

Hartford Chokes Weaver For CDC Tie

Owls' Defense, Canada Sparkle In Beating Fumbling Beavers



Muddy Touchdown

Hartford Public High School fullback Sam Canada (arrow) dashes across the goal line from 11 yards out after receiving a hand-off from his quarterback in first period action to score the Owls' first touchdown in the traditional battle with Weaver. An un-

identified HP HS player raises his arms signaling a touchdown while Weaver High players Larry Walton (81) and Mel Smith (32) look on in disbelief (Courant Photo by Arman G. Hatsian).

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Once-beaten Hartford Public brought previously unbeaten Weaver down a peg Saturday in the Dillon Stadium Swamp-lands.

The Owls took the opening kick-off and picked up two Weaver fumbles along the way to score a touchdown and that was all the Owls needed in beating the Beavers 14 to 0 to knot the CDC title two ways and the City title three ways and in the process dropped the Beavers from state title contention before 9,000 persons.

King Missed
After Weaver lost its bread and butter player sophomore halfback Vin King in the first quarter with a shoulder injury, the Beavers lost their offense. Weaver finished with a 13-yard total offense as the Owls' defense continually scrubbed any Weaver attempt at moving the ball. Tackle Roger Nance, at 6'3" and 245 pounds and guard Mike Foy throttled Beavers' quarterback Larry Young and held him to minus 17 yards. Halfback Walt Tullis was the top ground gainer with 18 yards.

Hartford fullback Sam Canada, voted the game's most valuable player, not only recovered two fumbles but scored Hartford's first touchdown on an 11-yard run and set-up the second score when he lateraled to quarterback Daryl Brown as he

was being tackled which enabled Brown to scoot 33-yards to the Weaver seven in the second quarter. Three plays later Brown scored and Canada added a two-point conversion run.

Fumbles and Fumbles
Canada, the game's top gainer with 72 rushing and another 15 on a pass catch, recovered a fumble by Weaver halfback Marty Stringer with 3:30 left in the first quarter and on the next play scored the touchdown. The ball-hawking Owls collected four Weaver fumbles and intercepted two passes which left Weaver powerless. Only twice did Weaver advance beyond midfield.

"Even on that wet field we picked up 252 yards on the ground which is amazing."

