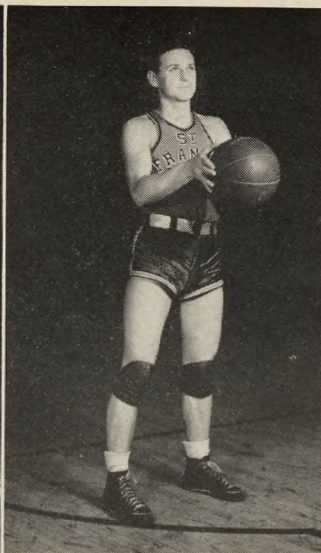
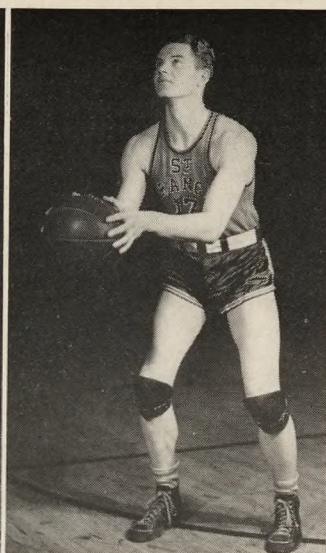


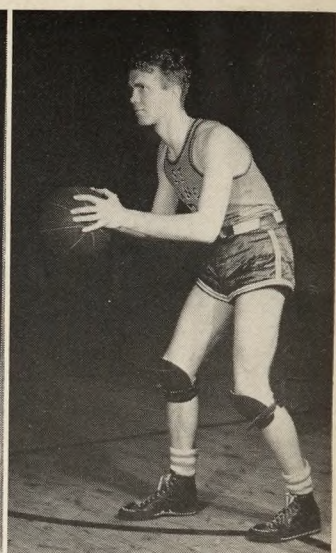
Joe Dzienkiewicz



Frank Hrbek



Jim Naughton



Jerry O'Neill

Quite a Crowd



most of the scoring while Lenowicz and Cordts contributed mightily to the pass and defense department.

Returning home, the elated Terriers eagerly awaited the clash with L.I.U. on the following Saturday. Displaying a "do or die" spirit, the gallant Terriers held the lead for 31 minutes of a bitterly fought game; then the taller and heavier Blackbirds forged ahead in the final five minutes to win, 44-34. But if L.I.U. had not made 18 foul shots — oh, well, that's another story. But let's call it a tough game.

The Terriers suddenly seemed to hit a snag and showed signs of cracking. For in the next two home games the visitors took advantage of the Franciscan slump to tack two defeats on the Terriers' backs. La Salle College from Philly was the first to catch the Terriers. The Quaker quintet slapped a 28-26 defeat on the Butler St. aggregation due to a first-half attack which gave them a lead of 17-6. Seton Hall from Jersey inflicted the third defeat in a row on the Cooneymen with a 44-33 victory. Sadowski, giant center of the Pirates, proved the Terriers' undoing by personally accounting for 15 points.

The Terriers suddenly snapped out of their doldrums to "take it out" on Lincoln University, a leading colored college from Pennsylvania. The Red and Blue Friars scored almost at will to win, 44-23. Danny Lynch rang the gong for 17 points to lead the Terriers in the scoring column.

It seemed as if the Lincoln victory awakened the slumbering Terriers for both Newark University and Hudson College were swallowed in the Terriers' yawn. Newark made a battle of it for the first half but the spirited Pups came under the wire with a 48-38 conquest. In the Hudson tilt, the Terriers played sporadically, but rallied in the final minutes for 46-40 decision.

When Villanova steamrolled into town on the following Wednesday, it looked bad for the "mighty mites." The Wildcats' record read: 20 victories, 2 defeats. But the Terriers, rising to magnificent heights, sank their teeth in the Wildcats to scamper off with a well-deserved 43-37 victory. Capt. Cordts

played his usual fine defensive game, while Lenowicz, Lynch, "Dinky," and Naughton took excellent charge of the offensive tactics.

Perhaps overconfidence or some strange magic overtook the high-flying Terriers — for two nights later in the Garden, the Franciscans showed a complete reversal of form to allow Brooklyn College to nose out a 37-36 overtime victory. Erratic passing, bad shooting, lack of defense, and anything else you can think of, allowed the Kingsmen to tie up the game in the final minute, with Brooklyn going on to win in the extra period.

Though still bewildered, the Pups went about sinking a hapless Polytech quintet to the tune of 58-37. Thus with a record of 14 victories and seven defeats, the Cooneymen tersely awaited the St. John's tussle. But on the night of the game the Garden "jinx" failed to lift and the Terriers succumbed, 29-20. But the score doesn't tell the whole story, for the Franciscans fought grimly to lead at half-time, 15-9, and it was only when the taller and heavier Redmen began to bat in follow-ups, that the Terriers fell behind.

Two nights later the Terriers brought their season to a close with a 29-24 victory over a powerful Rider College quintet from Trenton, New Jersey. Though behind at the half, 17-14, the Franciscans spurted in the second period for the victory.

Thus the season closed with fifteen victories in twenty-three starts, and with a word of praise for the four seniors who leave us and to those who remain to carry on, we bid adieu to one of the scrappiest, best-coached, and spirited teams in Franciscan history.



JERRY O'NEILL.

Dangerous Interlude

Gene McConnell

Ernie Vohs

Bill Willis

"Doc" Gallagher

