



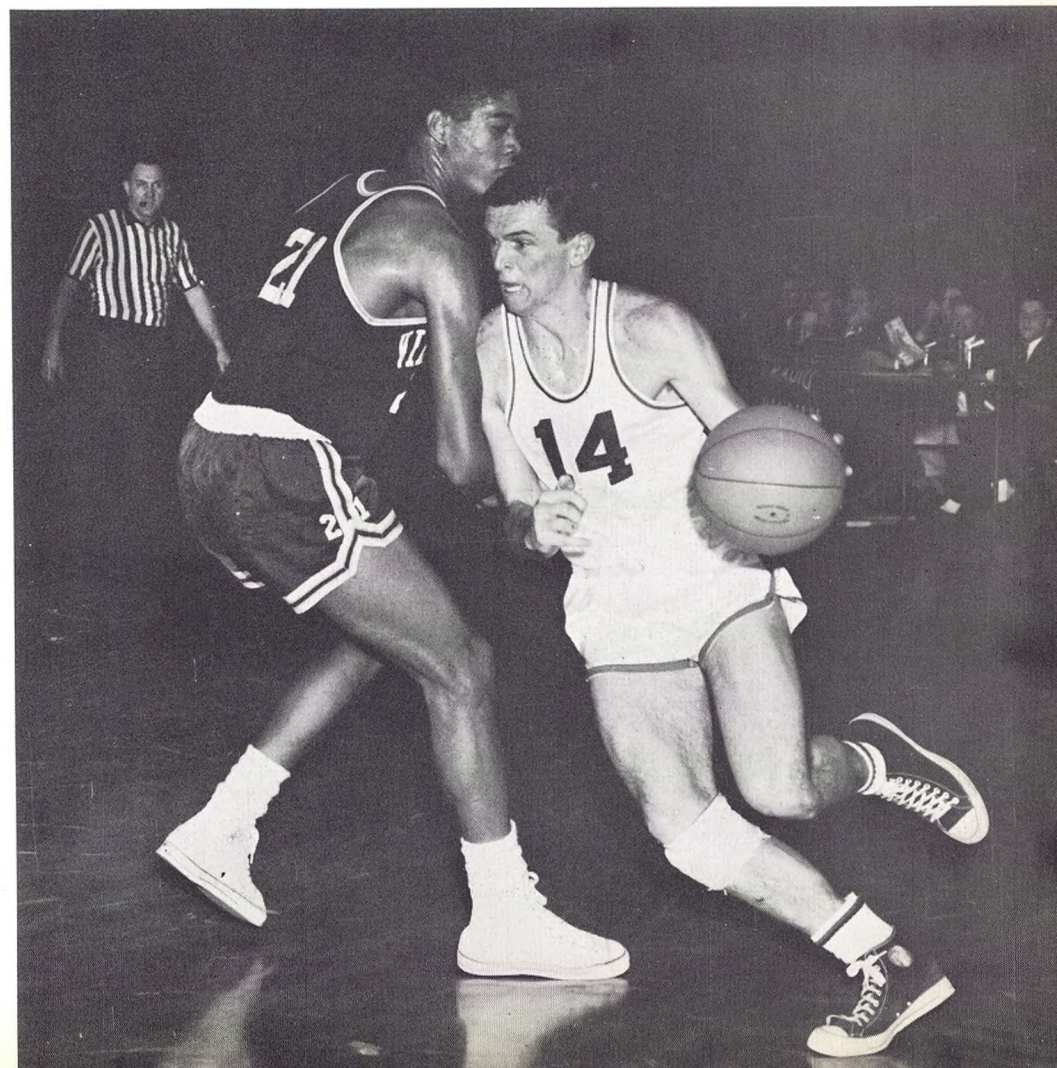
"Alleluia!" Rische and Steinman pray with Redmen for rebound.

