

## Tonti and Comment shine

# Super duo lead Hawks past Sandusky, Lakers

Cass City stamped itself as the team to beat in the Thumb B Association Tuesday night, rolling over visiting Laker High, 76-40.

Even the most optimistic Hawk fan was surprised at the ease with which Cass City defeated the Green and White.

Cass City's two super stars, Craig Tonti and Todd Comment did everything but sweep the floor to pace the victory.

Comment completely dominated the boards for Cass City against the Lakers who came into the game figuring to have a rebounding advantage.

Tonti controlled the flow of the game on offense and both players scored, scored.

It was not until Phil "Buck" Zawilinski scored on a fast break that anyone except Comment or Tonti scored. When the fast break clicked the score was 31-18, Cass City, and there was just 2:52 left in the first half.

The scoring duo split the scoring in the first quarter with eight apiece and the Hawks were in front, 16-8.

By the time the half rolled around Comment had 17 points and Tonti 15 and the Hawks were in front, 34-23.

After the intermission it appeared as if the Lakers were going to make a game of it as Brian Wichert hit two shots from outside to narrow the gap.

But the spurt was short lived and Cass City took control again and continued to widen the margin.

At the end of the third quarter Cass City was in front 53-35.

In the early moments of the fourth quarter Cass City turned the game into a rout. With 4:37 left Coach Ron Nurnberger turned to his bench with Cass City leading 62-38.

When they retired for the night Tonti had racked up his second straight 30-point game with 32 points and Comment had 26. For the Lakers Wichert was in double figures with 11 points.

### JV LOSES

The Hawk JV team lost its second straight game as the Lakers dominated the boards to register a 51-38 decision.

The box score:

Cass City	FG	FT	PTS
Ferris	1	0-1	2
Tonti	11	10-11	32
Comment	11	4-6	26
Zawilinski	2	1-2	5
Sontag	1	-	2
Hobart	1	1-2	3
Pobanz	-	1-2	1
Goslin	-	1-2	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>18-27</b>	<b>76</b>

Lakers	FG	FT	PTS
Flores	1	-	2
Buchholz	2	-	4
Weidman	3	-	6
Walsh	1	-	2
Herzog	2	2-2	6
Hurlburt	-	0-2	0
Wichert	5	1-3	11
Chisholm	2	2-4	6
Miller	1	1-2	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>6-12</b>	<b>40</b>

Led by Craig Tonti and Todd Comment the Cass City Red Hawks opened the new basketball season Friday with a 78-69 decision over visiting Sandusky Redskins.

While the win got Coach Ron Nurnberger's team off on the right foot the game indicated that there is much work ahead if the Hawks are to make a run for the Thumb B Association championship again.

One area that left much to be desired was rebounding. Outside of Comment who picked off 16 boards, Cass City showed little muscle on the backboards and it was second and third shots that kept the Redskins close during the first half. The visitors were also helped by Steve Weiler who pumped in most of his 20 points in the early going.

Countering Weiler's shooting in the opening stanza were Tonti and Comment who carried the load as the Redskins edged in front in a nip and tuck contest at the end of the quarter, 20-19.

That was the last time the

visitors were in the lead although the game wasn't decided until early in the fourth quarter when the Hawks were in front by 14 points.

At the intermission, Cass City was ahead 40-35, as Nurnberger switched Tonti on Weiler and the veteran slowed the little guard's scoring binge.

It was obvious that the coach was looking for a winning combination from

among his inexperienced talent.

Mark Goslin, Scott Hobart and Rick Pobanz were shuffled in and out of the line-up all evening. Tim Sontag showed that his ailing knee is not 100 percent and the Hawks need the rebounding he can provide when he's at his physical best.

The game followed the script in that Comment and Tonti were expected to carry the scoring load. Tonti

whipped in 30 points on short pops from 15 feet and several fast breaks. He was 4-4 from the foul line. Comment scored 21 on 8 buckets and 5 of 7 from the free throw line. He was also credited with five assists.

Cass City hit 44 percent from the field and 74 percent from the charity circle while Sandusky was also 44 percent from the field but only 60 percent from the free throw line.

