

# Winners of District, Regional, and P.H.S.L.

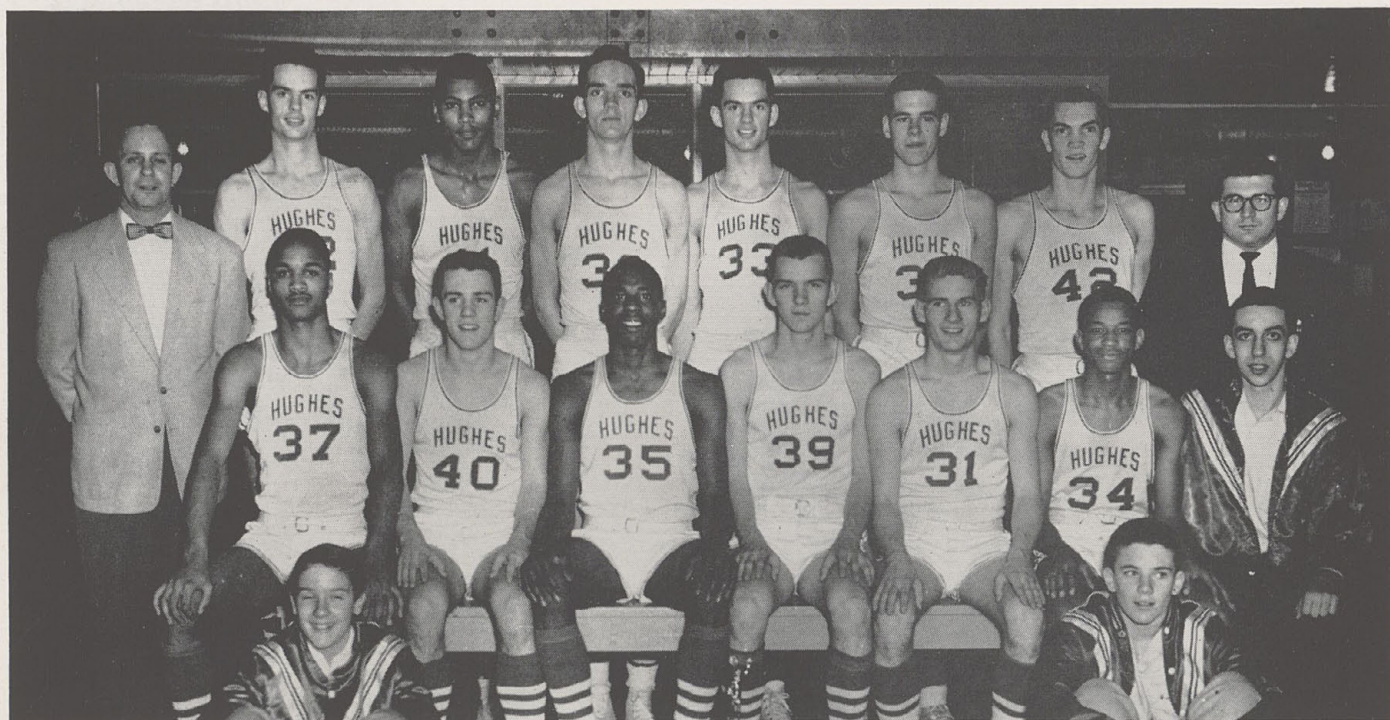
The "Big Reds" of 1955 surely were one of the most popular high school athletic teams in the Cincinnati area. Placing second in the "State Tournament," "Winner of the Southwestern Regional Tournament," "Winner of the local District Tournament," and the City Champs by winning the "P.H.S.L." enabled the basketballers to have a successful season.

Winning 25 games and losing 2 games is the ambition of many coaches, but Coach Burley Grimes achieved this record with a team of spirit and a desire to win. Led by Co-Captains Bill Whitaker and Bill (Goose) Edwards and three players who will return next year, the team reached

a winning percentage of 93. The three juniors who played a big role were Ray Apple, Ron Blackstone, and Jim Grimes.

During the season Tom Morrical and Steve Gooder were called on for outside shooting which helped many times. The Welch twins, John and Jerry, who both tower over six feet, four inches, gave height to the team. John Smith, who is six-feet-five, also grabbed quite a few rebounds.

Two peppy guards, Carlton Walker and Vaughn Cooper, showed their ability to handle the ball. Gil McKitric, who was the top scorer of the reserves, joined the team for the Tournament. He gave the team a six-five advantage and



SEATED ON FLOOR: Managers—Alan Blincoe, David Senn. SECOND ROW: Ron Blackstone, Jim Grimes, Bill Edwards, Bill Whitaker, Tom Morrical, Carlton Walker, Ken Barnes (manager). STANDING: Coach Burley Grimes, Jerry Welch, Gil McKitric, John Smith, John Welch, Steve Gooder, Ray Apple, Lloyd Williams (Assistant Coach).