



# Hoopmen Find Difficulty

The Hughes basketball team finished the season with a record of three wins and fifteen losses. Though hampered by a frequently penetrated defense, Hughes' offense was one of the more powerful in the city. Despite the record, the Big Reds lived up to the Hughes tradition of true sportsmanship.

In the first encounter, Monroe led most of the way, and a fourth-quarter Hughes rally fell seven points short, 65-58.

The second game pitted Hughes against Roger Bacon. Hughes was behind 39-33 at the half, and an inspired team effort proved too much for the Big Reds. Hughes lost, 82-71.

## Team Starts Poorly

Anderson provided the competition in the third game. Hughes started slowly, and a second quarter spurt still left them behind at half. In the second half, Anderson played excellent control ball, and won handily, 72-60. Standley dumped in 23 points, and Caton added 18.

Hughes' first league game matched them against a powerful Withrow team. Playing inspired ball and employing a sticky defense, the Big Reds tied the Tigers at the end of regulation time. In the overtime, Withrow outscored Hughes by two points and won, 70-68, in a thriller. Standley led the team with 28.

The next game, at Central, found the Knights baffling Hughes with their defense and holding a commanding lead throughout the contest. Ragan's 11 points, Caton's 13, and Standley's 23 were not enough as Hughes bowed, 84-62.

## Big Reds Win Two

The Big Reds invaded Springfield North to capture its first win of the season. Balanced scoring assured Hughes of the win: Caton had 10, Mineard 16, Standley 12, and Allen 16. The Big Reds won easily, 66-56.

Behind a 29-point performance by Bob Standley, Hughes whipped Walnut Hills, 68-52. The outcome was never in doubt as the Big Reds made it two straight victories over the hapless Eagles.

The Senators of Taft opposed Hughes next, at Taft. The Senators, though never ahead by much, led at half, 26-24. Standley's 22 points and Ragan's 11 points enabled Hughes to keep close in the second half, but the Big Reds couldn't close the gap as Taft won, 62-58.

A tenacious zone defense sprung by Woodward threw the Big Reds off balance in the next game. Though the first half ended with Hughes only three points down, the Bulldogs won going away, 65-51, as Bunton collected 18 and Standley added 11.

Top—Bunton's controlling tip once more gets Hughes off to a good start.

Middle—Mineard screens as Dave Ragan deftly drives around a Taft defender.

Bottom—Chalk up two for Hughes, as Tom Caton's shot heads for the hoop.

