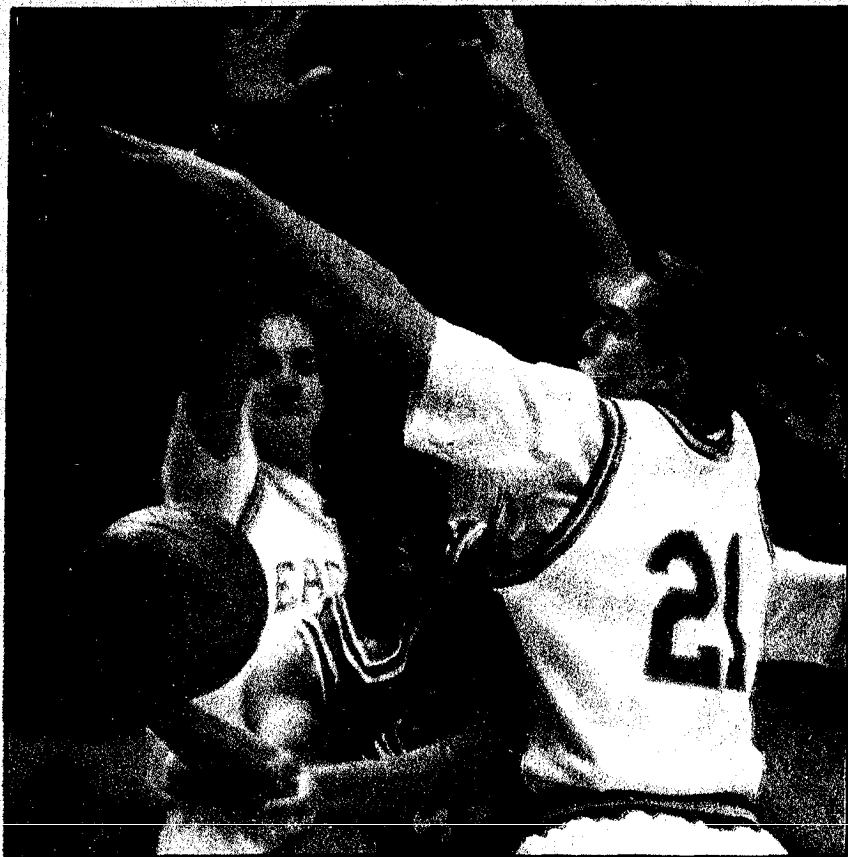


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■ **HELP!** — Manchester's Ron Ransom (six points) has trouble passing around East Catholic's Sebby Golino in the Doc Hurley/Courant Classic. Story, Page F4.

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It was hard to believe that this was the season opener for the Hartford Public Owls.

The Owls looked like a team that was close to peaking — in the first quarter.

Hartford Public went to work quickly in defeating intracity rival Weaver 83-49 Friday in the nightcap of the Doc Hurley/Courant Basketball Scholarship Classic at the Civic Center.

It was the first time Hartford Public defeated Weaver in three years in a game that counted toward the City Series Championship.

"This game took three years to come," said Hartford Public junior guard Michael Thompson (nine points). "Three years! It's nice and we're all happy. So happy that I wouldn't mind sleeping in the Civic Center tonight."

Junior guard Tyrone White (12 points) agreed, except he said he felt like partying.

There were no first-game jitters and little nervousness from playing in front of 4,000 vocal fans.

After trailing 5-4, Hartford Public went on a 19-2 run led by 6-foot-11 senior center Marcus Camby (22 points), who hadn't played in nearly two seasons after transferring from Conard-West Hartford, to take a 23-6 lead with 1 minute 45 seconds remaining in the first. The Owls led 25-10 after the first quarter.

Camby, headed for the University of Massachusetts on a basketball scholarship, scored 15 first-quarter points — eight on dunks. He, like most of the Owls starters, sat out the second quarter.

Weaver was held to two field goals in the first quarter, mainly because of Hartford Public's press. And the Beavers scored twice from the field in the second quarter. Hartford Public led 41-19 at halftime.

"We wanted to blow them out,"

## Results, schedule

### Friday

#### At The Civic Center

- Manchester 45, East Catholic-Manchester 30
- Hall-West Hartford 67, Conard-West Hartford 53
- New Britain 55, Harding-Bridgeport 53
- Hartford Public 83, Weaver-Hartford 49

### Today

#### At Trinity College

- Northwest Catholic-West Hartford vs. Berlin, girls, noon
- Windsor vs. East Hartford, 2 p.m.
- Bloomfield vs. Northwest Catholic-West Hartford, 4 p.m.
- Bulkeley-Hartford vs. Bassick-Bridgeport, 6 p.m.
- Weaver-Hartford vs. Harding-Bridgeport, 8 p.m.

