

# Hartford Upsets Weaver to Win City Title

## Kobus and Lynch Spark 16 to 12 Grid Triumph

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Bob Kobus, a solid senior quarterback, and Brenden Lynch, an unheralded fullback, triggered a powerful running attack which carried underdog Hartford High to a second half 16-12 upset victory over Weaver Saturday before approximately 4,500 fans at Dillon Stadium.

Kobus, who excelled on the option play, picked up 79 yards in 21 carries and sneaked over from one yard out with what proved to be the winning touchdown in the fourth quarter. Lynch, who carried only three times for nine yards in the opening half, wound up with 97 yards in 14 carries and plunged two yards for the Owls' first touchdown in the third period.

Kobus and Lynch were mainly responsible for Hartford's total of 259 yards rushing against the big Weaver line considered the top defensive unit in the Capital District Conference.

Meanwhile, Hartford's defensive array, anchored by sophomore guard Phil Hayden and veteran tackle San Sielecki and accorded timely assists from center Bob Minukas, tackle Phil Pouliot and end Leotis Dickson, came up with one of its finest performances of the year. Except for gaining 129 yards in the air on five completed passes in nine attempts, Weaver's offense was practically stopped dead. The Beavers were held to only 38 yards rushing.

### Dealt Severe Blow

Weaver's running game was dealt a severe blow when halfback Jim Norman was hit hard late in the third quarter and forced to leave the hard-hitting contest. Norman had picked up 22 yards in seven carries before he was sidelined.

The victory, third in a row over the Beavers, gave the Owls their

third straight (17 outright) city championship and a one-sided 29-9 edge in the series which started in 1924. Also, the victors bowed out with a final 4-3-1 record and possession of fourth place in the CDC.

Weaver, which went into the game a one touchdown favorite to capture its first city title since 1945, wound up with a 4-4-1 record under new head coach Ted Knurek.

Hartford jumped out to a 2-0 lead on the opening kickoff. Weaver fullback Hank Berry caught the ball in the end zone, took one step out and then decided to down the ball in the end zone. This constituted an automatic safety.

A 15-yard penalty for illegal use of the hands nullified a 55-yard pass-run Weaver touchdown early in the second quarter but the Beavers battled back late in the period to score their first TD.

After taking over on its own 28, a pass interference call against the Owls gave Weaver a first down on the Hartford 36. On the very next play, quarterback Lon Gagnon passed to end Charles Lewis, who made the catch on the 10 and was hauled down on the one yard line from where Gagnon sneaked over.

**Odoms Intercepts Pass**  
 Co-captain and end, Dick Odoms, a brilliant defender for the Beavers, set up Weaver's second touchdown early in the third period when he intercepted a Kobus pass and returned it 20 yards to the Hartford 30. Halfback Joe Balfour picked up five yards but an illegal procedure penalty set the Beavers back to the 30. Gagnon then found end Charlie Lewis alone in the end zone and Weaver led, 12-2.

Moments after the ensuing kickoff, Odoms intercepted another pass and brought it back to the Hartford 12. But two plays later the Beavers fumbled and Pouliot recovered on his own 17.

With Lynch picking up 62 yards

in six carries, the Owls went all the way and trailed by only two points when their stellar fullback cracked over his own right side for a TD. Little Chick Womack wiggled his way behind his right tackle for the extra two points.

Hartford's winning drive, which ate up 78 yards in 11 plays, started late in the third quarter and was nursed along by a 15-yard penalty for a personal foul (tugging on a face guard) and an offside penalty.

Successive 15-yard runs by Kobus and Lynch, plus an additional 19 yards in four carries by reserve halfback Clark King, moved the ball to the Weaver one-yard stripe. Kobus easily sneaked over behind his right guard on fourth down.

Weaver's final bid to overtake the Owls ended when halfback Henry Chemielecki intercepted Mel Simpson's wobbly pass on the Hartford 16.

Hartford thus retains the Dr. Abraham A. Klein memorial trophy. Also, Kobus was awarded the annual Syd Conn trophy as Saturday's "outstanding player." Kobus' selection was unanimous.

**HARTFORD**  
 Ends: Azeredo, Dickson.  
 Tackles: Pouliot, Hogan, Majors.  
 Guards: Ahearn, Rizzo, Hayden.  
 Centers: Minukas, Kelley.  
 Backs: Kobus, Cicero, Lynch, Womack, Foster, King, Crump, Chemielecki, LaSala.

**WEAVER**  
 Ends: Rose, Odoms, Lewis.  
 Tackles: Ruff, Barrows, Putzer.  
 Guards: Thomas, Marder.  
 Centers: Parks, Berliner, Bologna.  
 Backs: Green, Harrell, Joe Norman, Breedlove, McKinley, Berry, Jim Norman, Balfour, Gagnon, Newson.

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 Weaver 0 6 6 0-12

**Scoring**  
 Hfd: Safety, Berry downed in end zone.  
 Weaver: Gagnon, 1 run (run failed).  
 Weaver: Lewis, 30 pass from Gagnon (pass failed).  
 Hfd: Lynch, 2 run (Womack run).  
 Hfd: Kobus, 1 run (run failed).

| STATISTICS |                       | WEAVER |  |
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| HARTFORD   |                       |        |  |
| 16         | First Downs           | 5      |  |
| 259        | Yards Rushing         | 38     |  |
| 53         | Yards Passing         | 129    |  |
| 1:7        | Passes                | 5-9    |  |
| 1          | Passes Intercepted By | 2      |  |
| 0-0        | Punts                 | 5-23.8 |  |
| 1          | Fumbles Lost          | 1      |  |
| 53         | Yards Penalized       | 30     |  |