



Left to right, FIRST Row: D. Willmoth, T. Parthenakis, K. Peters, H. Cronin, T. Whitaker, T. Ertel, J. Kroger. SECOND Row: K. Jones, F. Wilson, J. Wheelwright, W. Walker, G. Jahn, R. Nulsen, E. Stein. THIRD Row: Coach Ray Hartker, B. Courtney, C. Bell, T. Hart.

## Hughestown Stars Shine On Diamond

Even before spring had arrived this year, the Hughestown baseball team was up early in the morning practicing baseball fundamentals in the boys' gym under the leadership of Coach Ray Hartker. Then when the weather finally turned warm, the players trooped down to Coy Field to perfect the things they were taught from the blackboard.

Baseball has always been a major sport at Hughestown and its teams have always put up a good showing in league standings. In recent years the team has been fortunate in having as good a coach as Mr. Raymond Hartker, who has shown his prowess both as a professional player and a coach. Since baseball is one of the few sports at Hughes that don't suffer because of poor facilities, the baseball teams have consistently given Hughestown reason to be proud of their fine play.

The prospects of this year's team are very good with a basis of six senior lettermen and some very good sophomore prospects. Their goal is first to better last year's P.H.S.L.

record of six wins and six losses and then to better their tournament record of 2 wins and 1 loss. The 1958 team was sparkplugged by pitchers, Todd Ertel and George Siebert, both of whom had very low earned-run averages even though their won-lost record wasn't exceptional. The team as a whole last year had trouble fielding, but the boys managed to keep their batting averages respectable. The Big Reds lost several games by only one or two runs and those usually because of poor fielding. This shows that even though last year's team had a won-lost record just above average, the team really was better than the scorebooks indicate.

With senior lettermen, Ken Peters, Tom Parthenakis, Joe Kroger, Todd Ertel, Hep Cronin, and Tom Whitaker leading this year's team and some bright pitching prospects in Ed Stein, Don Willmoth, Bob Courtney, and Ray Nulsen, Coach Hartker has high hopes for a victorious year for the Hughestown nine on the diamond.

TOM PARTHENAKIS

KEN PETERS

JOE KROGER

TODD ERTEL

