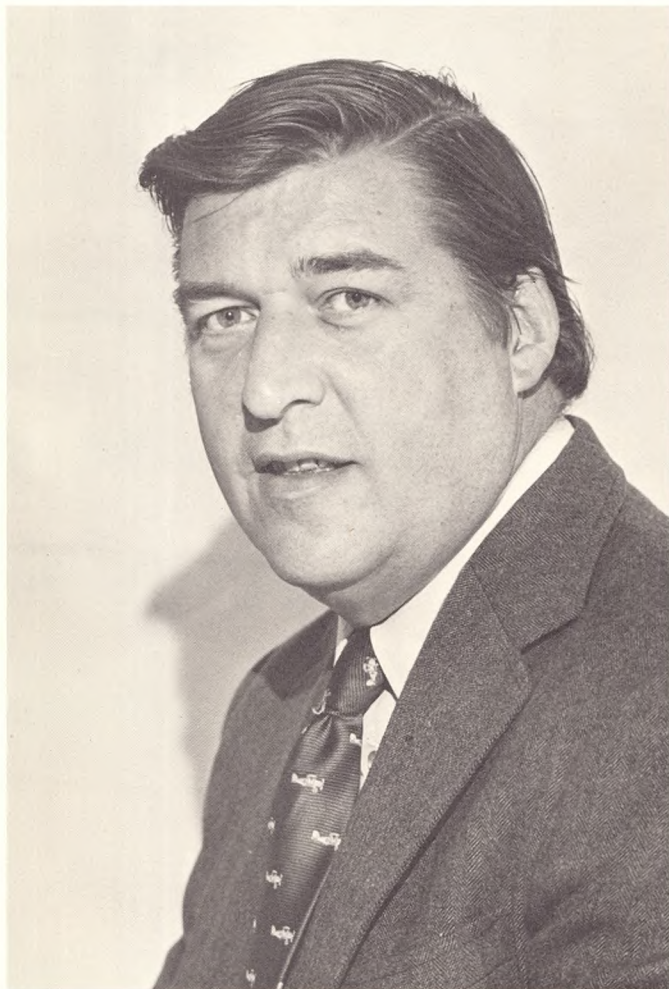


BASKETBALL



Coach Jack Prenderville

"They call us the No-Names," Dennis McDermott says of his team. And St. Francis College's 6-8 forward understands why. He's a typical case.

"I was a sub in high school," McDermott says. "When I came here I didn't even expect to play college ball."

No-Name Dennis led the team last year in scoring (24.1 points) and rebounding (8.2). He made the All-Met and second All-State teams. That's the way to become a Name.

Then there's Jerome Williams. Two years ago he was the no-name back-up center at New Utrecht High. Now he's the Terriers' 6-8, 200 pound center who, according to first-year coach Jack Prenderville, "is potentially the greatest player in New York City."

"He's a late comer," the coach says. "I don't care when he started; I'M just glad he did."

Ron is another reason. He's Ron Jones, one of the few Terriers who isn't a No-Name. A senior, he's a former All-City at Tilden, a 6-1 guard and a defensive specialist. He's the fastest human being Prenderville has ever seen.

"I love to play defense," Jones says. "I like to have to hold a guy who usually scores 20 or 25 points . . . really love to stop a guy like that. I believe defense is stronger than offense."

"We have no star," the coach says. "It's a team effort. We really have a starting eight. Jones and (6-2) Ed Hannafin are in the backcourt. Williams, McDermott and Jack McCue (6-5 Forward) are in front."

"They're the five starters," Prenderville says. "But Dennis Keating (6-5) can play for anyone up front and Mike Rivera (5-9) and Robert Trapp (6-5) can sub at guard."

"The important thing," the coach says, "is getting a club from six-and-18 to think it can win . . . and we've done that. It's all attitude. And the attitude here is a winning one. That's an accomplishment in itself."

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