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## A Sack Is Coming

Weaver quarterback Jerry Hamilton (3) is about to be sacked by Hartford Public's Kyle Pitts (22) for a 13-yard loss in the first period of Saturday's high school football game at Dillon Stadium. Hartford won, 42-0 (Courant photo by Joseph Cannata Jr.).

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By WOODY ANDERSON

It was Willie Poole Day at Dillon Stadium Saturday afternoon.

Poole, 6-0 190 senior half-back, scored five touchdowns and ran for 209 yards to lead Hartford Public to a 42-0 win over fumbling Weaver in a high school football game played before 6,500 persons.

Hartford Public wins the Hartford City Series championship.

Although it was the Owls' first win over the Beavers in four years it increased their lead in the 52-year-old rivalry to 32-19-1.

The Owls scored their first four touchdowns following three Weaver fumbles and a blocked punt as they exploded Weaver for a 36-0 halftime bulge.

It was Weaver's fifth straight loss. Its record is 5-6. The Beavers have lost their last five games by a combined 181 to 38.

It was Hartford Public's fourth straight shutout victory and fifth in the last six games. The Owls have only allowed 22 points in their last six games. They have won their last four games by a combined 132 to 0.

The Owls are 6-3 for the season.

The Owls marched 47 yards in nine plays — all runs — following recovery of Weaver's fumble in the first

period. Poole ran the last yard for the score.

After an exchange of fumbles Hartford Public got the ball back when Kyle Pitts blocked a Weaver punt. The Owls took over on the Weaver four and Poole ran four yards for the second score of the first period with 2:41 remaining.

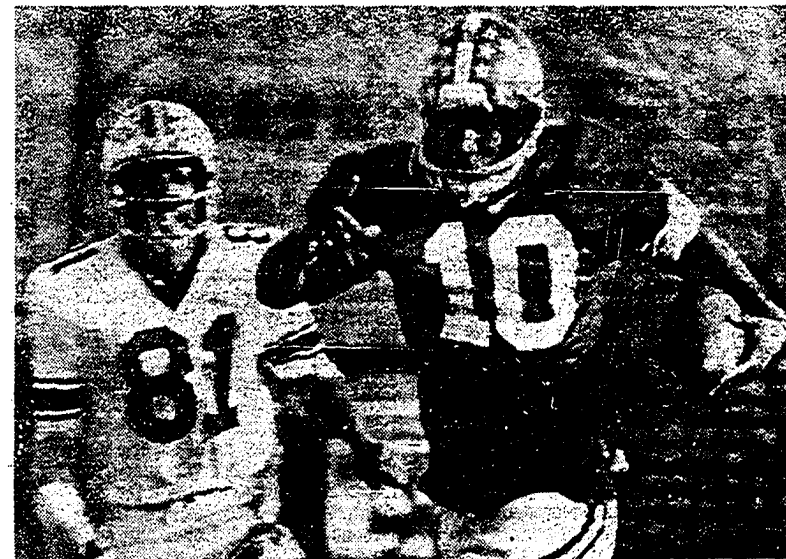
The Owls scored 24 points in the second period.

The Owls recovered two more Weaver fumbles that led to short scoring drives in the second period. After recovering on the Weaver 20 Poole ran 17-yards for his third score and followed that up with a conversion pass from quarterback Gerrall Lewis with 3:56 left in the half.

Following Weaver's fifth fumble of the half Lewis hit end Art Johnson on a 20-yard scoring play and Poole ran in for the two point conversion and a 28-0 lead.

But the Owls were not finished scoring in the first half.

On fourth down and 21 on the Weaver 49 yard line Lewis hit end Beresford Wilson on a 19-yard pass play but as soon as Wilson made the catch he lateralled the ball to Poole who was running past him and the fleet Poole ran the last 30 yards for the score and Pitts added a conversion run for a 36-0 halftime lead.



## Poole On The Move

Hartford Public's Willie Poole (10) passes Weaver's defensive end Marc Clancy en route to a 19-yard gain in the first period that set up the Owls first score. Hartford won 42-0 in a game played at Dillon Stadium (Courant photo by Joseph Cannata Jr.).

in the same period pulled up limping on what would have been his sixth score.

The Owls defense, keyed by tackles Brian Pertillar and Gary Miller, who recovered two fumbles, and guards Vern Baker and Mark Schrijn, held Weaver to only 24 yards in the first half and to 108 for the game. The Beavers made seven first downs — all in the second half.

Poole added a 71-yard touchdown run in the third period and on a 45-yard run The Owls, led by Poole's 209-yard, 34-point performance, totaled 415 yards.

Weaver made nine fumbles in the game and lost six. Hartford Public lost four fumbles.

Weaver's furthest advance occurred late in the final period. The Beavers recovered a Hartford fumble on the

Owls' 41 and moved to the seven yard line before the Owls took over on downs.

Reserve Weaver quarterback Tim Rush was carried off the field on a stretcher in the third period and taken to a hospital. He suffered an apparent back injury.

Poole was chosen the Most Valuable Player and was awarded the Syd Conn MVP trophy.