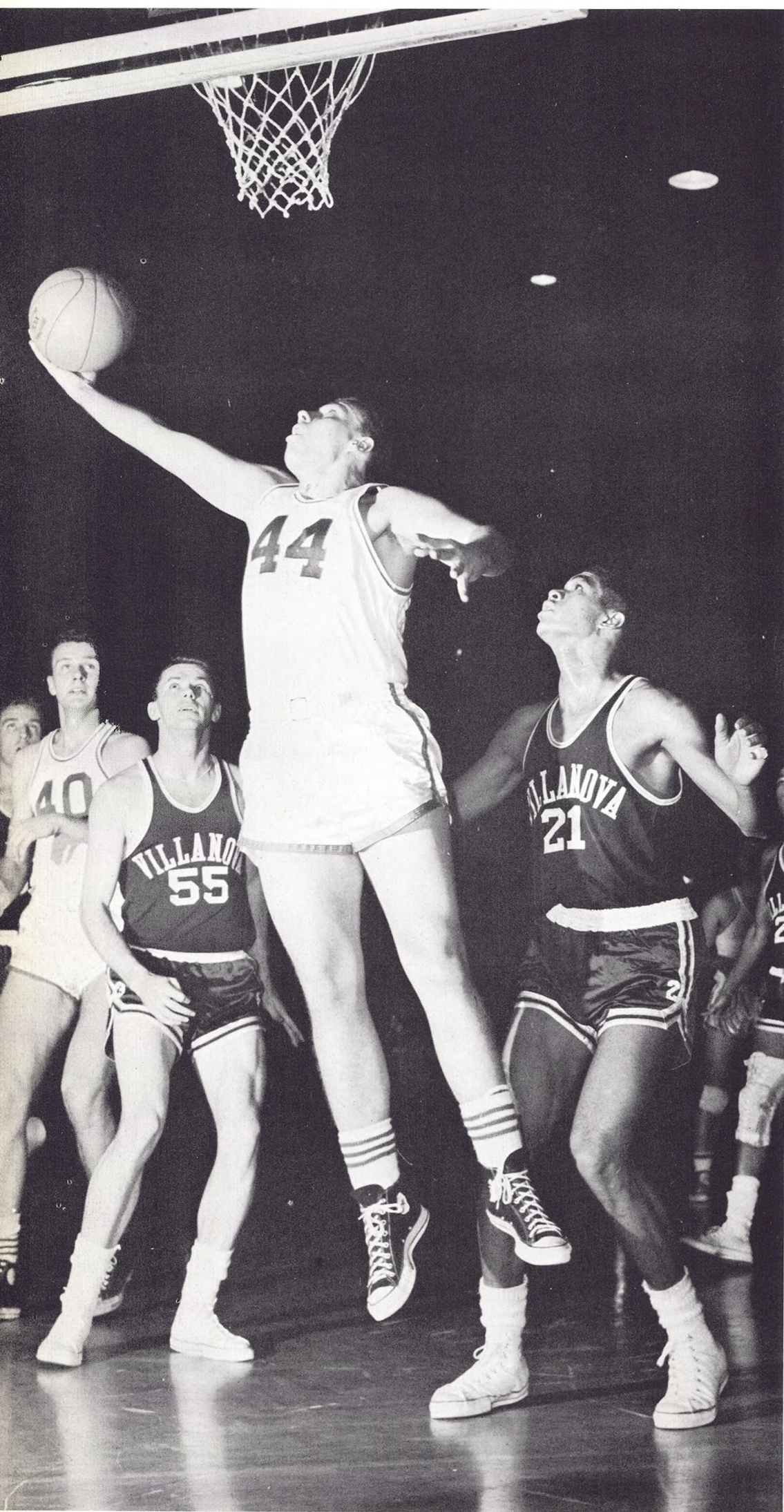
the team was rated tops in the nation on defense. The driving, kinetic excitement of their play as they rolled over Bridgeport University 81-67 infected everyone. We began to say *we*; *we* beat them; *we* will beat them; *we* did beat them. We were alive with their spark and spirit and force as they tackled the classy Providence Friars. But despite the equally classy defensive play of Nash and Alexander, and the .722 offensive accuracy from the line, the 1960-61 N.I.T. Champions topped us, 68-67. An introduction to the bitterness of one-point defeat.

Christmas recess buoyed our spirit and the resumption of play produced victories over inept Adelphi and stamina-less Siena squads. Raftery rode steadily toward the thousand-point mark with contributions of 27 and 18 point respectively.

The Student Council bought a Terrier to serve as mascot, while a nationally prominent Villanova team came to the Armory. The tight Terrier defense, and Alexander's superb guarding of Wildcat star Wally Jones in particular, led to a tension filled 51-48 victory. We shook the roof as Eddie Lein sank a shot from near half court, enabling the Frankies to walk off at half-time with the lead. Shook the roof because now we

Jimbo outbulls Wildcat Wally Jones in 51-48 win by St. Francis.





Great feint leaves T. K. unchallenged for score under boards.

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knew that this was the year. The Year of the Terrier had arrived.

The next week, we swept over the teams of Pace College and Loyola College of Baltimore to 72-47 and 83-67 counterpoints with sharp-shooter Kurowski leading the attack, and found ourselves journeying to Hillcrest to meet our arch-rivals. An immensely tense and tight game culminated in a disastrous overtime struggle. The bitterness of a second one point loss, to an oft-beaten Redmen. The trip home through the drizzly rain, fields of mud and the depressing mist, to parties planned as victory celebrations. But there was a bright side. At midpoint in the season, the record stood at nine won and two lost. We had held the opposition to an average of only 54.6 points. We bounced back.

At Rose Hill the next week, the Fordham Rams seemed startled by the Terrier power. A shocked and highly partisan crowd saw the Frankies hold the "M&M" boys to a 17 point total, while scoring 59 points to the Rams' 46. Kotch scored 20 points, Kurowski 15, and Nash stole the show with a splashy game-ending be-

Lein looks for hole in St. John's defense. Redmen squeaked out one point win in exciting game.

Jasper yields right of way as Nash drives in 61-46 win for Terriers.

