



Kneeling, Left to Right: Assistant Coach, Mr. Lester Monk; Head Coach, Mr. Frank Rolfes; Robert Walls, Manager. Standing: R. Harris, W. Reece, A. Slaughter, J. Battle, G. Starks, R. Pepples, R. Quick, M. Springer, J. Smith, P. Bunton, J. Gum, R. Smith.

## Bad Luck Plagues Cagers During '62-'63 Season

The 1963 Hughes varsity basketball team finished the season with an over-all 3-16 record. Coach Frank Rolfes hopes for a better season next year, with many sophomores and juniors returning.

The season opener saw Lemon-Monroe handily defeat Hughes, 72-43. Western Hills won the second game as they trounced the Big Reds, 65-51. In a see-saw contest, Anderson eked out a 44-42 decision. The Woodward Bulldogs, despite Pepples' fourteen points, beat Hughes, 65-53.

Taylor High School invaded Hughes and walked off with a 59-36 win. The Big Reds lost their sixth straight, as Aiken won in the last second, 46-45. The highly-touted Taft Senators snagged an easy 63-27 victory in the fourth league game.

Hughes turned the tables on Aiken and decisoned them 49-48, the first Big Red win, as Bill Reece scored twenty-two points. The Central Knights galloped past a cold-shooting Hughes team to a 69-25 victory. Powerful Withrow continued its assault with a convincing 73-47 win. Bill Reece connected for a season's high twenty-five points, while John Smith con-

tributed eleven. Walnut Hills then ran the Hughes league record to 1-7 with a 68-51 decision over the Big Reds.

Despite Bob Harris' and Bob Quick's torrid shooting, Hughes lost to speedy Taft 61-48. Central then trounced Hughes 69-38 for its second win over the Big Reds this season. Hughes lost again to Withrow in the next tilt, 50-32.

Bob Harris and Bob Smith contributed eighteen points apiece, as Hughes rode to an easy 64-55 decision over the Western Hills Mustangs. Walnut Hills broke loose in the second half to defeat Hughes, 62-39. As Woodward edged the Big Reds, 52-48, in the last league game, Hughes finished the regular season with a 2-11 record.

In the district tournament, the Big Reds picked up momentum. A fired-up Hughes squad completely dominated Woodward, with four Big Reds breaking into double figures. They handily defeated a hapless Woodward quintet, 75-63. Second-seeded Withrow ended the Big Red hopes with a 60-48 victory, despite a second-half surge and Harris' twenty-one points.