• Tickets: \$5, sold at the door.

said Kendrick Moore, who scored 16 points for the Owls. "We didn't want to have any mercy on them."

Though the game was officially the season opener for Hartford Public, it was hardly that for Camby, Moore, Thompson and White. The four spent practically the entire off-season together, playing in a number of summer tournaments, including the Boston Shootout.

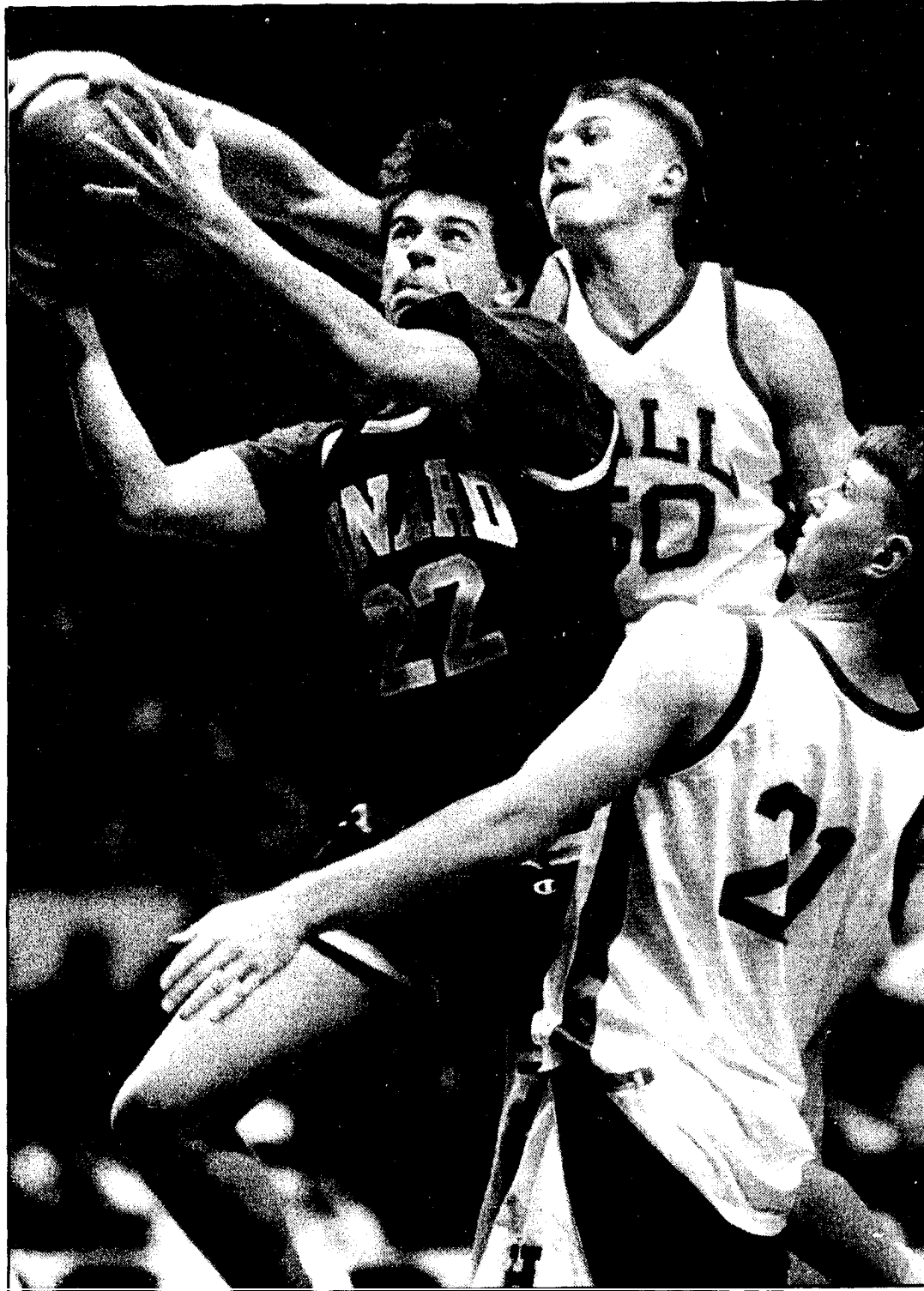
"It really helped us," Camby said. "All that time we spent together really helped."

Weaver coach Dwight Tolliver said it was obvious the Owls used their time in the off-season wisely.

"No question about it," said Tolliver, an All-State guard at Hartford Public in 1967. "That's what makes a team good. In '67 we had a team like that, really close."

Tolliver's team went to the Class LL championship game that year, but lost to Wilbur Cross-New Haven. Is Tolliver predicting the same results for the Owls?

"They're a very, very good team, and this is their first game. I think they are going to go a long way."



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■ Hall-West Hartford's Ruslan Inyatkin (50) and Terence Shields make it tough for Wyatt Crosswhite.