



*Kneeling:* Jim Gum, William Reece, Darryl Allen, Marvin Saylor, Danny Bartholomew. *Standing:* John Lewis Smith, John Adkins, Tom Mineard, Roger Pepples, Bill Heard, Coach Frank Rolfe.

## Cagers Gain Win Over Mariemont in Tournament

The Hughes basketball team advanced to the second round of tournament play by defeating Mariemont 47 to 38 in the opener. Central's Knights eliminated the Big Reds, however, by the score of 52-34 to end the 1961-62 campaign.

The season opened for Coach Rolfe's boys with an exciting victory against Monroe 60-55. The Big Reds built an 11-point lead in the fourth quarter, and withstood a late Monroe rally to win. In another non-league tilt, Hughes whipped Anderson 58-41.

Taft displayed a strong offense in defeating the Big Reds 73-53; Taylor won a low-scoring game 38-34, sinking four more free throws than the Big Reds. Roger Bacon, Hughes' arch-rival, won the next contest 64-49, handing the Big Reds their third straight loss. In the next basketball conflict, Allen grabbed 19 rebounds and tallied 17 points in a losing cause as St. Xavier won 57-46. Central marched over the Big Reds 58-47. Springfield North hit 17 of 19 from the free-throw line, handing the Big Reds a 69-57 loss, Tom Mineard hit for 26 points, his varsity high. Running its losing streak to seven games, Hughes bowed to Withrow 71-50.

In gaining its third win, Hughes tamed the Western Hills Mustangs, 59-47.

After leading by two points at halftime, the Big Reds lost to Walnut Hills 68-46.

Allen and Mineard pumped in 33 points to pace Hughes to their fourth win as Woodward went down to defeat 43-40 in an exciting game of strategy.

Taft and Central both smothered Hughes, sending the Big Reds' record to 4 wins, 10 losses. It was Taft 74, Hughes 48 and Central 60, Hughes 46. Withrow ran its league record to 9-1 by defeating the Hughes hoopsters 62-45. The Big Reds lost a squeaker to Western Hills 56-53 as Hughes' Darryl Allen scored his season's high of 26 points.

Victory number five came at the hands of Walnut Hills' Eagles. Hughes won 54-52.

The most exciting contest of the season was the finale, against Woodward. After trailing by ten at halftime, the Big Reds dumped in 23 points, to lead by five at the end of three quarters. It was a fight down to the wire, but Woodward came out the victor 60-59.