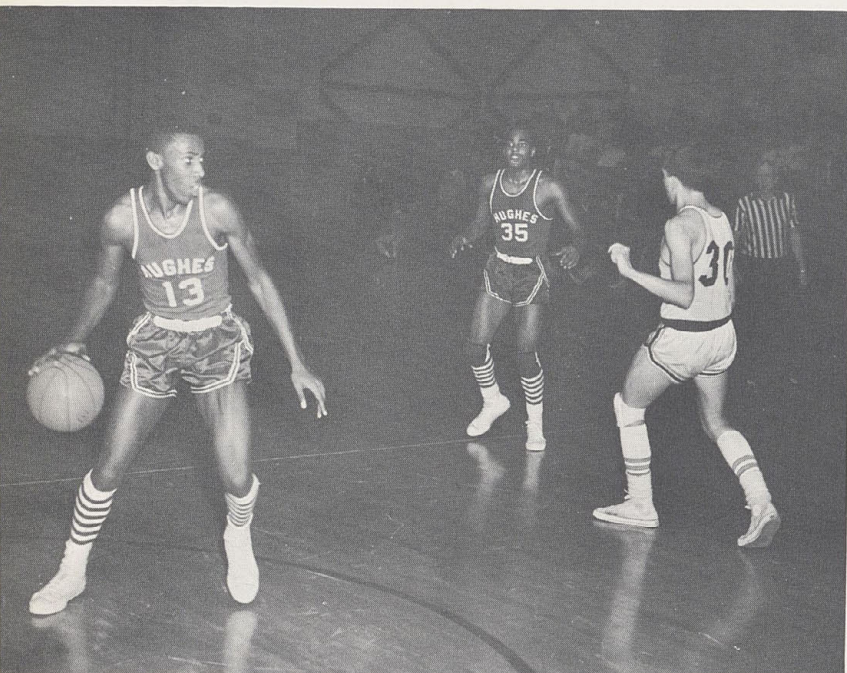


**Bottom Row:** J. Franklin, A. Slaughter, B. Quick, Coach Rolfes, B. Smith, A. Wills. **Top Row:** Manager G. Wells, J. Battle, J. Jones, J. Smith, G. Starks, F. Bunton, R. Ross.

## *Big Reds Go "Forward '64" to Finals of Tournament*

Wills (No. 13) casts a suspicious glance, as he initiates a basket-making play against Western Hills. The Big Reds defeated the Maroons twice this season, by scores of 76-61 and 64-60.



The 1963-64 basketball season proved to be one that will be long remembered at Hughes because the mighty Big Reds, under Coach Rolfes, reached the District Finals. The team got off to a slow start but as the season progressed, so did the team. The Big Reds moved from an early sixth-place position into a second-place tie with Central. They beat everyone in the Public High School League at least once, except Withrow. The team established a new Hughes record by scoring 102 points against Taft on February 4.

As the spirit and unity within the team increased, so did the spirit of the student body. When the Big Reds Varsity, filled with individual talent, started playing as a team, the hoopsters improved in all phases of play. Also, they gained the enthusiastic support of the whole school. By the end of the season the Big Reds were going strong. They swept right through the tournament to the District Finals. In advancing to the finals, the Big Reds defeated Bethel-Tate, St. Xavier, Milford, and McNicholas. The Big Reds finally lost to Withrow in the District championship game.