

**Fouls hurt Bulldogs**

# Owen-Gage bows out to Flint in regional finals

The tournament trail ended for Owen-Gage Saturday night with a 61-43 loss to Flint Holy Rosary in the regional Class D finals at Peck.

The win advanced the Wolverines to the state quarter-finals Wednesday at Pontiac Catholic against the winner of the River Rouge regional.

The teams were matched evenly in the first quarter, ending it tied 14-14. The turning point, according to coach Judy Campbell, came early in the second

when she had to bench the team's top rebounder, Julie Andrakowicz, after her third foul. The referee's call against the 5-10 center for using her elbows was controversial. The coach said she had pulled down a rebound, with three Wolverines hanging on her, stood up, and the official called the foul.

game. Her senior year, she averaged 27.25 points per game. Andrakowicz played three years on the varsity and averaged 12.4 rebounds per game. Her senior year, she averaged 14.5 rebounds.

"I've been saying all year, we've got two legs (Howard and Andrakowicz)," Campbell commented, still bitter that her fellow league coaches only named Andrakowicz honorable mention on the all-conference team. "One can't do it without the other."

Campbell faces a tough rebuilding job next year. In addition to Howard and Andrakowicz, she loses to graduation starters Dana Laurie and Terri Sontag, plus Heidi Rockefeller, the No. 6 player, and Jalaine Kundingner. "It's the best bunch of seniors I had and I'll never replace them," the coach commented, who has been at the helm six years.

The lone returning starter will be 5-10 Joan Mosack, a sophomore, who showed steady progress through the season.

Howard was the only Bulldog in double figures against Rosary. Owen-Gage shot 18 of 51 from the floor, 35 percent, and seven of 10 from the charity line.

Of the team's 41 rebounds, Andrakowicz collected 12, Mosack, 11, and Howard, 10. In double figures for Rosary were Chris Mangette, 23, Terese Ennis, 15, and Sue Mansour, 11. The team connected on 26 of 57 field goal shots, 46 percent, and nine of 13 free throws, 69 percent.

Mansour grabbed nine of her team's 28 rebounds.

Score by quarters:  
FHR 14 20 10 17 61  
O-G 14 9 14 6 43

### PONTIAC CATHOLIC

*"Don't count your chickens before they hatch."*  
*"The game isn't over until the final buzzer."*

The Owen-Gage girls' basketball team was almost served scrambled eggs last

Wednesday as it blew the 20-point lead it held early in the third quarter but survived to edge past Pontiac Catholic in the opening round of regional play at Peck, 52-49.

The win advanced coach Judy Campbell's Bulldogs to the regional finals against Flint Holy Rosary, winner of the first game Wednesday over Southfield Christian, 50-28.

The final minute of the game contained more suspense than the "who shot J.R. episode" of Dallas.

With less than 56 seconds left, Titan Carol Young knotted the score at 49-all on two free throws.

Both sides sparred and with 10 seconds left and the score still tied, Becky Howard stole the ball and was then fouled.

Howard, who has made 77 percent of her free throw shots this season, missed her first loss from the charity line.

Pontiac Catholic called time out.

Howard returned and made the second basket. Her team led by one.

The Titans tossed the ball in from out of bounds with seven seconds left. Howard leaped and intercepted a pass and was immediately fouled.

She made the first free throw and then Campbell called time out.

Howard returned and sank the second shot for what proved to be the final margin. The Titans managed to get the ball down to their end zone in the final seconds, but were unable to score.

Howard, an Associated Press all-stater, began the game like she was shot out of a cannon, scoring 12 of her team's 16 points in the first quarter. Pontiac Catholic collected 10 in that period.

The Bulldogs lengthened the margin in the second stanza, with the halftime score 36-18. Howard had 20 points by then.

During the half, Campbell revealed after the game, she cautioned her players about getting overconfident.

But after buckets by Howard and Terri Sontag to start off the third period, the roof fell in.

The Bulldogs didn't score again until there was less than three minutes left in the period, during which time the Titans collected 16 points.

The score was 40-34 when Campbell called a time out with 2:44 left.

Howard then sank two free throws and Julie Andrakowicz sank a field goal. When

the quarter ended, the Bulldogs were on top 44-37.

But Pontiac Catholic continued to chip away, until knotting the score at 49-all with less than a minute left, setting up the crucial final 10 seconds.

One factor in her team's second half collapse, Campbell said afterwards, was the absence of Joan Mosack who sat on the bench in the third period because of "three fouls. With her 5-10 height, the coach said, the sophomore "picks up a lot of slack." Howard finished the night

with 28 points, which is about her season average. Andrakowicz, Mosack, Sontag and Dana Laurie had six each.

Laurie grabbed the most rebounds, 16. Andrakowicz and Mosack had nine each. Janet Dooley, the Titans' 6-1 senior center, collected the most points for her team, 18. Bridget Syron had 17. Dooley grabbed 14 rebounds and Gayle Coleman, 12.

