



ONE HANDED SCORE: Hartford Public High School's Leonard Kostek (22) leaps high into the air, out-maneuvering Bulkeley High School's James Pillion (51) and scores a one-handed basket during second period action in

the Class A playdowns of the C.I.A.C. Tournament at New Haven Arena Tuesday night. Hartford won the game by a 74-61 score (Courant Photo by Arman G. Hatsian).

# Griffin Sets Pace In Second Quarter Spurt by Hartford

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NEW HAVEN — Sharpshooting Eddie Griffin triggered a brilliant second quarter attack which carried impressive Hartford High to a 74-61 victory over rival Bulkeley Tuesday night in a Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference Class A basketball tournament playdown game at the Arena.

Down by 18 points at halftime a hustling, bustling 19th rated Hamden High quintet staged a tremendous second half comeback to eliminate seventh ranked Staples of Westport 59-55 in overtime, in the second game of the double-header witnessed by a crowd of 2,714. Hamden will now meet Hartford in a quarter-final game Friday night at 9 o'clock.

With the deadly shooting Griffin scoring the first five baskets, the third rated Hartford Owls hit on eight of 10 shots and racked off 12 straight points to grab a 28-17 advantage before Bulkeley wisely requested a time out with 3:47 remaining in the second period. Although the winners failed to hit on only two field goal attempts over the last three minutes, they converted four of five foul shots to assume a 32-24 edge at halftime.

Griffin Gets 27 points.

Griffin, in addition to making five baskets in six shots, also fed Otis Woods on the front end of a fast break during the second quarter spurt which enabled the Owls to overcome the Maroon's 16-12 lead at the first turn.

Griffin climaxed one of the tourney's outstanding performances thus far by winding up with 27 points, 10 rebounds, high in the contest, and six assists.

Otis Woods chipped in with 12 points and reserve Bruce Maddox and Captain Stan Poole each had 10 for the Owls who shot at a sparkling 51 per cent average, caging 28 of 55 field goal attempts.

Hartford's Pat Burke was held to just nine points but, the hard-working center grabbed nine rebounds to accord the Owls a decisive edge off the boards, especially in the second half.

Bulkeley, in bowing to the Owls for the third time this season and second straight year in the opening playdown round, once again came up with a performance good enough to win against almost any other opponent. The 11th rated Maroons hit on 25 of 47 shots (53 per cent) but their pressing man-to-man defense proved no problem to the sharpshooting Griffin.

Little Gene Reilly scored 20 points in a losing effort but received little support from his teammates. Jim Belfiore with 10 markers was the only other Bulkeley player in double figures. Big Jim Pillion, who along with Ted Kwash fouled out in the final three minutes, was the Maroons' top rebounder with nine.

Hartford opened the contest with a 3-2 zone defense but soon abandoned it in favor of a man-to-man when Bulkeley hit on seven of its first 10 shots, 4-for-5 from the corners, and ran off seven points in a row enroute to its 16-12 lead at the first turn.

Bulkeley's last lead was 17-16 just before Griffin began popping away with brilliant accuracy.

Griffin also scored Hartford's final five points in the third period to give the victors a 49-33 margin after the Maroons had slipped the Owls' lead to six points.

Bulkeley moved to within 10 points of the lead early in the fourth quarter but the Owls quickly boosted their edge to 18 points, 62-44 midway in the period.

Staples Loses Ace

Staples' downfall began when

scoring ace Bill Gish, the game's high point man with 27 tallies, was charged with his fifth personal with only 1:58 played in the final period and his teammates protecting a 43-33 lead.

Near sensational long range bombing by Steve Zito and Ray Hartmann and timely foul shooting by 6-7 Bob Ely carried the spirited Hamden quintet into a 54-54 deadlock with 29 seconds to go. A pretty three-point play by Zito accounted for the tie at the end of regulation time. The winners also missed two shots in the final 12 seconds.

Ely, the goat during Hamden's stirring fourth quarter as the result of blowing a couple of easy hoops and crucial free throws became the hero in the three minute overtime. The tall center quickly hit from underneath, was fouled on the play and successfully converted. Then after an unsuccessful freeze by Hamden gave Staples a solo basket in the late stages, Ely again converted both tries of a one-and-one situation to ice the fantastic comeback triumph and earn his club a date with the Owls.

Ely wound up with 16 points, one more than Zito. Paul Massey chipped in with 13 tallies for the winners. Gish was the only Staples player in double figures.

Gish scored 21 of his points in the opening half as the losers jumped out to a 12-7 edge at the first turn and boosted its margin to 30-12 at halftime.

Hamden junked its first half 2-1-2 zone in favor of a press in the second half and Lou Aceto held Gish to just two baskets as the victors rallied to reduce their deficit to 10 points, 39-29 prior to the sizzling finish.

HARTFORD			BULKELEY		
	B	F P		B	F P
Griffin	11	5 27	Reilly	7	6 20
Poole	4	2 10	Belfiore	4	2 8
Woods	4	4 12	Pillion	2	1 5
Burke	3	3 9	Kwash	2	1 5
Kostek	2	1 5	Muraski	6	0 12
Maddox	4	2 10	Mourihan	3	1 7
Jenkins	0	0 0	McGrath	1	0 2
Smith	0	1 1	Leavitt	0	0 0
Green	0	0 0	Hickey	0	0 0
Torascio	0	0 0	Celvo	0	0 0

Totals 28 18 74 Totals 25 11 61  
Score at half time: 32-24, Hartford.

HAMDEN			STAPLES		
	B	F P		B	F P
L. Aceto	2	4 8	Kluchnick	0	2 2
V. Aceto	7	1 15	Scheider	2	4 8
Ely	4	8 16	Gish	12	3 27
Prvbla	1	1 3	Lynch	2	3 7
R. Hartman	5	3 13	Mitchell	1	0 2
Massey	2	0 4	Rohrbach	1	0 2
			Stuphen	4	0 8

Totals 21 17 59 Totals 22 12 56  
Score at half time: 30-12, Staples.