

# Hartford Conquers Weaver, 7 To 0

John Kunz Drives For Score Which Sinks Weaver

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 Ruin Bid For  
 Perfect Slate

Kunz Tallies Marker;  
 Winners Write Best  
 Season in 24 Years

**KEY SERIES**

TEAM	W	L	PTS	PF	PA
Hartford	9	1	100	21	12
Weaver	1	9	0	13	27

BY JIMMY CUNAVELIS

A big, hard hitting Hartford High football team wrecked Weaver's hopes for a perfect season yesterday and thereby notched the finest Owl record in 24 years. The Hilloppers pounded out a 7-0 verdict over a gallant, but out-manned North End array in their traditional Thanksgiving Day finale before a packed, sellout crowd of 6,000 at Municipal Stadium.

Star fullback, Co-Captain Johnny Kunz, turned end eight yards in the second quarter for the game's only touchdown as the Owls capped a host of laurels with their seventh straight win.

Not only did the Loakamen capture the city championship and earn mythical district honors but they finished the hectic campaign as the state's only Class A eleven with a clean record against Connecticut opposition. Hartford's lone loss came in the season's opener against Chicopee, Mass., High, Danbury High, along with Weaver, fell from the ranks of the undefeated yesterday as an underdog Norwich team beat the Hatters, who had won eight in a row, 19-11.

Back in 1927 Hartford won six and tied one. The Owls haven't done as well since.

**Owl Defense Checks For**

Hartford's powerful defense contained the fast and versatile Weaver attack far better than the more optimistic Owl backers ever hoped for. Going down to defeat after seven straight wins, the North Enders rarely advanced the ball beyond midfield. Their deepest penetration, born of a desperate last minutes aerial attack, gained the Hartford 31 yard line. The jubilant Owls were in possession on their own 28 when the final gun sounded.

Noted for its defensive ability, the weighty Hartford forward wall led by Ends Ray Kamienski and Stan Maliszewski and supported by the always sterling backers up were just too much for the game North Enders. Faulty ball handling and a heralded air attack which failed to function up to par further handicapped the Green. Weaver was held to a net gain of 16 yards in the game.

Despite their obvious superiority, supported to the hilt by the statistics, the Owls were unable to cross the Weaver goal line more than once as the tenacious Green fought off the opposition with their backs to the wall. Tony D'Addeo, Don Moores and Captain Moe Moshovos fought the winners in vain.

Hartford's offensive unit, with Guards Bob Horan and Jerry Howard blocking well, reeled off consistent gains, especially around the flanks.

**Luther Opens Gates**

The Owls' touchdown parade, a convincing onslaught, required but four plays to cover 44 yards. A 24 yard romp by Ralph Luther, who broke through the middle on a trap play and cut toward the outside, was the big gainer. Tom Mawdsley launched the drive with an 11 yard dash around end just before Luther got loose.

Then the rugged Kunz took over. He bucked for three yards down to the eight and then headed around his own left end to cross the goal line standing up near the sideline markers with a burst of power. Mawdsley cut down Mario Sottile with a timely block. Kunz booted the extra point perfectly from placement.

A recovered fumble one foot from the Weaver goal line late in the fourth period gave the Owls their best shot to tally again but a penalty helped check them.

Weaver had succeeded in halting a short Owl drive, set up by Bob Kelley's pass interception, on their seven. The Green then wasted their brilliant defensive stand as a pitchout missed and Gamble covered the ball inches from the end zone. A five yard penalty resulting from a substitution mixup set the Owls back and Weaver regained possession immediately as D'Addeo pounced on a Hartford fumble on the 12.

**Weaver in Belated Threat**

With time running short the North Enders shifted into high gear for the first time and reeled off a 57-yard advance which put life back into Weaver rooters and scared Owl fans. Featuring spread formations with Art Ellis as the fullback, the Green moved quickly, in the air and on the ground.

Ellis hit Fran Cosgrove with a running pass for a 23-yard gain and then scampered around left end some 17 more for a first down on the Hartford 45 with two and one-half minutes to go.

