

# Hartford High Rules Weaver Five, 67-62

## Ed Griffin Paces Owls At Trinity

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Clever Eddie Griffin played the leading role Friday night as Hartford High maintained its unbeaten pace in the Capital District Conference and city series, with a 67-62 victory over stubborn Weaver.

A paid crowd of 1,682 in Trinity's Memorial fieldhouse looked on as the Owls boosted their pace-setting CDC record to 7-0 and chalked up their second city series triumph. Hartford is now 10-2 for all games.

Weaver's overall record fell to 6-5. Also, the setback dropped the Beavers into fourth place in the CDC race with a 4-3 mark. Weaver has yet to win in two city series starts.

Griffin, especially deadly from long range, topped all scorers with 25 points. The talented Hartford ace also grabbed 13 rebounds, assisted on eight other baskets and converted five of six foul shots.

### Was At His Best

Griffin was at his best midway in the fourth quarter when free throws by John Ward and sharp shooting Bob Ricks deadlocked the count at 42-all. After baskets by Bruce Maddox and Griffin gave the Owls a slim 52-48 bulge, the Beavers' John Lee hit on a jump shot to leave Weaver trailing by only two points. It was then that Griffin assisted on four baskets and dunked two foul shots to trigger a 10-3 tear which put Hartford comfortably ahead, 62-52.

Hartford was the first to score, taking a 2-0 lead on a basket by ever-improving Billy Jones. The Owls were out front 15-12 at the first turn and held a 30-27 advantage at intermission. Weaver never led in the first half but tied the score three times in the opening quarter and four times in the second period.

Hitting on its first three field goal attempts, the Owls opened up a 36-29 margin at the outset of the third quarter. Then the Hartford shooters lost the range. With Lee controlling the defensive board and Ricks supplying the vital points, the Beavers scored 10 straight tallies to fashion their first lead of the night, 39-36.

### Maddox Ties Scores

Weaver maintained a slim margin until a corner jump shot by Maddox tied the score at 44-44 at the end of the third period.

Maddox wound up with 17 points and along with Jones, supported Griffin off the boards as the Owls authored a 38-29 edge in rebounding. Jones chipped in with 11 points before fouling out with 3:15 in the final period. He picked up three quick personals in the first half.

Ricks scored 19 points for the Beavers. Lee followed with 15 and Timmons added 10. Lee and Timmons did most of Weaver's rebounding.

Hartford was also the better shooting club, hitting on 30 of 59 shots for a laudable 51 per cent average. Weaver made 25 baskets in 65 attempts for a 38 per cent average. The Beavers excelled at the foul line, converting 12 of 14 chances. Hartford was 7 for 12.

Coach Joe Girone's Hartford Jayvees upended their Weaver counterparts, 59-52 in the preliminary.

HARTFORD		WEAVER	
Griffin	25 5 23	Lee	6 3 15
Maddox	9 1 17	Ricks	7 5 19
Kostick	3 0 4	Ward	3 3 9
Jones	5 1 11	Nelson	3 0 6
Tharnton	1 0 2	Timmons	5 0 10
Joiner	4 0 8	Britt	1 1 3
		Blocker	0 0 0
Totals	52 7 47	Totals	25 12 62
Score at half time	35-27	Hartford	