



The relay is made for Ron James to Ron Holland with Coach Richert looking on.



Jerry Freeman and Ron Panioto take jump

The situation at the opening of track practice looked mighty dark for the Hughes High cinder squad for the 1954 season. One small group of returning lettermen had traded the baseball diamond for the track. But the team rallied against the odds to produce one of the finest teams to run in the city meets. Ron Holland made an especially good showing this year as did Chuck Crumine, Dale Bradford, Ron James, Ron Panioto, and many stellar athletes from Hughes.

Coach Paul Richert said he could not be more pleased than he was with the group of boys who went out and held high the Hughes banner at every city track meet. Ron Panioto showed excellent form at his task, as the pole-vaulter from Hughes. He missed the city mark of 12.5 by only two feet in city competition. Ron Holland's dashes contributed to the crown for the cindermen by taking a place in every hundred yard dash. The musclemen of the team, "Bradford and Crumine" literally threw the discus and shot all over the field to down their opponents in almost every match. The high jump was a specialty of Ron James, the star of the Basketball team in the winter, but the star of the track in the spring. He came close, more than once, to breaking the city record and making as big a name for himself in track as he did in basketball. Ron Beecher ran the two-twenty for the cindermen and made a good showing for himself in stiff city competition. Ron ran with the Harriers in the fall and helped contribute to their city championship, and then returned as a letterman to the track squad. Hughes made an outstanding showing against Central, Western Hills, Withrow, Walnut Hills, New Woodward, Old Woodward, and Norwood, as they burned up the track with their fine relay teams, hundred yard dash, and the two-twenty. It may be said by all, that we owe a great deal to the coaches and members of the track team from Hughes.



James sets for run.