



Halfback Don Hardy runs the fake reverse against the Senators with Darryl Allen and Charles Schine blocking.

Marvin Saylor (30) bootlegs the ball for extra yardage as Central Knights pursue. Final score: Central 12, Hughes 7.



Hughes gridders gave a good account of themselves this year despite the sixth-place finish. The Big Reds met most formidable foes, one-third of which ranked no lower than sixth in the state. Although the won-lost record stood 2-7 for the season, victories against Western Hills and Taft provided exciting entertainment for Hughes fans. The Big Red ball-carriers scored a total of 78 points but were shut out in three contests.

Senior Don Hardy performed well at quarterback and provided most of the touchdown runs.

Head Football Coach Howard Thomas, one of the more colorful mentors in the Public High School League, is always interesting to watch at a game—up and down from the bench and greeting players coming from the field. A bit more color from the Hughes stands this year could have pushed over a few more touchdowns for the Big Reds.

The Hughes athletes played hard in '61, and hopes are high for developing a champion eleven next year.

## Hard-Driving Big Red Gridders Have Disappointing Season