### JV'S LOSE

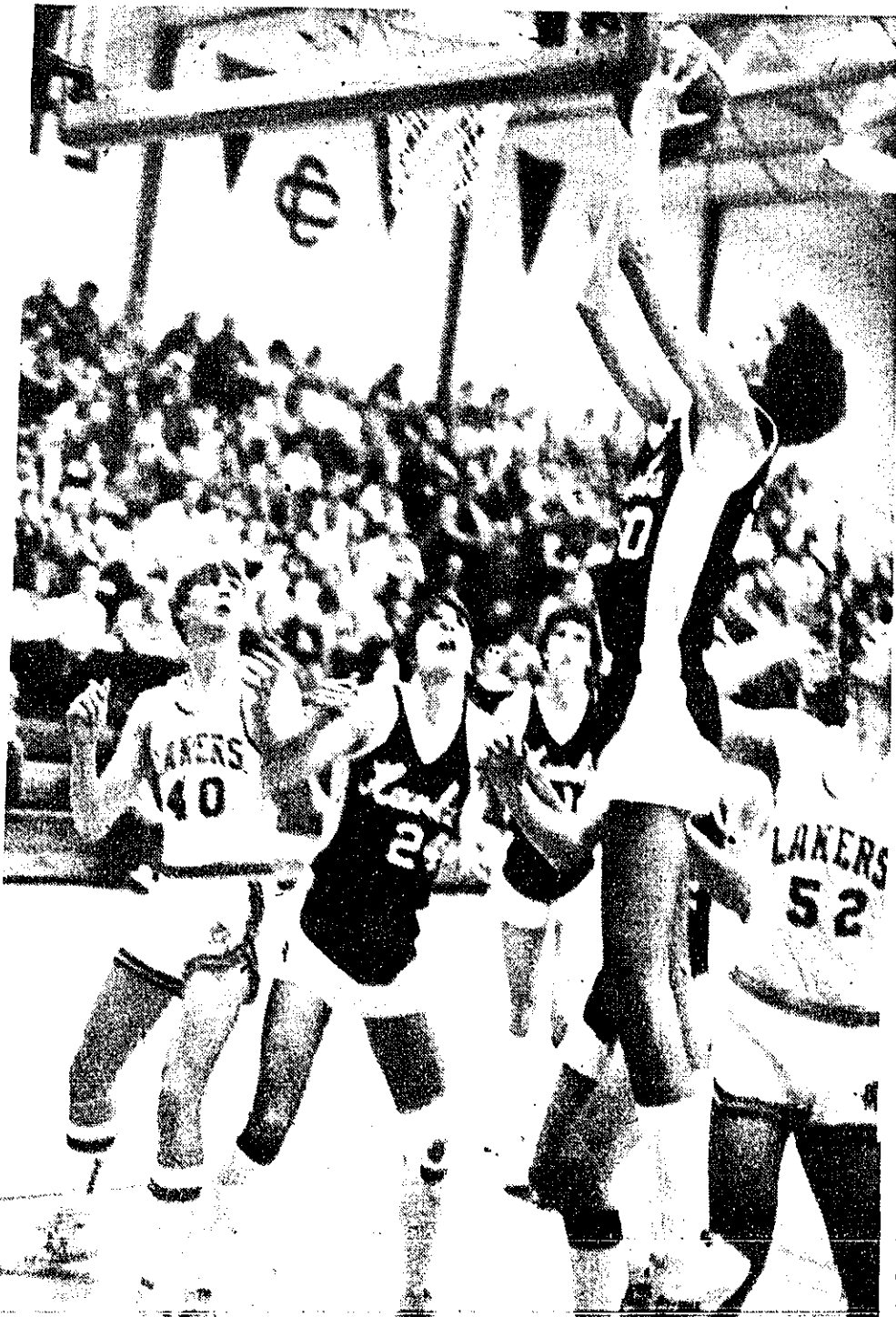
The Hawk Junior Varsity trailed for only one second in the preliminary game but unfortunately that was the last second of the game.

Sandusky came from 11 points behind in the last quarter to sink the winning bucket with a second left and a 46-45 decision.

The Hawks tried a stall with just under four minutes left and it backfired.

Cass City	FG	FT	PTS	Sandusky	FG	FT	PTS
Robinson	-	2-2	2	Schmidtling	3	2-4	8
Ferris	1	-	2	Weiler	9	2-2	20
Tonti	13	4-4	30	Christy	5	3-4	13
Comment	8	5-7	21	Morgan	6	1-2	13
Zawilinski	1	2-2	4	Henry	2	1-2	5
Sontag	1	4-4	6	Ruggles	-	0-1	-
Hobart	1	2-3	4				
Decker	1	-	2				
Pobanz	2	0-2	4				
Goslin	1	1-2	3				
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>20-27</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>9-15</b>	<b>69</b>

People who aren't happy with what they have now probably wouldn't be happy with a lot more.



