

Hartford High Defeats Weaver by 70-57

Griffin, Woods Pace Owls' Eighth Straight

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Hartford High, riding the crest of a great opening quarter when they scored 10 of their 14 field goal tries, raced through the rest of the game to defeat Weaver 70-57 Saturday before a sellout crowd of 1,600 at the Trinity Field House.

The Owls, in winning their eighth straight basketball game, clinched at least a tie for first place in the Capitol District Con-

ference. The Owls led 24-12 in the first quarter, 41-32 at the half.

Otis Woods and Ed Griffin paced the winners with 14 points apiece. Johnny Lee with 16 and Mel Newton with 15 topped the Northenders.

The losers threatened again in the third period when the Owls, nursing a 47-35 margin thanks to three baskets by Griffin, lost Captain Stan Poole who was charged with his third personal foul. When the Beavers moved to within nine points, 49-40 Hartford Coach Joe Kubachka quickly returned Poole into action and the Owls moved back in front, 55-43 at the third turn.

Griffin Turned Playmaker

Five of the Owls wound up in double figures. Woods and Griffin had 14 apiece, reserves Bruce Maddox 13, Poole 11 and Burke 10. Griffin, held scoreless in the opening half, turned playmaker, getting five of his eight assists during the stretch.

Burke, shut out from the field in the second half, wound up with 18 solo rebounds to cap one of his finest all-around performances for the Owls who also clinched at least a tie for the Capital District Conference title with their eighth win as against a lone setback.

Poole chipped in with 15 rebounds and Griffin added 13 to accord the victors a decisive edge off the boards. Arnie Manderville was Weaver's top rebounder with 10 and his 10 points were six under Captain John Lee's total of 16. Mel Newton tallied 15 markers in a losing cause.

The loss, the fifth in 16 overall games and third in four starts since bowing to Hartford 66-53 earlier, dropped the Beavers into third place behind Norwich in the CDC race. Norwich stands at 8-3 and Weaver 7-4.

After hitting on 18 of 34 shots (53 per cent) in the first half the Owls cooled off to an overall 29 for 79 (37 per cent). Weaver was 22 for 64 (34 per cent).

Former Weaver star Doc Hurley was pressed into service in the second game when one of the appointed officials failed to appear. It was a double pay night for the popular Doc who also officiated the JV preliminary won by Weaver, 50-41.

HARTFORD				WEAVER:			
	B	F	Pt	B	F	Pt	
Griffin	6	2	14	Lee	7	2	16
Poole	5	1	11	Manderville	2	6	10
Woods	5	4	14	Newton	6	3	15
Burke	3	4	10	Ricks	4	0	8
Kostek	4	0	8	Demers	2	1	5
Maddox	6	1	13	Blocker	1	3	3
Jenkins	0	0	0	Marlin	0	0	0
Green	0	0	0	Hollaway	0	0	0
Totals	29	12	70	Totals	22	13	57
Score at half time, 41-32, Hartford.							