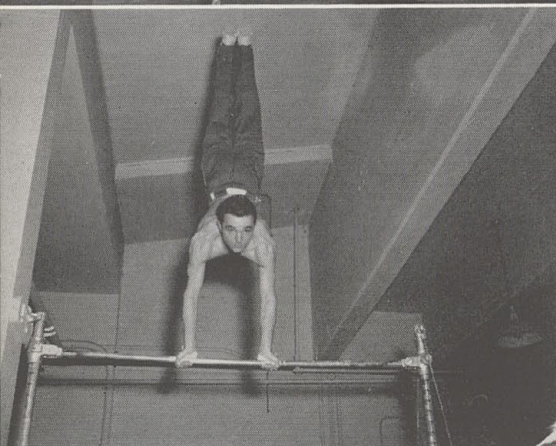
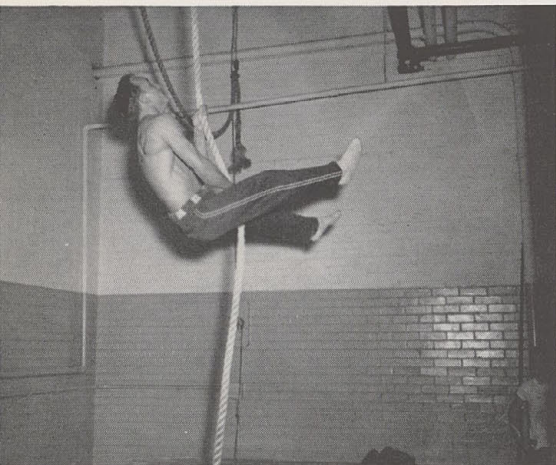


# "Big Red" Matmen Cop Second in P.H.S.L.

Pragar shows good form on rope



Photographer's eye catches Harrison in giant swing.

The Hughes "Matmen," under extremely good competition finished second in P.H.S.L. play. It was the first time for 19 years that the powerful gym team lost their championship. It was Central that finally accomplished the feat of defeating the "strongmen" from Hughes. The year 1936 was the beginning of their victories.

Captain Dave Pragar led the team in scoring a "first" in every meet. Dave holds the city record in the Rope Climb and also owns four gym team letters. Bob Harrison, Bob Bailey, Tom Crosby, Bennett Smith, Gene Stuber, Dave Hill, Paul Morse, Alvin Stephens, Calvin Davis, Allan Braley, Jim Parthenakis were other lettermen and gave plenty of depth to the "matmen."

The first gym team meet found Gene Stuber placing third on the Long Horse, while Bob Harrison took top honors on the Horizontal Bar. Dave Pragar won the Rope Climb as the Big Reds racked up 38 points, second only to Central's 63.

The second meet also was won by the Hornets as they increased the lead of first place with 67½ points. Hughes, determined to fight back, scored 34½ points by the aid of two first places by Bob Harrison, and a third place by Tom Crosby.

The last city meet, which would determine the championship found Central 58 points ahead. Hughes had a 51½ point lead on third-place New Woodward. The third meet followed in the same manner, as the placing of the top three was repeated identically with the first two meets. Dave Pragar once again won the Rope Climb and Bob Harrison placed second on the Rings. August Zorn placed third on the Side Horse which made a total of 31 points for the meet.

The final standing, a three-meet total, was Central 204½, Hughes 103½, and New Woodward 28.

After the completed season the Gym Team participated in the Turner meet. Once again Central walked away with first place by scoring 61 points. Hughes, an improved team, registered 40 points, and New Woodward scored 11 points. Bob Harrison took a first place on the Rings, second place on the Horizontal Bars,

FIRST ROW: Alan Braley and Alvin Stephens. SECOND ROW: August Zorn, Bennett Smith, Dave Pragar, Bob Harrison, Paul Morse, and Tom Parthenakis. THIRD ROW: Leonard Ertel, Tom Crosby, Dave Hill, Calvin Davis, Gene Stuber, and Bob Bailey.

