cass City and the Hawks were off and running, 8-3.

Coach Richard Lee called time out and found the defense that has hampered Cass City all season. A four-man zone with a chaser following Randall all over the floor.

They turned the tide and Brown City scored the next six points to take the lead at the quarter, 8-9.

It looked as if the potent Devils were going to turn the game into a rout in the second quarter.

Kim Gorsline showed some pinpoint passing. Led by Diane Kaibfleisch, the rugged rebounding front line dominated the boards. Brown City reeled off eight more points while Cass City was held to a point on a technical foul.

At the half the Devils led 19-13.

The Hawks made a game of it in the third quarter. Brown City took off the full court press that bothered Cass City during the first half and the girls took advantage of the change to

roar back into contention. Beth Sieradzki drove to the bucket on a fast break, was fouled while making the bucket and added a free shot.

Moments later she worked loose again under the bucket and scored from close-in.

Randall whipped in a short popper and with 2:09 left in the period suddenly the Hawks were in front, 24-23, for the first time since the opening quarter.

The Green Devils showed the class of a good team by stemming the Hawk drive and finding their scoring touch again. At the end of the third period the Devils were in front, 28-25.

Brown City moved in front by six points early in the final period and the lead stayed that way until four minutes left in the game.

The Hawks started gambling on defense and Brown City took advantage of it to pour in six unanswered points and salt away the game.

The winners were led by Kaibfleisch with 18 points.

Shelley Lapeer played a strong defensive game in her final appearance on the court for the Hawks. Also seeing action for the final time were Brenda Izydorek, Randall, Sieradzki, and Kelly Seurynek, five of the girls that played big parts in bringing Cass City two Thumb B Association titles and a district cage crown.

Other seniors helping complete the record and completing careers were Sharon Wells and Beabe McLaughlan.

MAYVILLE GAME

The Hawks faced no "in-between" teams in the tournament. Last Friday the girls met the worst team in the tournament, winless Mayville, and won, 61-20. The Wildcats haven't won a game for a couple of years and Coach Lloyd Schinnerer started pulling his regulars

after four minutes of the first quarter.

At the end of the first period Cass City was ahead, 20-0, and it was merely a case of running out the clock.

Randall scored 16 points and Carrie Lautner added 12. Rabideau added 10.

MARLETTE WINS

In the other semi-final game Monday night Marlette edged into the finals and the dubious distinction of facing Brown City Wednesday for the district title. Marlette topped Sandusky, 22-16.



PADGETT RANDALL displays her rare shooting talent and she tucks another two-pointer away against Mayville. Randall and the rest of the Hawk regulars played less than half the game against the winless Wildcats.



THE ACTION was brutal under the boards Monday as the Hawks bowed out of the district tournament, losing to Brown City, 40-30.

See little trouble with budget law

Cass City Supt. Donald Crouse doesn't expect a new state law requiring approval of school budgets prior to July 1 to cause a problem.

He doesn't expect a problem because he predicts the legislature will amend the law prior to when it goes into effect in 1981.

The new state Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act forbids local governmental units in the state to spend money if there is no budget.

The problem for school districts is that although their fiscal years start July 1, they usually don't know what their state aid will be until September. Present state law requires school boards to approve their budget by Nov. 1.

Crouse expects the legislature will amend the law before July 1 to allow school boards to approve continuing budgets, allowing spend-

ing at the previous year's rate, until they know how much state aid they will receive.

Walking wounded a problem

Cass City will challenge for Thumb B title again

If Cass City's walking wounded make complete recoveries, the Cass City Red Hawks figure to be in the thick of the Thumb B Association title cage race this season.

Coach Ron Nurnberger's charges won't be the overwhelming favorites to roll to a title as they were last year when the Hawks fielded a veteran team with more talent sitting on the bench than some teams were able to place on the floor.

But don't shed any tears for the Hawks yet. They may not win but they still figure to be one of the teams to beat.

Last year Cass City lost its opening game to Lakers and then rolled undefeated until facing Ecorse in the State quarter-finals. The season's record was 23-2.

Gone are many of the players that made that record possible. Start with Ken Martin, 6-4 center. He was all league and all Thumb for two years. Add Tim Fahrner, a varsity letterwinner for 3 years and the Thumb's leading rebounder last season. He was all league and all Thumb.

Also needing to be replaced will be Steve Richards, all league forward and a top rebounder for two years. In the backcourt, ball handling Tim Johnson and Rusty Hoag, two-year starting guard with speed and 6-1 height will be sorely missed. Also gone is 6-3 Rob Clarke, a strong player off the bench who could play center or forward.

A couple of stalwarts from last year's championship team are returning and it's around them Nurnberger will try and build a championship outfit this season.

But the rebuilding effort has been delayed by the injuries. Todd Comment, who paced Cass City in the tournaments last season has an injured ankle.

He'll play when the season opens Friday, Dec. 5, but valuable practice time has been lost.

Tim Sontag, counted on at a forward position, has been nursing a knee injury and Phil Zawilinski is playing with a sore ankle.

There's nothing wrong with Craig Tonti. The all-conference guard has added an inch and now stands 6-1.

The word is that his everyday practice since the end of last year has paid off and his skills are much better than

they were last year when they were among the best in the Thumb B Association.

The problem facing the Hawks will be rebounding. There's no big man in the center this year and the chances are that Hawk fans will see plenty of combinations tried in the early season.

Outside of Comment and Tonti the varsity spots appear wide open.

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