



FIRST Row (left to right): H. Thomas Coach; F. Cameron, R. Christman, L. Walker, R. Kelly, E. Steinle, C. Kile, G. Wolfe, E. Williams, S. Ranker, K. Peters, C. Braddock, T. Parthenakis, R. Hartker, Coach. SECOND Row: J. Hodges, L. Hughes, B. Williams, B. Siebert, W. Walker, G. Jahn, L. Lawson,

L. Brooks, R. Boehm, C. Bohrer, T. Strunk, P. Cottier. THIRD Row: D. Wolfe, Manager; D. Speer, Manager; T. Hill, R. Jennings, R. Bunton, C. Neal, B. Barnes, D. Hudkamp, P. Hopkins, Manager; R. Young, Manager.

Gridders Finish First

The Hughes Big Reds football team, after a slow start, went on to win five of its last six games and a share of the Public High School League crown. Hughes' first four games were played against tough teams, which were all rated in the top twenty-five high schools in Ohio Class AA. The team had trouble scoring points and also allowed their pass defense to slacken in these games. This partly accounted for their losses. When put up against P.H.S.L. competition, Hughes responded like champions for the first five games but then

collapsed against a weak Taft team. Thus, the Big Reds became co-holders, with Western Hills, of the P.H.S.L. championship in football for 1958.

In the first game, which was played with Xenia Central at Xenia, Ohio, Hughes suffered a 33-14 defeat. Hughes' teamwork was evidently disorganized at this early date in the season. However, the team did show the speed of its backfield when Charlie Braddock and Jesse Hodges each had a long run for a touchdown.

A week later, Hughes took on a very strong Roger Bacon team, which was destined to become the top high school team in Ohio for the 1958 season. Hughes had little luck with Bacon and, in spite of strong defensive efforts by Steve Ranker, end, and Elliot Williams, back, wound up on the short end of a 30-0 score.

Hughes battled a tough Middletown team to the last seconds and finally lost 21-20, in the third game. Hughes' defensive line had a hard time stopping an effective Middle quarterback sneak. The offense started clicking, though, and found Jesse Hodges breaking away and outrunning the Middletown secondary for touchdowns of 42 and 75 yards.

Hamilton's Big Blue played host to the Big Reds in their fourth game. After a tough battle during the first half, which ended in a 6-6 tie, Hamilton put on sustained drives with powerful bursts through the Hughes line and short jump passes to pile up a 27-6 victory.

In its first league game, Hughes stunned a long rival, Withrow, 29-0. The Big Reds were led by quarterback Kenny Peters, who ran the team offensively, and by Tom Parthenakis and Larry Walker, linemen, who kept Withrow cold with their fine defensive play. Peters scored two touchdowns and Elliot Williams and Larry Hughes added one each as the Big Reds cracked the winning column for the first time.



Elliot Williams helps out teammates Larry Walker and Lawyer Lawson in tackling a Central ball carrier.