## ONE . . . TWO SCORING PUNCH

When Todd Comment, left, wasn't scoring, Craig Tonti was. Watching Comment go up with the ball are Tim Sontag and Tonti. For the Lakers Number 40 is Brian Wichert and Number 52 is Rob Miller.

Watching Tonti maneuver is Phil Zawilinski in rear, along with Sontag and Miller.

# Cass City to withdraw from Thumb Junior High loop

The Cass City School Board authorized the withdrawal of Cass City from the Thumb Junior High League next year on the request of

Athletic Director Roland Pakonen.

Principal Robert Stickle made the request for Pakonen and explained that the

withdrawal was requested because the school's basketball program has so many junior high students entered.

Most other schools in the league have only enough players for one team. Cass City has 30 or so boys on each squad.

Since in the junior high everyone gets to play, none of the players is in the game long enough before they must be removed.

What Pakonen wants to do is schedule games with other schools with junior high programs big enough so that an A and B squad can play on each night games are scheduled.

There are enough neighboring schools with big enough programs to schedule as many games as are played in the league, Stickle said.

## Wrestling team off to good start

Cass City's wrestling team finished second among eight schools in the annual tournament at Birch Run Saturday, the highest that the team has finished.

Winning points for Cass City were: Phil Harmer, 4th, 112 pounds; Paul Brown, 2nd, 119 pounds; Mark Dolecki, 2nd, 126 pounds; Clayton Harmer, 2nd, 132

pounds; Bob Sawdon, 4th, 155 pounds; Shawn Papp, 2nd, 185 pounds; Doug Sowden, 4th, 198 pounds, and Jim Jensen, 1st, heavyweight.

The Hawks swung into action against a Thumb B Association team Monday night by rolling over visiting Bad Axe, 51-15.

The Hawks won 7 of the 11 matches with pins.

The results:

105-pounds, Todd Sager, BA, defeated Jeff Papp, CC, 7-6.

112-pounds, Scott Parker, BA, forfeit.

119-pounds, Phil Harmer, CC, pinned Brian Delpier, 5:45.

126-pounds, Paul Brown, CC, forfeit.

132-pounds, Mark Dolecki, CC, pinned Bob Azar, BA, 1:32.

138-pounds, Clayton Harmer, CC, pinned Phil Flannery, BA, 3:12.

145-pounds, Blake Fisher, CC, defeated Kennie Chumblor, BA, 6-5.

155-pounds, Bob Sawdon, CC, pinned Mark Remillard, BA, 2:39.

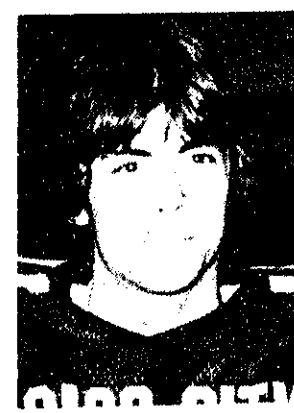
165-pounds, Rich Aymen, BA, pinned John Warju, CC, 5:30.

185-pounds, Shawn Papp, CC, pinned Mark Robinson, BA, 3:34.

198-pounds, Doug Sowden, CC, pinned Jerry Kapanaka, BA, 1:43.

Heavyweight - Jim Jensen, CC, pinned Kevin Sullivan, BA, :30.

## Sontag is all-stater



Tim Sontag

Cass City's Tim Sontag was honored as a first team selection on defense in the all-state team as picked by the Detroit Free Press.

The Cass City senior was the driving force behind the fine Cass City defense that keyed the team's drive to the Thumb B Association title this season.

## Becky Howard is unanimous all-star choice

Owen-Gage's Becky Howard was the only unanimous selection of North Central D League girls' basketball coaches when they named their all-conference selections.

The 5-8 senior scored 530 points during the regular season for a 27.9 per game average.

Others named to the first team were Michelle McCormick, Caseville; Mary Ann Willis, Carsonville-Port Sanilac; Barb Irwin, North

Huron; Sherry Dereszynski, Kingston; Dinah Kriewall, Port Hope; Diane Seddon, Peck, and Dee Dee Dubey, Caseville.

On the second team were Ginny Engler, Kingston; Tracy Barriger, Akron-Fairgrove; Rita Strozski, Port Hope; Peggy Wilfong, Caseville; Colleen Foley, Peck;

Receiving honorable mention were Julie Andrakowicz, Owen-Gage, and Mary Kennedy and Julie Parks, both North Huron.

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