

League Leadership Dashed

dropped in the last four points. Standley had 25, Ragan and Ward, 6, Williams, 8, and Beyer, 5.

The next week Hughes faced Western Hills, who had their hands full with the Big Reds. Hughes, leading by one at the half, could not outscore West Hi in the second half as the Mustangs eked out a 62-58 win. Standley led with 24 points, with Caton and Ward each adding 11.

Three days later Hughes met Withrow at the Gardens and the lopsided score of 73-57 belies the action in the game. At the half the Tigers led by only six, and at the end of the third quarter, the score was tied. Despite Standley's 27 points, Ward's 10, and Williams' and Bunton's six, Hughes could not stop Withrow's drive into the stretch.

Central, back strong as ever with Larry Elsaesser and company, stopped Hughes cold, 80-62. Hughes jumped into a quick lead in the first quarter but the balanced attack of the Knights told the tale as they steadily pulled away. Standley led Hughes with 21 while Ward added 12.

In a non-league game, Hughes faced St. Xavier but lost 77-66. Each team hit on the same number of field goals, but the Bombers outscored the Big Reds on free throws. Standley poured in 21 points while Ward added 15 and Williams 10. Caton added 6, Fischer and Bunton 5 apiece and Beyer and Ragan 2 apiece.

Hughes once again squeaked past Walnut Hills 67-65. Battling on even terms most of the way, Hughes was just one field goal better. Coach Grimes emptied his bench as Standley got 29; Williams, 11; Ward, 8; Simpson, 5; Fischer, 3; Caton and Rhoden, 2.

Hughes, again playing Taft at Taft, lost by the close score of 65-60. Before a slim crowd of Huzites, Taft put on a full-court press in the third quarter to shake the Big Reds up. The Senators scored 12 more points then, which told the story. Standley led with 19, and Williams contributed 17 and Ward 11.

Playing Woodward for the last time this year, the Big Reds almost upset the Bulldogs. When Neumann left the game at the half, Hughes fans foresaw a certain victory. However, a determined Woodward team beat Hughes 80-75. Standley led with 30 points, Williams added 23 more and Ward 13.

In the last league game Hughes faced high-ranking Western Hills. Battling on even terms most of the way, Western rallied to win 73-70. After starting poorly, West Hi caught up and it was nip and tuck all the way with the game being decided in the final minutes. Again, Standley led with 28 points and Williams followed with 20, Ward with 11, Caton with 6, and Fischer with 5.

In the tournament at the Xavier Fieldhouse, a fired-up Hughes team almost nipped second-seeded Purcell but fell one point short as the Cavaliers won 68-67. Hughes, behind once by twenty points, fought back but could not win. Williams burned in 22 points and Standley added 17.

The end of the 1959-1960 basketball season terminates a twenty-five-year era of basketball under Coach Howard Grimes. The "Sparkling Sixties" joins the faculty and student body in congratulating Coach Grimes for his many victories and fine achievements through the years. Best wishes for many more winning seasons!

Top: Ron Ward drives past three Mustangs and scores. **Middle:** Fischer, a Senator, and Ward leap for an elusive ball. **Bottom:** Bobby Williams scores on a driving lay-up against Western.

