



Many moods of Coach Dan Lynch reflect . . .

hoopsters' season of ups and downs

THE pre-season crystal-balling of local basketball teams was at its height in the city newspapers, and here at St. Francis the word was out. It could be a big year. No height, but plenty of speed . . . no height but good defense . . . no height but some real sharpshooting.

On the first Friday night in December, the Terriers unveiled their 1961-1962 edition against a highly touted Hunter College. They captured their season opener 58-51 with Jim Raftery and Ray Nash heading the attack. On December 6th, coach Dan Lynch made use of Molloy High's gym in Jamaica and greeted a visiting contingent from Pace. The Terriers left their hospitality at the door, and proceeded to run over the visitors to the tune of 93-51. John Jasiel and Dave Lopez led the team in scoring with 19 and 17 points respectively.

Two days later, disaster struck when St. Francis journeyed to Connecticut where they suffered their initial defeat at the hands of Bridgeport U., 87-78. In a losing effort John Jasiel hit the season high of 35 points for the Terriers. The plans for a bus ride to Providence the following night fell through and when the Terriers engaged the champs of last year's N.I.T., a similar fall through took place. Jim Hadnot and John Thompson led the powerful Friars to a 75-51 win.

Taking advantage of a week-long lay-off, the hoopsters from Butler Street regained their composure and battled back into the winner's circle against Loyola of Baltimore. Jim Raftery's 27 points

was high in the 75-64 Terrier win. Unfortunately a nationally ranked Villanova team was 'waiting in the wings' on the following night. The game was a repetition of the previous Saturday's assault by Providence as the Wildcat's lashed out at the then even record of the Terriers, 79-51.

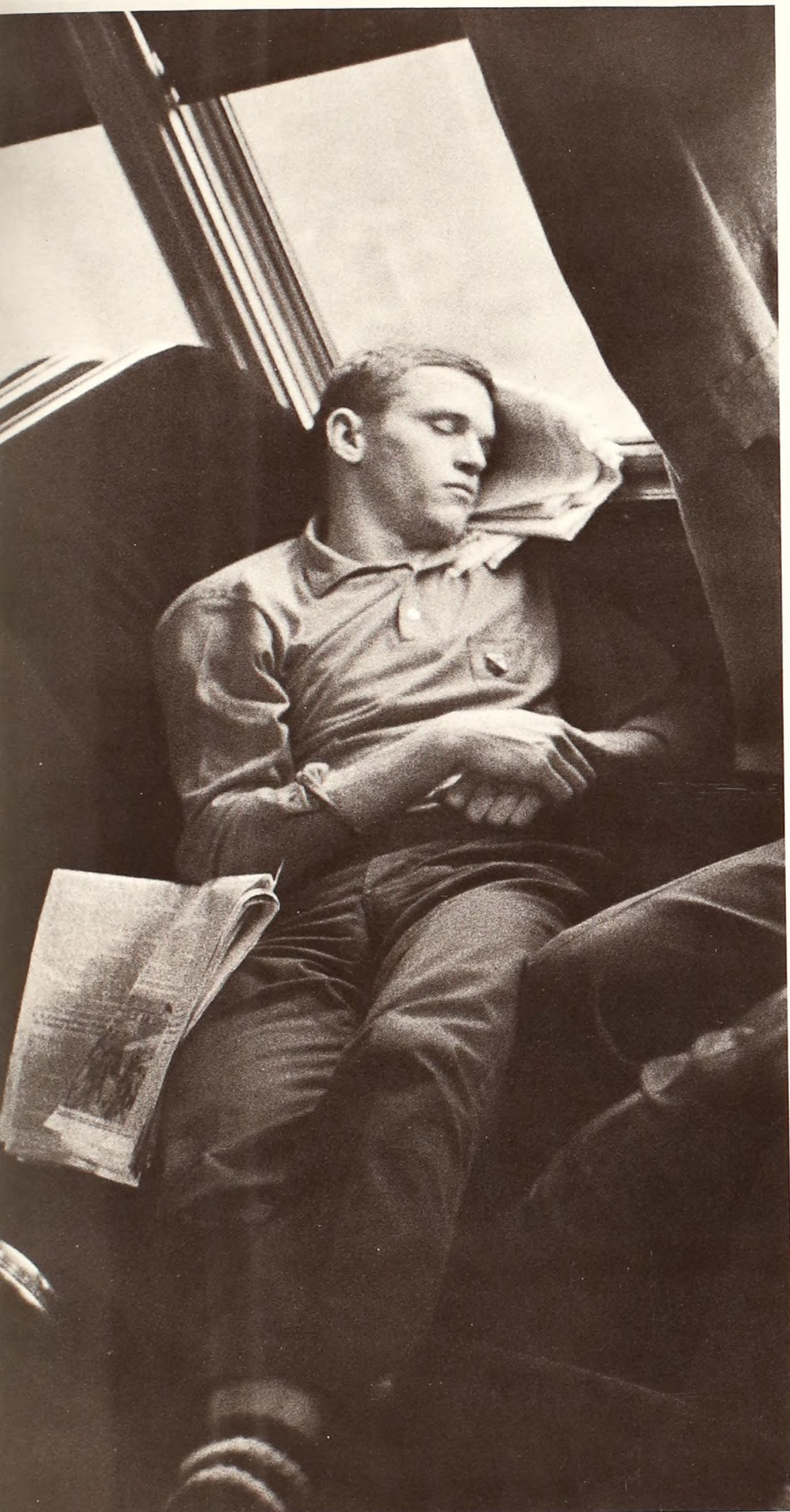
Thus continued the season into the heart of January. At this time an alternation of wins and losses found them still at the .500 mark. In an almost mechanical sequence, the seesaw statistics during this stretch of the season record in order: a win over Queens, a loss to Fairfield, a win over Siena, a loss to Manhattan, a win over Brooklyn, a loss to St. John's, a win over Kings, a loss to Niagara.

