

# Jenkins Paces Hartford Win Over Weaver

## Speedy Back Registers Twice In 12-6 Victory

CITY SERIES Standings			
	W	L	Pct.
Hartford	2	0	1.000
Bulkeley	1	1	.500
Weaver	0	2	.000

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Hartford High came through with the weapon that has been a standout part of the attack, speed to defeat Weaver High 12-6, in an exciting Thanksgiving Day football game at Dillon Stadium.

Gene Jenkins, who has been a speed demon in track and on the football field was the spark for the Owls who won over their rivals in the traditional game, scoring twice as the Blue and White maintained its margin over the Northenders.

Tommy Stewart rallied the underdog Weaver team to tally in the fourth quarter and tie the score after a great run of 36 yards but this was not enough. The Owls went to the air for the winning TD a few minutes later when the speedy Jenkins snared one of George Guiliano's passes. This was the clincher.

It was a typical traditional battle. The Weaver team, ending with a 3-5 mark for the season, gave the estimated crowd of 7,000 fans a great show, trying desperately to upset their rivals, but failed. The game might have turned out differently had Weaver's early first period touchdown counted. A penalty nullified the six-pointer, scored in the first minute and a half of play.

### Gains 26th Run

Hartford High gained its 26th win in the series dating back to 1924, Weaver winning eight times and one tie marking the struggles. The Owls have piled up 482 points to the 239 by the Green and White.

The Owls closed out their season with a 7-1 record to retain their city crown but have to share the Capitol District Conference title with New Britain Hurricanes who bowed in the upset to Bulkeley 8-6 in the holiday battle at the

Against the scoring threat supplied by Jenkins, Weaver's out-weighted line came through with a great display, and it had a few backs who really turned out to be about the best of the field with Stewart, Larry Silver and Bill Johnson doing the bulk of the carrying for the team that held their opponents to the one TD in the first half. Fumbles hurt Weaver the costliest one coming in the fourth quarter on the heels of Stewart's great 36-yard TD run. Johnson carried 74 yards to the one but two plays later Weaver fumbled the ball away after it lost five yards in two plays.

Hartford's superiority on the ground was marked. The Owls used a double reverse to score their first TD when Jenkins raced 62 yards, and used the same play for another score which was called back after little Stanley Salamone ran 35 yards into paydirt. To back up these ground gaining weapons the Owls got some great line performance from the rugged Fred Koury, a powerful tackle, Bill Lesinski, Ray Maloney and Ron Copes.

Weaver obviously felt the loss of Pete Landerman their great passer who was inserted at times and completed one pass, although his understudy, Tony Ragazzi, turned in a fine effort. The Green and White team's Silver was probably one of the outstanding players of the game, carrying the ball 15 times and throwing in a few jarring tackles to go with his offensive power. Stewart, in between the six times he carried the ball, ruined two Hartford passes to have a part in the great play of the Northenders' inspired backfield.

### Weaver Tally Called Back

Weaver struck suddenly when they went over in five plays, taking about a minute and 15 seconds but the effort was nullified by a penalty after Stewart started the surge with a fine run-back of Jenkins' kickoff. Despite the early setback Ragazzi hit Grant with a jump pass good for 11 yards but the northenders lost possession and then gave ground when a Hartford punt was fumbled and the Owls recovered on the 17. Two passes failed to get ers retaliated with a first down through Stewart's 15 yard smash up center. Grant's recovering of a Hartford fumble set the Northenders on their way, moving 35 yards in four plays but the Owls spoiled this drive when Guiliano intercepted a pass as the teams moved into the second period.

The interception set up the Owls' score with the double reverse paying off when Jenkins ran 62 yards to score. The rush for the extra point failed.

The Owls tallied after Brian Smith grabbed a Weaver fumble but this second double reverse was called back as the Owls were penalized. Guiliano hit Bolk with an 11-yard pass and the big end raced to the 14 and on the next play Stewart intercepted a pass and Weaver moved 39 yards. Bob Johnson caught a 20-yard Guiliano pass and skirted back to the Weaver 29 for a 50-yard gain. The quarter ended with the

Blue and White team on the one after Guiliano hit Lesinski with a pass good for 12 yards after the Owls had recovered one of their own fumbles inside the 10.

### Johnson Goes 18 Yards

Both teams went to the air in the third quarter and each completed one as the Northenders fought furiously to tie the score. The Owls got some mileage out of great runs by Smith and Jenkins before Landerman completed a pass good for 25 yards to Grant, and Bill Johnson broke around his left end for 18 yards.

Weaver's big play was a spectacular gallop of 74 yards when Stewart took a punt by Dick Vida at his 26 and went to the one. Then came the fumble but the Northenders stormed back again when Stewart went 36 yards after catching another punt, going over after an uncertain run to tie the score. Stewart was surprised he had a TD opening and momentarily stopped on the way before he scored the six-pointer.

