Terrier Nine Preps For The Spring Season

A soon-to-be dampened optimism characterized the spirit of a promising Terrier squad at the September opening of the baseball season. Coach Pete Fazio's team trained in earnest for an active Fall season which would be highlighted by participation in both the Iona and Knickerbocker Tournaments. But the usually crisp New York autumn turned into a messy, miserable season of Monsoons.

The optimism grew with the early indications of value and quality displayed by Sophomore pitchers Bill Ryan and Ed Cremin both of whom were named to all-city honors while in high school. In addition, Ray Nash, captain of the Varsity, appeared on a continued hot-streak, having batted .450 last season. Senior Pete Callahan, a three year veteran who batted .420 last year, returned to the lineup after an illness in the Fall. Other starters included at first base, Patrick Gilberto; shortstop, Sam Ramirez; third base, Al Gennarelli; catcher, Paul Buckley; outfielders, Kevin Donohue and Dom Quartuccio. Providing the second line of defense were pitchers, Rich Martin and Ron Ansman; and utility men, John Lessard, Bob Costanzo and Senior Jim Healy.

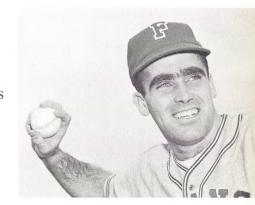
During the Fall the Terrier nine got off to a good start, defeating Pace, 6-2, in a scrimmage. An extra degree of emotion in the game rode on the fact that Pace coach Richie Dreyer, a recent St. Francis graduate, had played for S.F.C. with several members of the current team.

The Pace contest proved an uncertain omen of the short autumn. Soon thereafter, the sudden illness of standout veteran Pete Callahan came as a shock. A second scrimmage contest resulted in a 12-5 defeat at the hands of the L.I.U. squad. And then the rains came. When they finally ceased, both Tournaments had been cancelled, and uniforms were stashed in mothballs to await, hopefully, a showerless April.



ED CREMIN Pitcher

AL COLLINS Third Base



KEVIN DONOHUE Catcher



BILL RYAN Pitcher



PETE CALLAHAN Shortstop



RAY NASH Second Base



