



LEFT TO RIGHT: Floyd Simpson, Bob Williams, Ron Ward, Bob Standley, Tom Whitaker, Bob Rollinson, Stacy Bunton, Richard Fischer, Forrest

Buckley, Todd Ertel, Harold Cronin Tom Farrell, Ken Sloan. FRONT: Coach Howard "Burley" Grimes.

The Big Reds, under the leadership of Coach Howard "Burley" Grimes, employed a switching man-to-man defense and a two out, three in, offense the whole season. Hughes, as a whole, had a very accurate team in field goals as they hit over 45% of their shots from the floor, but they were below average in foul shooting. During the season the players practiced every day after school, working on full-court presses and practicing free throws especially, along with the regular fundamentals.

Todd Ertel drops in two points in spite of desperate efforts by Withrow players to block his shot.



Excluding the Central games, Hughes had an exceptional 8 won, 2 lost record in P.H.S.L. play. In their first league game, the Big Reds lost to Woodward 58-46, but countered by defeating Walnut Hills 61-52 and then Western Hills 63-60. These wins were paced by Todd Ertel, Hughes forward, who scored 20 points against the Eagles and 14 against Western. Following their loss to Central, Hughes downed the Taft Senators 46-40 in a low-scoring game, which found Tom Whitaker high-point man in the game with 15 points.

The Big Reds then won four straight games extending their winning streak to five, which was the longest of the season. Wins over Withrow, Woodward, and Walnut Hills, together with a non-league victory over Anderson, put Hughes in a tie for first in the P.H.S.L. with Central. In these four games Hughes displayed fine teamwork and ability to overcome their opponent's first-half leads. Stacy Bunton, 6'8" center for the Big Reds, was Hughes' outstanding player in this win-streak, as he totaled 30 points in the 71-68 win over Withrow, 9 points in the 50-49 win over Woodward, and 15 in the Anderson game. Against Walnut Hills, Hughes played excellent ball, tallying their highest score of the season with 81 while holding Walnut to 65. Bob Standley, highly regarded sophomore forward, led Hughes' attack with 17 points, but had plenty of company as Ron Ward, Stacy Bunton, and Tom Whitaker also scored in double figures.

Hughes split the remaining four games, losing to Western Hills and Central and beating Taft and Withrow each for the second time. As Hughes ended the season on a winning note, and wound up in second place in the P.H.S.L., the Hughestowners looked hopefully upon the tournament, which would conclude the play for 1959.