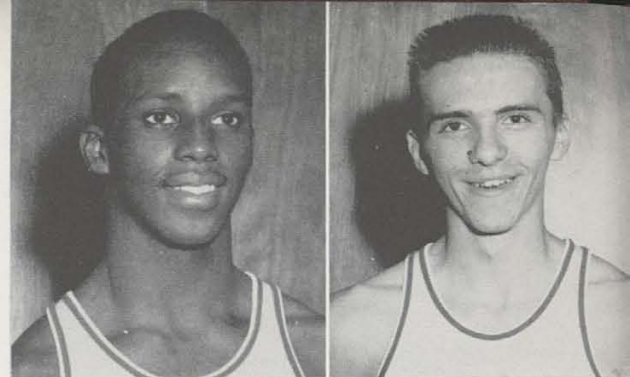


Looks Like Two for Luther!



ADOLPHUS WARD

GEORGE MITCHELL

The 1958 basketball got off to a slow start when Hughes lost to their first two opponents, Anderson and St. Xavier. The fast-breaking Redskins ran to a 74-56 victory over an inexperienced Big Red squad. Junior, Tom Whitaker turned in one of his most impressive drives as he tallied 28 points.

St. Xavier, preseason choice to win district laurels, ran into a determined and vastly improved Hughes team. The lead exchanged hands throughout of the game, but "X" emerged victorious 66-55.

Hughes then beat their "neighbor rival" Roger Bacon, 52-47. Again Whitaker and Adolphus Ward led the Big Reds in what was the start of a six game winning streak. The Big Reds then ran over a highly favored Woodward team 48-41. The Bulldogs, surprised by the "Oklahoma State offense" employed by Hughes, dropped their first league game. Center Stacy Bunton kept 6-11 Ron Ries in check as the season's first "upset" was registered.

Hughes kept its streak alive by beating Monroe 70-66, Walnut Hills 66-59, Western Hills 56-51, and Central 69-67. The Big Reds also held down first place in the PHSL with a perfect 4-0 mark.

The game with Taft was a battle to decide who would own 1st place. The "Cliftonites" fought hard but couldn't outscore Dave West and Com-

pany. Hughes lost 56-44 and vacated the top rung of the ladder.

Next came our age old rival Withrow. Hughes started too slow and was at times down 15 points to the Tigers. In the fourth quarter the Big Reds caught fire and started closing the gap. But time was against them and they lost 52-50.

Woodward, still nursing the wounds of their loss to Hughes, was out for revenge. The Big Reds weren't "big" without 6-7 Stacy Bunton and lost 67-53.

As Hughes went through the second round of league play all the teams were out to avenge earlier losses to the Big Reds. The loss to Stacy Bunton, a fine rebounder with good potential, was the difference, and Hughes lost several games.

Despite George Mitchell's fine performance Hughes succumbed to Walnut Hills, 66-61.

The Big Reds bounced back to make it two in a row over

West Hi and won 60-52. Central avenged their early season loss 80-65.

The regular season ended with sweet revenge when Hughes met Withrow. Forrest Buckley, playing one of his finest games of the season, led the way to a 66-60 win.

A "black cat" crossed Hughes tournament path when Madeira tripped the Big Reds 63-54.

All in all the team broke even, winning and losing nine games. With the return of 3 starting juniors, Tom Whitaker, Forrest Buckley, and Stacy Bunton, plus the addition of reserve star, Tom Farrell, the Big Reds should experience a better season next year.

The reserve squad, piloted by the No. 1 "gunner," Lloyd Williams, had a mediocre season. They too had a .500 season winning and losing six games. They practiced hard and showed great improvement. Many of these boys will see action with the varsity next year.