

Little Red Hoopsters Cop Third Place

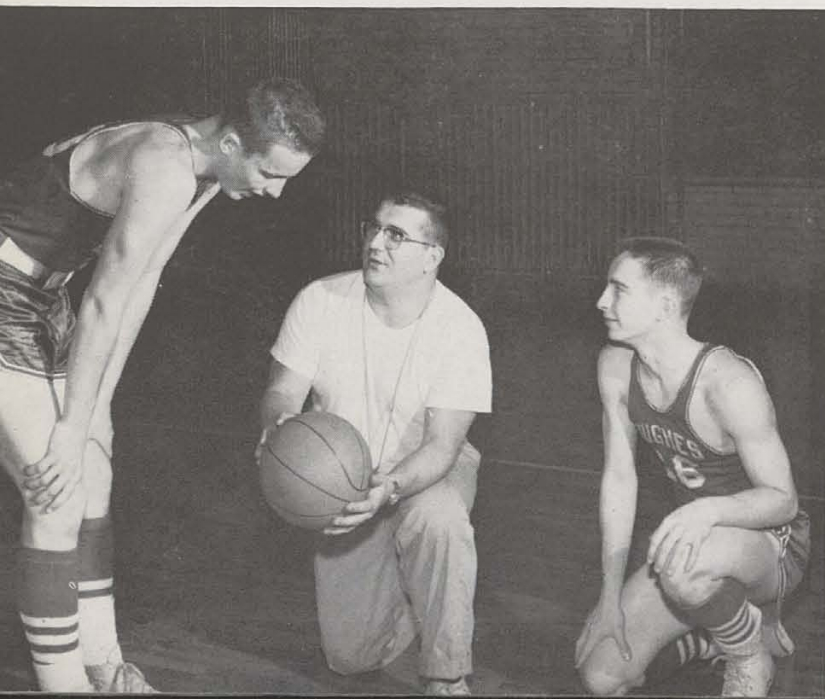
FIRST ROW (left to right): D. Ragan, R. Smith, T. Hart, B. Beyer, R. Jones. SECOND ROW: R. Stocker, A. Ransick, T. Caton, R. Bunton, D. Gloeckler, S. Rhoden, C. Bell, Coach Lloyd Williams.



The Hughes Reserve basketball team, under the supervision of Mr. Lloyd Williams, placed third in the Public High School League race with a 5-7 record. The Hughestown hoopsters posted three wins, as opposed to two defeats, against non-league opponents to bring their season mark to 8-9. The team was an aggressive, well-trained squad.

The "Little Reds" basketball season got off to a slow start as the team lost to St. Xavier, 32-28, and to Monroe, 50-28, in its first two encounters. The squad won its first game of the season by defeating Roger Bacon, 35-20. The first league game saw the "Little Reds" down Woodward, 31-25. The team traveled to Talawanda and racked up its third straight

Coach Williams explains offensive strategy to co-captains, Tom Caton and Bob Beyer.



OPPOSITE PAGE:

Top: Tony Hart takes jump shot as Captain Tom Caton prepares to rebound.

Bottom: Guard Dave Ragan eludes a Taft basketeer.

win. Tony Hart led the "Little Reds" attack with a 15-point performance.

The Hughestowners returned to P.H.S.L. competition only to lose five straight games. They took a 44-41 defeat at the hands of Walnut Hills and shortly afterwards dropped a decision to a strong Western Hills team. Their next loss was a see-saw battle won by Central, despite a 17-point effort by Tom Caton. Their fourth straight conqueror was the Taft five. The next contest saw the "Little Reds" lose a close 41-38 decision to the Withrow Tigers.

Hughes had to step outside of the P.H.S.L. to break its long losing streak as it defeated Anderson, 44-32. The "Little Reds" took their return engagement with Woodward by a 37-25 score as guards Dave Ragan, Bob Beyer, and Tony Hart played aggressive ball. Tom Caton pumped in 27 points and Lonnie Lewis and Roger Bunton dominated the backboards as the hoopsters beat Walnut Hills, 52-41.

The next two games were not happy ones for Hughes fans as their team lost to Western Hills and then suffered defeat at the hands of Central by a 40-point margin.

The team regained its winning form by downing Taft, 38-34. Tony Hart, scoring 16 points, and Dave Ragan, with 8 points, led the offensive attack. In the last game of the season, Tom Caton made a field goal with one second remaining in the game to give Hughes a two-point victory over Withrow.