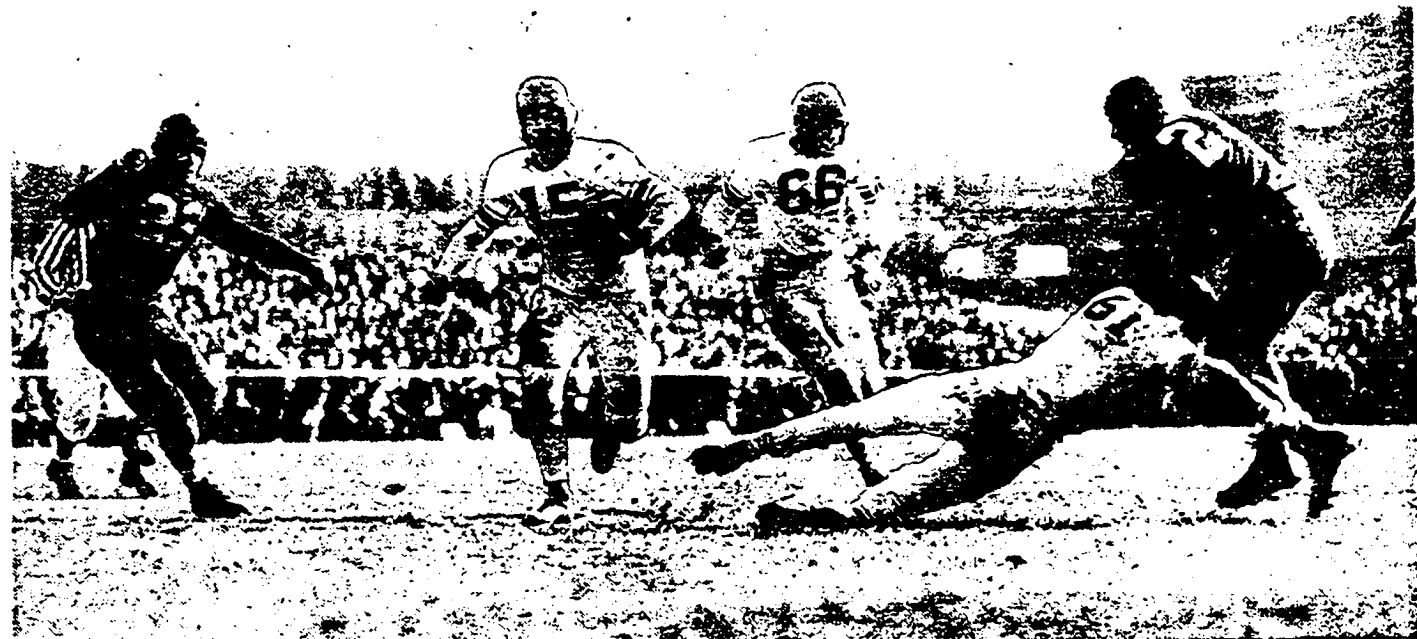
The combination of the spread and running pass seemed to haffle Owl defenders as Ellis pitched a short pass to Mario Sottile and then skipped around end for a first down on the 31. At that point the blitzkrieg fizzled out as a couple of passes almost hit the target.

**Owls Far Ahead In Figures**

Statistics were more revealing than the score. Hartford had the edge in first downs, 12 to four; in rushing 212 yards to a minus 27; and in yards passing, 59 to 43. The Owls completed three of 11 aeriels. Weaver four of 14. . . . Weaver made only one first down in the opening half.

Owls' Coach Loika said it was his idea, not Quarterback Kelley's to rush in the third period with

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Hartford Captain Kunz (in upper photo) enroute to second period touchdown yesterday as the Owls conquered the Green, 7-0, at Municipal Stadium. Tom Mawdsley (66) is on right taking Mario Sottile of Weaver out of play on eight yard end run. Ron Piccoli (22) is pursuing in vain. Owl (66) is Jerry Howard. Weaver's George Howard (lower photo) reels off 11 yard end run in same period for Green's only first down of half. Norm Millner is blocking out Mawdsley. Courant Photos by Harry Batz.



# Driving

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fourth down and four to go. Loika thought it was the third down . . . Kelley, however, was a reckless Irishman and gambled with passes late in the third period inside his own 20 . . . Sottile of the losers uncorked some great punting in the first period, one boot went out of bounds on the 14, another stopped dead on the Owl two.

## Anderson Sees Little Duty

Kunz, kayoed in the third period, returned to action later . . . Ron Anderson, battered Weaver full-back, was not as available as presumed and saw only limited service, mostly on defense . . . Weaver flung far back a second period drive, featuring Kelley passes to Kamienski and Maliszewski when it reached the Green 18. Early in the last period a parade which saw Luther get away twice and sub-Nick DiMarco once, gained the Weaver 15 only to be tossed backwards but fast.

Kunz swept the Weaver flanks for wasted long first period gains . . . Weaver's hand paraded in brand new uniforms . . . Referee Tom Kelley of Manchester, who handles many important major college games, said this was the finest Weaver, Hartford tilt he has worked.

Slippery footing handicapped the hacks . . . You couldn't miss Tackle Gil Olivera of Hartford, he had a red helmet . . . Police said several hundred fans were outside the gates 90 minutes before the kick-off . . . Hartford now leads in the series, 20 to 7.

## HARTFORD (7)

Ends: Kamienski, Maliszewski.  
Tackles: Mulrain, Ward, Gamble, Cunningham, Olivera.  
Guards: Horan, Howard, Ciriello.  
Center: Abbruzzese.  
Backs: Kelley, Mawdsley, Luther, Kunz, Stevens, DiMarco.

## WEAVER (0)

Ends: Wallace, Cosgrove, Schwartz, Economou.  
Tackles: Moores, D'Addio.  
Guards: Wenzel, Moshonas, Piskick.  
Center: Urofski.  
Backs: Ellis, Milliner, Anderson, Sottile, Paternostro, Davis, Nobile, Howard, Piccolo, Mangini.

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Touchdown: Kunz; points from try after touchdown, Kunz (placement).