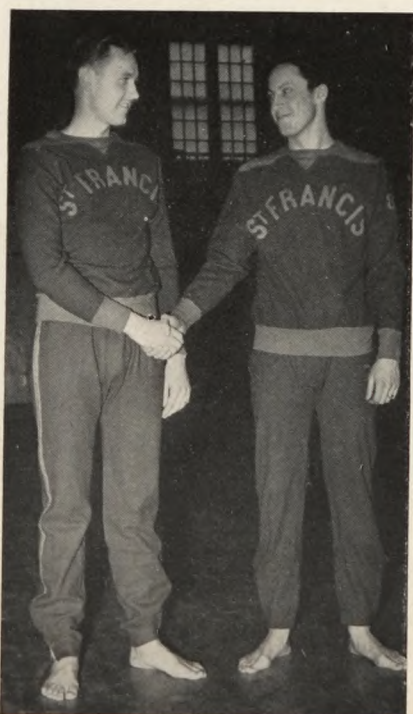




Coach Booras, Lynch, Diamond, Farrell and Ephraim, co-captains, Schaem, Crosby, Martin, Escales, Price, Mgr. Ziminski.

Swimming Team 1937-38

Co-captains Farrell and Ephraim



"COMING events cast their shadows before." At least that is what Coach Tom Booras and his St Francis College mermen contend; and one glance at their 1937-38 record can account for their belief in this ancient maxim. Last summer at Jones' Beach, Long Island, the major collegiate powers of the East blushed in embarrassment as their strong, well-stocked squads were relegated to the background by the sensational showing of a small band of St. Francis College swimmers, who upset all forecasts in winning the Eastern Intercollegiate Outdoor Championship in the smooth waters off Zach's Bay. This "shadow" served as a warning to the other members of the Eastern Collegiate Swimming Association that the young Boorasmen were due to cause quite a stir in the coming indoor season. Some six months later, with the arrival of Spring and the close of indoor aquatic activities, the "coming events" had materialized into cold figures claiming the St. Francis tankmen to be the victors in six out of eight dual meets — the best record in the Metropolitan Area and a first division average in the Association.

The first test for the newly crowned champs in the Fall term was provided by the strong C.C.N.Y. Beavers at the

latter's pool. An early St. Francis lead, built up by victories in the 300 yard medley relay, the 220 yard free-style, and the fancy dive, was later equalled and surpassed by Beaver wins in the free-style events and the breaststroke. The Terriers drew up on even terms via John Lynch's triumph in the 150 yard backstroke, and finally won the meet 40-35 by copping the 400 yard free-style relay, the last event on the program, with the squad of Escales, Price, Ephraim and E. Murphy. Encouraged by this victory, the Boorasmen opened their home season at the Columbus Club the following week with a brilliant 34-32 win over Villanova, the second over the Pennsylvanians in two years. The disqualification of Charles Schaem for an illegal turn in the 200 yard breaststroke prevented a more decisive win.

A severe case of overconfidence proved the downfall of the Terriers in their next home meet with the Rider College mermen. The Boorasmen gained but three first places in this meet — the two relay squads were victorious and John Lynch nosed out Bud Fenger of the visitors to cop honors in the backstroke event. The 35-40 loss to the Trenton invaders was the first defeat of the campaign for the Terriers. A sadder, but much wiser Terrier squad traveled to the Park Central Pool the following Friday afternoon to take the measure of the N.Y.U. Violets 39-36, and check in with the third victory of the season. The meet was hotly contested throughout and was only decided when the 400 yard freestyle relay quartet of Schaem, Crosby, Ephraim and Farrell touched home first in the final event. Individual honors for the victory went to George Price, in the fancy dive, Charles Schaem in the breast stroke, and John Lynch in the back stroke. The 300 yard medley relay trio of Lynch, Schaem and Farrell kept their undefeated record intact in this meet.



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