

Hartford High Topples Ansonia, 59-44

Ed Griffin Leads Owls To Victory

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STORRS: Favored Hartford High survived a mild scare in the first half and battled back to soundly spank 7th ranked Ansonia, 59-44 Wednesday night in the second game of a Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference Class A quarter final double-header before 2,042 fans in the University of Connecticut Fieldhouse.

Underdog Notre Dame of West Haven, ranked 18th in the original field of 21 teams, also advanced to a semi final berth with a close 63-60 triumph over 9th rated Fairfield Prep in the opener. Notre Dame and Hartford clash in a single game Tuesday night.

Griffin recovered from a poor first half, during which time he hit on only five of 17 field shots, to spark the Hartford attack with 25 points. The clever senior missed but two of nine field goal attempts in the second half.

Two other veterans of the Owls 1961 New England Championship quintet, Len Kostek and Bruce Maddox, along with junior Billy Jones accounted for 33 of Hartford's 42 rebounds.

Tall Leo Falkowski, a deadly shooter from the left corner, had 17 points for the troublesome Lavender, while teammates Ron Gardin added 12. Although limited to nine points, Jackie Moore, a 6-3 jumping jack, teamed with Falkowski to accord the Owls a stubborn battle for control of the defensive board. Seldom was either club able to get more than a single shot throughout the ragged contest.

Trailing by a single point, 25-24 at halftime, the 7th rated Owls opened the second half with consecutive baskets by Griffin, Kostek and Bill Thornton to fashion a 30-25 lead. Moments later the victors ran off another string of six straight points which produced a 36-26 advantage with 4:02 left in the period. Ansonia never got closer than eight points thereafter.

Ansonia spotted Hartford the first basket before Falkowski and Moore hit from inside and outside the Owls leaky 3-2 zone to jump into a 6-4 edge. Hartford was guilty of overthrowing the lead man on its fast break and its shooting was off the mark as the Lavender erected a 12-9 bulge at the first run.

Falkowski's timely corner shots sparked the losers to a 20-13 lead before two long one handers by Kostek puled the Owls to within a point 29-19. With Hartford defenders concentrating on Falkowski, Gardin supplied the vital points as the downstaters went out in front, 25-20 before Griffin hit twice from 15 feet out seconds before intermission.

Hartford, which shot at a weak 20 per cent clip in the opening half, regained its touch in the final 16 minutes to end up with a respectable 38.4 percentage. Ansonia hit at a 39.1 pace after meshing 42 per cent of their field shots in the first half.

Little Joe Tonelli was the sparkplug for Notre Dame, getting 23 points. It was his drive in basket which gave the Green Knights an 11-9 lead late in the opening period. Notre Dame led the rest of the way, posting quarter leads of 12-9, 31-26, and 47-41. Never more than seven points separated the closely matched rivals.

Bob Sheeley had 19 points in support of Tonelli. Fred Luminoso with 18 tallies and Jim Lyddy with 17 topped the Fairfield quintet.

HARTFORD				ANSONIA			
	B	F	Pt		B	F	Pt
Griffin	12	1	25	Suop	1	0	2
Maddox	6	0	12	Gardin	4	4	12
Jones	2	2	6	Falkowski	8	1	17
Kostek	6	0	12	Tanner	2	0	4
Joiner	0	0	0	Moore	3	3	9
Thornton	2	0	4	Pelton	0	0	0
				Sundik	0	0	0
Totals	28	3	59	Totals	18	8	44
Score at half time, 25-24, Ansonia.							
NOTRE DAME				FAIRFIELD PREP			
	B	F	Pt		B	F	Pt
Tonelli	7	9	23	Lyddy	8	1	17
Sheeley	8	3	19	B. Lavin	5	3	13
Schreck	1	0	2	Mosko	1	0	2
Hayes	5	2	12	S. Lavin	1	0	2
Barbleri	3	1	7	Rist	3	0	6
Abbate	0	0	0	Luminoso	7	4	18
				Sulzycki	0	2	2
				Dnarronmo	0	0	0
Totals	24	15	63	Totals	25	10	60
Score at half time, 31-26, Notre Dame.							