



Hoopsters' High Hopes For

Hughes's Big Red basketball team, showing real potential at the beginning of the season, disappointed their fans by winning only two league games, both over Walnut Hills. The only seniors returning to the squad were Ron Ward, Bob Williams, Dick Fischer and Floyd Simpson. Bob Standley, the junior whom Coach Grimes expected to produce the most points, came through and finished second in the PHSL with an average of 22.7. The team ended the season in fifth place in league play.

In the Preview at the Cincinnati Gardens, Hughes looked good in beating Woodward and Purcell in two different quarters. The Big Reds looked even better when they beat Monroe 77-49 on the loser's floor. Bob Standley got 23 points, the game high, with Ron Ward adding 20 more and Bob Williams, 14.

The next game Hughes played arch-rival Roger Bacon. Standley, Williams and Ward again led the way with 25, 20 and 13 points, respectively. The Big Reds, never in trouble, led all the way. Fischer and Simpson also broke into the scoring column, each adding four points. The final score was 75-66.

The night after the Bacon game Hughes tangled with a highly-touted Anderson team. After battling on nearly even terms in the first half, Anderson became torrid after intermission and finally defeated Hughes 65-36. Standley fell below his average with only 14 points that night, while Ward added eleven more points and Williams, nine.

Hughes faced Withrow's Tigers in their first league game. Hughes jumped to an early lead but the Tigers led by 10 at the half. Withrow then steadily pulled away and finally won 68-56. Williams was high-point man with 21 points. Then came Standley with 17, Ward with 10, Ragan, Caton and Hart each with two and Fischer and Simpson with one apiece.

With a 2-2 record, Hughes faced Central. The Knights, playing without Larry Elsaesser, managed to slip by Hughes 60-51. Hughes had a deficient second half, point-wise, and Central took advantage of it. Standley topped Hughes with 16 while Williams dropped 14 through and Ward 13.

At Oxford the next night, Hughes won 80-69 against Oxford Talawanda. Standley led the scoring with 29 points and Ward was close behind with 24. Williams got 18, Caton 6 and Fischer 2. Hughes now was 3-3 on the season.

Getting a lift from the Oxford game, Hughes slipped by Walnut Hills in overtime 72-68. All the scoring in the overtime was done by Bob Standley, who hit four of four foul shots. The scoring: Standley, 28; Caton, 17; Williams, 13; Ward, 8; Simpson, Ragan and Lewis each two.

Hughes' next game was with an ever-dangerous Taft team. Hughes, twelve down with only one minute left, staged a valiant rally but fell three points short as Taft won 59-56. None of the Hughes boys could hit as Ward and Williams both had 6 and Standley only 14. However, Ron Caton, an unsung junior pivot man who was continually fed by Beyer and Ragan, pumped in 19 points, 16 coming from the field.

Hughes then took on Woodward and were beaten 68 to 61. Woodward jumped out to a quick lead and was never seriously challenged by Hughes. In the late minutes the Big Reds whittled it to a three-point deficit but Woodward

Top: Fischer waits for possible rebound as Ward shoots. **Middle:** Arms fly as Caton and Standley rebound against Withrow. **Bottom:** One more point for Ward.