Three plays later Guiliano fired a 40-yard pass to Jenkins and he went from the 20 to score and clinch the game and collect the trophy as most valuable player. The try for the extra point via a pass failed. Weaver tried desperately to get a drive going in the remaining minutes but three passes failed, although they were moving after picking up a Hartford fumble, and helped by a penalty to the Blue and White team. However, it was Jenkins who killed Weaver's final thrust, intercepting a pass as time ran out.

Jenkins was voted the most valuable player and will receive the trophy donated by Syd Cohn.

### The teams:

Hartford (12)  
Ends: Bolk, Lesinski, Beaudoin.  
Tackles: Copes, Koury, Mahoney, Horan.

Guards: Lawrence, Scelza, Alexander, Koury.  
Center: Bruce.

Backs: Guiliano, B. Smith, H. Smith, Salamone, Jenkins, R. Johnson.

Weaver (6)  
Ends: Grant, Martin, Laysears.  
Tackles: Sheppard, Battocchi, Kuckel, Mikulske.

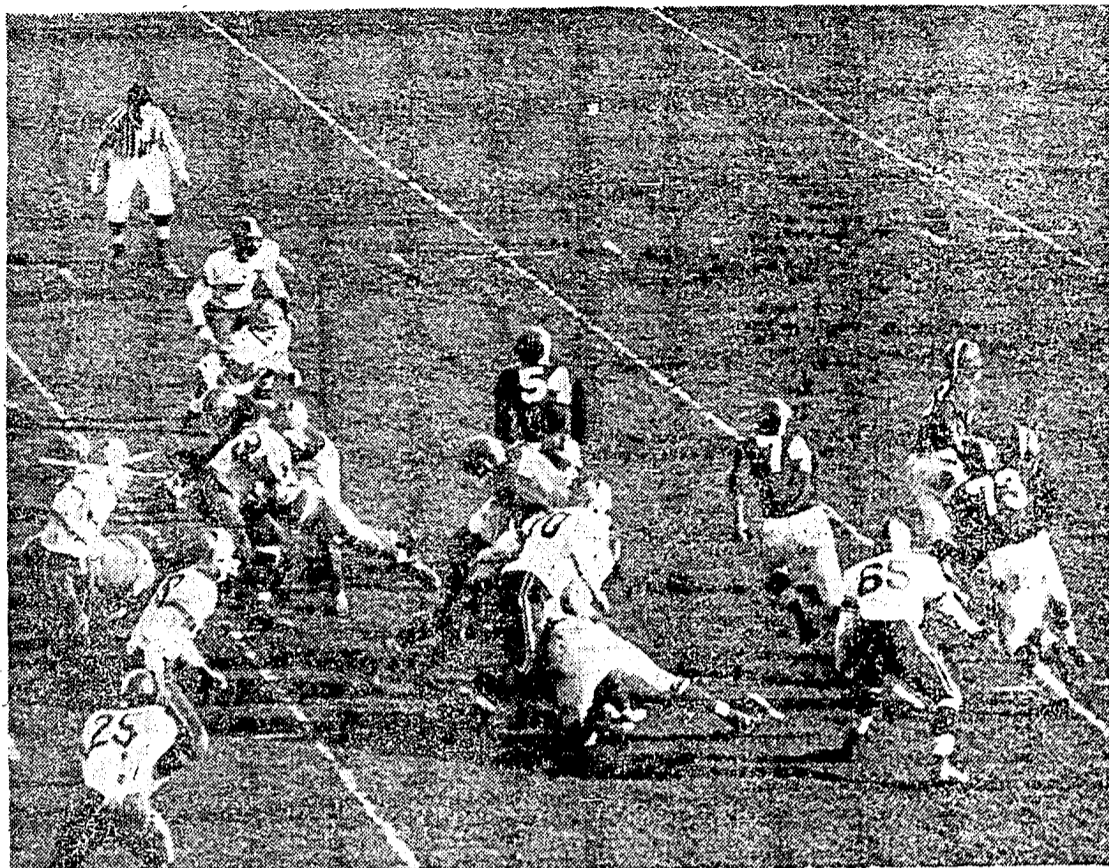
Guards: Near, McArthur, Nathel.  
Centers: Steiman, Mansfield.  
Backs: Ragazzi, Landerman, W. Johnson, Stewart, Silver, Cruz, Rapoa.

Hartford	0	6	0	6-12
Weavers	0	0	0	6-6

Scoring:  
Hartford—Jenkins (62 run) rush failed.  
Weaver—Stewart (36 run) rush failed.  
Hartford—Jenkins (pass Guiliano) pass failed.

### STATISTICS

	H	W
First downs	10	13
Rushing yards	271	206
Passing yards	85	10
Passes	16-5	13-2
Passes intercepted	3	1
Punts	4	2
Fumbles	4	4
Yards penalized	45	15



OWLS OPEN SCORING: Gene Jenkins, (73) Hartford High back starts out on the Owls' first scoring foray as the Blue and White team defeated Weaver 12-6 in the Thanksgiving Day at Dillon Stadium. Jenkins scored on a double reverse in the second

quarter going 62 yards. An interception by George Guiliano set up the touchdown in the exciting struggle between the city rivals (Courant Photo by Bob Ficks).