





BASKETBALL Continued

of All-American Nick Werkman, 71-60. The next day's *Brooklyn Eagle* became a souvenir. "N.I.T. Bid to St. Francis." We had arrived. The Gaels of Iona, who had been vying with us for the bid, resorted to fisticuffs to win the last game of the season, but after the excitement, the score stood in the Terrier's favor, 63-59.

At Madison Square Garden on March 16th, the Terriers met Miami University in the first round of the N.I.T. Betting odds had St. Francis as 20 point underdogs. Instead, fans saw a knock-down drag-out thriller which ended with Miami on top 71-70. The Hurricanes successfully froze the ball for the last 1:40 seconds of play cancelling out the great swan song performance of Jim Raftery who closed his career with a 23 point splurge. Jim was lost to the team through fouls for the last four minutes of play, and the 17 and 15 points scored by Kurowski and Nash respectively just fell short of what was needed for the Terriers to stage one of the great N.I.T. upsets.

In sum, a very successful year saw the squad lose only seven games and four of these were by a margin of *one* point.

Ray Nash demonstrates the kind of defense that had St. Francis ranked fourth in the Nation in that department. Most games were close over the year. Against Villanova above, the Terriers won by three points, 51-48.



Front Row: Charlie Novak, Frank Pascuzzi, Jack O'Boyle, Ray Nash (Captain), Jim Rishe, Richie Alexander, Paul Buckley. Back Row: Charlie Giambalvo (Manager), Jim Raftery, Lou Boggiano, Rich Marquardt, Ted Kotch, Ed Lein, George Steinman, Tom Kurowski.