Finally, came the last nine games. In sum, they were disastrous. Aside from a 61-60 victory over City College, the Terriers were floored by Duquense, Le Moyne, Holy Cross, Siena, St. Peter's, NYU, Seton Hall and Iona.

The final record for Saint Francis read 8 wins and 15 losses. Reasons? Too tough a schedule, lack of height, lack of bench, inadequate practice facilities, etc., etc., etc. . . .

In all though, the typical Terrier bright spots were not lost in the schedule. Never-say-die Ray Nash gave his all in every game; John Jasiel and Jim Raftery shot well all season; and Varsity Captain Dave Lopez, who was taken out of his previous three years role as a shooter and made strictly a rebounder, played an important part in all games against the "monster teams."

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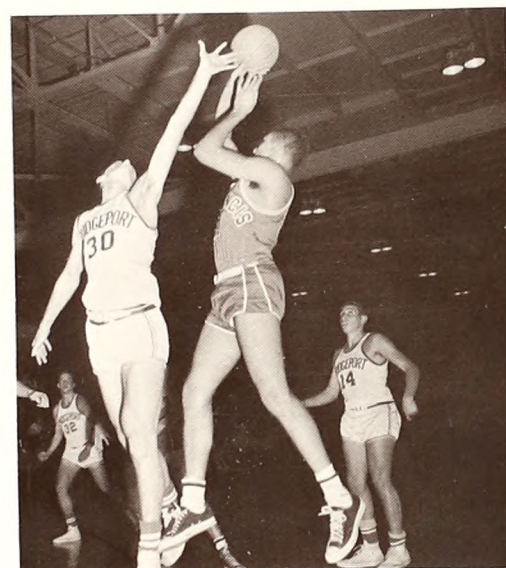


ABOARD THE TRAIN, Jim Raftery sleeps en route for the weekend saunter to Bridgeport and Providence.

Tape up at Pennsylvania . . .



Action at Bridgeport . . .



Night's end at Fairfield.

