



SURROUNDED WARRIOR — Christian Academy's Tim Duff, 34, tries to clear the ball after grabbing one of his 17 rebounds during a 74-55 tourna-

ment win over Vinalhaven High. Vinalhaven's 40 is Walter Haskell. At right is Vikings mate David Arey. (By Staff Photographer Johnson)

The L-S phases of the three-class Western Maine schoolboy basketball tournament open at Edward Little High School's gym, Auburn, today with top-seeded Cape Elizabeth (L) and Christian Academy (S) wary favorites on an attractive four-game card.

Christian starts the program at 1:15 p.m. by taking on its Penobscot Bay island neighbor Vinalhaven, No. 8, in the only match of seasonal foes due in the initial installment of the six-day tourney.

Cape Elizabeth follows against another Christian neighbor, Camden-Rockport, in the 1-8 automatic pairing of the "L" teams.

Fourth-ranked Phillips and fifth-place Bristol meet in the second Class S preliminary at 7 p.m.

York and Hall-Dale, the 4-5 Class L combines, wind it up.

Christian, apparently flooring the strongest team in its short history, is bent on adding the tourney title to a fine season, an honor that's escaped previous Warrior fives in some nonetheless respectable tourney showings.

The Warriors twice defeated Vinalhaven in the regular season, 83-70, on the island and a 108-58 rout on the Glen Cove mainland in compiling a 16-2 record.

Coach Glenn Chaffee's season academy crew figures to make it three straight, but Vinalhaven nurses upset hopes after winning its last three games for an 8-10 card.

First of Vinalhaven's victims in that run was Phillips, 107-92, on the island.