Score by quarters:

O-G	16	20	8	8	52
PC	10	8	19	12	49

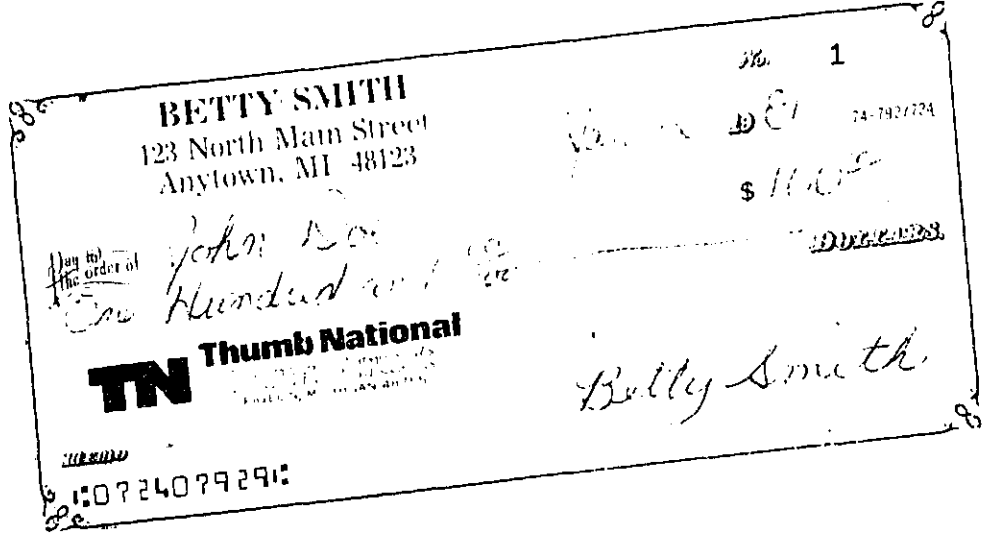


**SQUEEZE PLAY --** Becky Howard must have felt like the filling in a sandwich when she made this shot Saturday against Flint Holy Rosary. She scored 26 points. Applying the squeeze are Val Magrett (20) and Sue Mansour. No. 12 Bulldog is Dana Laurie.



**THE END --** With less than a minute left Saturday and hopes for a regional title dashed, Terri Sontag's reaction was one of agony, while coach Judy Campbell sat quietly.

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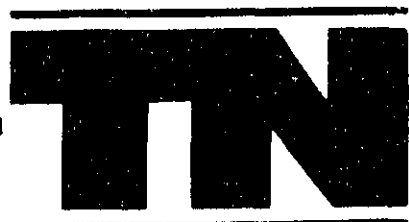
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## Recreation cage loop underway

The Cass City Recreation-al Basketball League swung into action last Thursday at Cass City as four of the eight teams in the league played initial games. Last Wednesday's games were snowed out.

In the first game Shetler's Plumbing and Heating walked all over Erla's, 129-36. Shetlers is the former Mutual of Omaha team that won the regular season last year and look like the team to beat again this season.

The winners were led by Joel Leipprant, 30; Randy Damm, 24, and Kent Shetler, 19.

In the nightcap People's State Bank edged Hillaker's Auctioneering, 74-71.

Hillakers started fast to lead 20-18 at the quarter. Fell behind at the intermission and were outscored in the third period.

The Auctioneers staged a 23-16 rally in the final period but it wasn't enough to top the Caro quintet. Dirk Sutherland led Caro with 15. Tim Bates added 14 and Chuck Peterson, 13. Roy Calahan led the losers with 31 points.

The standings:

Team	W	L
People's State Bank	1	0
Shetler's P & H	1	0
Charmont	0	0
McMahan's Auto	0	0
Caro P & H	0	0
Stevens Ins.	0	0
Erla's	0	1
Hillaker's	0	1

The Cardinals won the junior varsity game, 61-40. Owen-Gage has a tough schedule ahead, playing at Peck Friday and hosting North Huron Tuesday. The two teams are the favorites to win the league title.

Score by quarters:  
King. 9 16 14 13 52  
O-G 10 10 11 14 45

The Cardinals won the league opener for both schools Tuesday night, it was Kingston victorious over Owen-Gage, 52-45. The game was decided at the free throw line, with the home team Cardinals sinking 20 of 32 tosses, for a 62 percent average. From the floor, they shot 16 of 43, 33 percent.

The only Cardinal in double figures was Jason Koehler with 18.

The Bulldogs outshot their opponents in field goals, 18 of 44 for 40 percent, but only got 17 chances at the charity line, where they collected nine points, 53 percent.

Dan Glidden scored 16 points and brother Jim, 13. Koehler collected 14 of his team's 41 rebounds.

The Bulldogs captured 30 rebounds, with Jim Glidden grabbing 10 of them.

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Score by quarters:  
Free. 11 16 14 18 59  
O-G 6 6 12 10 34

## Cardinals top O-G in loop opener

starting lineup ranging in height from 6-1 to 6-5, much bigger than the economy size Bulldogs. "We were way outsized," coach Phil Gray said afterwards.

The bright spot for his team was the performance of sophomore Dan Glidden who led with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

The Bulldogs shot 16 of 54 from the floor, 30 percent, and two of seven from the charity line, 28 percent. They collected 34 rebounds.

Freeland's 6-5 center Rusty David, led his team with 18 points. Joe Neuenfeldt scored 12.

The team connected on 20 of 62 field goal attempts, 32 percent, and seven of 13 free throws, 54 percent. I grabbed 38 rebounds.

The host team also won the junior varsity game, 54-27.

Score by quarters:  
Free. 11 16 14 18 59  
O-G 6 6 12 10 34

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League	W	L
Cass City	2	0
North Branch	1	0
Caro	1	0
Laker	0	1
Bad Axe	0	1
Sandusky	0	1
Vassar	0	1
Marlette	0	1

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