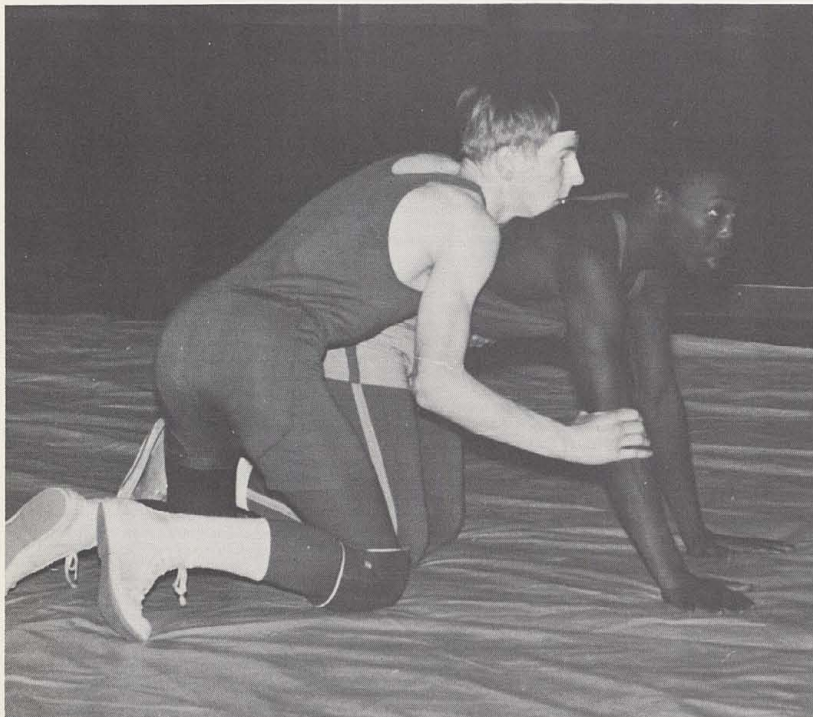


# Big Red Wrestlers Win Championship Second Straight Year



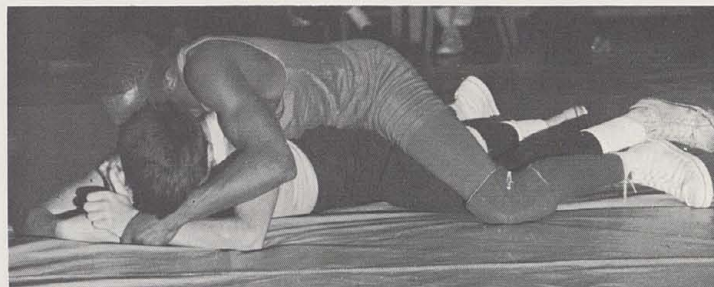
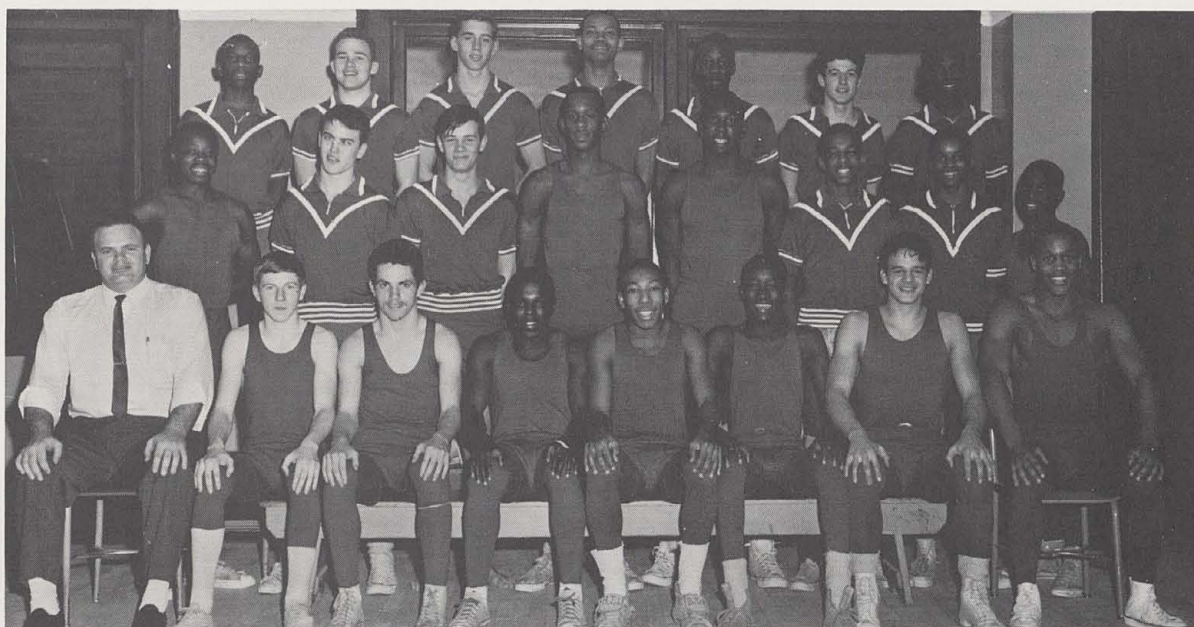
J. Smith, second-place 120-pounder in District, takes firm hold on Senator.

For the second consecutive year in Public High School League competition, the able leadership of Coach Ed Morris has taken the Hughes wrestling team to the P.H.S.L. championship. In fourteen games, the Big Red grapplers accumulated a total of twelve wins, one tie, and one loss, to retain the championship title. The wrestlers scored the highest number of points ever for a Cincinnati Public High School team and placed sixth in district competition, ranking highest of all P.H.S.L. teams.

The Big Reds never faltered, as they downed a long line of opponents, with Woodward and Aiken losing twice to powerful Hughes. Victories followed over Western Hills, Oak Hills, Sycamore, Middleton, St. Xavier and Mariemont. Taft, a major threat, split a game with the Big Reds, but lost the last league game to Hughes, 26 to 19.

Outstanding matmen for the champion Big Reds were Ray Turnbow with eight pins and thirty-five points, Jerry Smith with three pins and thirty-three points, Phil Bennie, who ranked third in his weight class at the district tournament, and Joe Craynon, who impressively led the league with fourteen pins in fourteen matches.

**Bottom Row:** Coach Morris, J. Smith, T. Pierson, E. Smith, J. Erkins, G. Gaines, J. Craynon, P. Bennie. **Second Row:** W. Frazier, R. Campbell, W. Goetz, E. Jefferson, R. Frazier, W. Thrash, J. Lunsford, R. Turnbow. **Top Row:** G. Johnson, K. Cordes, R. Leigh, G. Plair, G. Taul, D. Ferrell, C. Hall.



Unsuccessful Mustang takes closer look at mat!

Coach Morris gives pointers to P. Bennie, 154-pound third-placer in District, and J. Craynon, 165-pound second-placer.