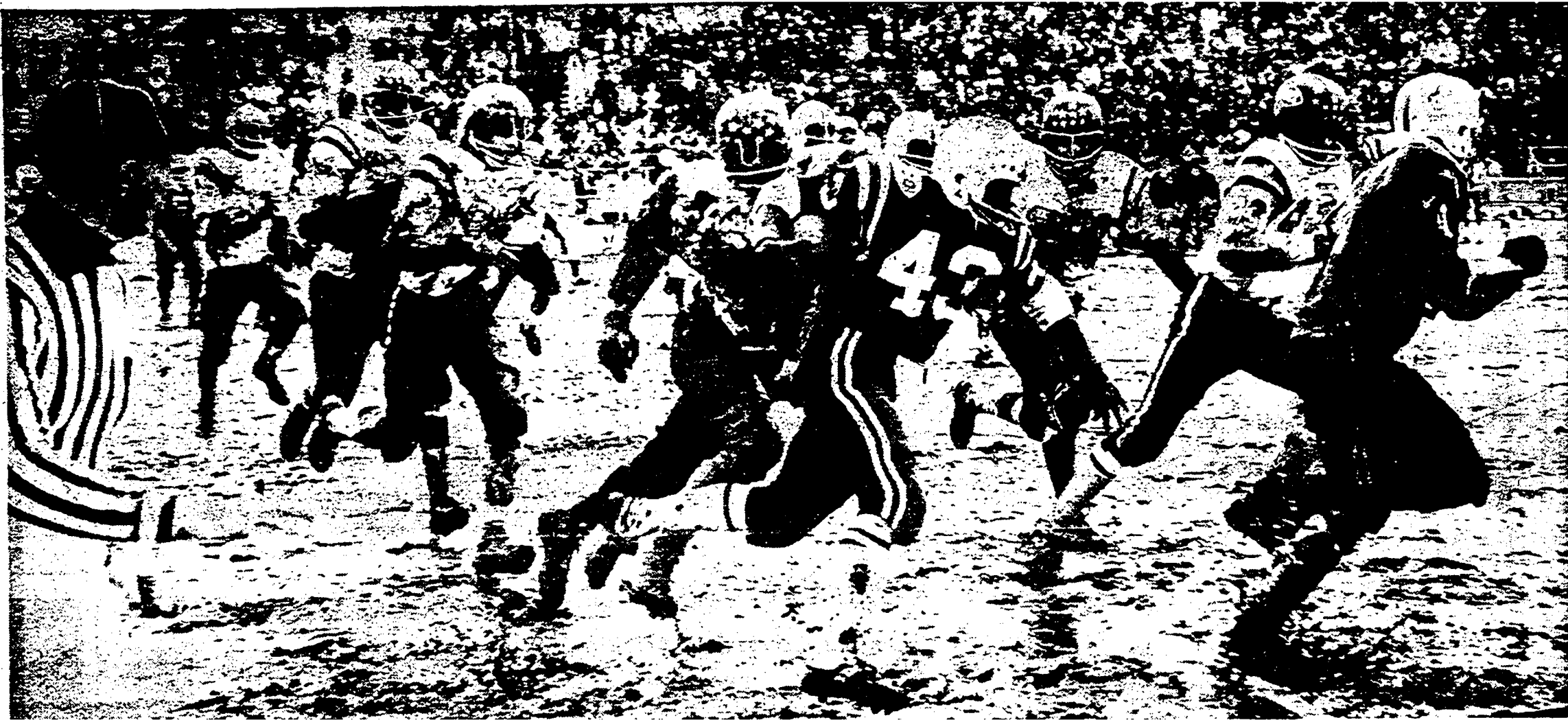
Hartford head coach Joe Cirone said. "You've got to give a lot of credit to my assistant coaches Jim White, Jack Calcaterra, Don Bolk and Kevin Duffy. They burned the midnight oil. And on defense that Nance did a heckuva job. He was playing their quarterback all day."

Hartford's second touchdown climaxed a nine play 38-yard march that was highlighted by Brown's run after a Canada lateral. Brown scored and Canada added the conversion and Hartford led 14 to 0 at halftime.

Penalties Stifle
Not only did the Beavers lose possession six times but penalties further crippled offensive maneuvering. Weaver was called off-side on a Hartford punt which gave the Owls a first down during their second scoring march. Another offside penalty gave the Owls the ball on the one-foot line just before Brown scored. And during Weaver's first possession beginning the second half the Beaver's jumped off-side twice and had to punt.

"Vinnie hurt his shoulder the second time he ran the ball and we had to take him out. He's got a bad bruise but it's not serious." Weaver head coach Phil Kearney said "That was not the major reason why we lost though. Hartford got the breaks but I don't mean to take any-

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Hot on His Heels

Beavers, usually at home in mud and water, found the going rough at Dillon Stadium Saturday afternoon — the Weaver Beavers that is. A 100 yards of slippery wet mud

greeted crosstown rivals Hartford and Weaver for their traditional gridiron battle with Hartford High winning the "mud pie" contest 14-0. Weaver High's halfback Vin King

(43), after a pitch-out from his quarterback, is shown scampering around end for a 14-yard ground gainer in the first minutes of the game with six HPHS defensive men hot on

his heels (Courant Photo by Arman G. Hatsian).

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thing away from them. Hartford is a fine football team. I feel the field conditions favored Hartford. Their line and backs were bigger than us and they pushed us around."

Best Since '51

Hartford finishes with an 8-1 record which is the best record for a Hartford Public team since 1951's 7-1 record.

Weaver finished with a 9-1 mark and both teams tie for the CDC championship while all three city teams tied for the city title.

Hartford leads in the series 31 to 16. There has been one tie.

Hartford halfback Les Black churned for 81 yards while Pablo Franco chipped in with 44 and Brown with 35.

King went 16 yards for Weaver.

Scoring Summary				
Hartford	6	8	0	0-14
Weaver	0	0	0	0-0
M—Canada 11 run (run failed).				
N—Brown 1 run (Canada run).				