



Sitting: Eugene Phillips, Manager; George Wilder, Bob Wescoe, Marvin Brown, Tom Schneider, Tom Schnell, Lon Turner, Jerry Tepe. **Standing:** Coach Dan Strahler, Bruce Hamlin, Greg Bereskin, John Duvall, Charles Taylor, Duncan Campbell, Terry Drahman, James Spencer, Bill Hoover, Roger Horsley.

Young Mermen Splash Hard

Junior merman Greg Bereskin splashed hard in the 400-yard medley as he picked up points in the district meet at Central.



In Coach Dan Strahler's first year, the Hughes Big Red mermen fared better than expected. Despite the fact that only one letterman returned, the Big Reds displayed fine ability considering their lack of experience. Their form and speed improved as the season progressed.

In the first meet of the season, the Invitational Relays at Central, the Big Reds failed to pick up a point. In the first dual meet of the season, St. Bernard edged out the Hughes mermen, 49-36. The next meet saw Covington Catholic, a strong Kentucky team, trouncing Hughes 61-16.

In the fourth meet a surprisingly strong Hughes team gave the Taft Senators a 54-30 setback. The Elder Panthers then splashed by the Big Reds, 56-30.

The first Public High School League quadrangular meet saw Western Hills defeat Hughes and two other league opponents by accumulating 113½ points. The second quadrangular meet was won by the Central swimmers, who overpowered Withrow, Hughes, and Taft. The three city meets saw Western Hills clinch the league championship by edging Walnut Hills, with Hughes far behind.

In individual scoring, junior Greg Bereskin, who swam the 400-yard freestyle, led the Big Reds with 38 season points. Horsley, Drahman, Tepe, and Spencer rounded out the top five scorers.