

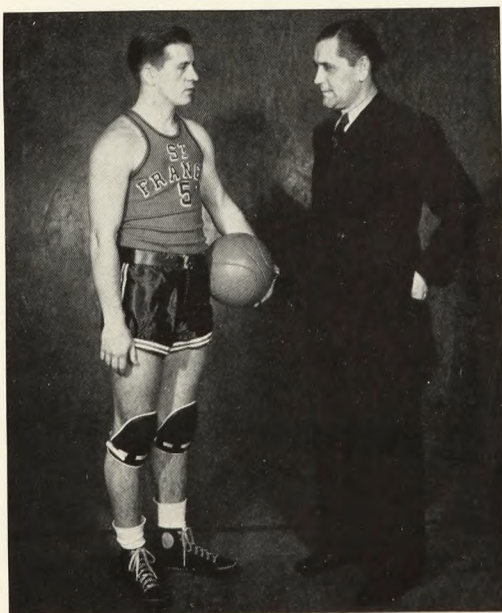
A year ago a thousand points would have enabled the Terriers to win every game of their 19 game schedule. This season a record shattering total of 1,006 markers barely managed to pull the Varsity over the .500 mark—with a final record of 10 wins and 9 losses. . . . Besides the four Garden defeats at the hands of Bradley Tech, Rhode Island State, N. Y. U. and Manhattan, St. Francis dropped games to City College, Geneva, Rider, St. Joseph's of Indiana and Brooklyn College. . . . The Geneva loss was an overtime heart-breaker and record-breaker. 140 points were scored in all, the final score reading 72-68. . . . The teams which felt the wrath of the Butler St. Squad were Blue Ridge, Brooklyn Pharmacy, Davis-Elkins, Alumni, Hudson, Siena, St. Peter's, Providence, Hofstra and St. John's.

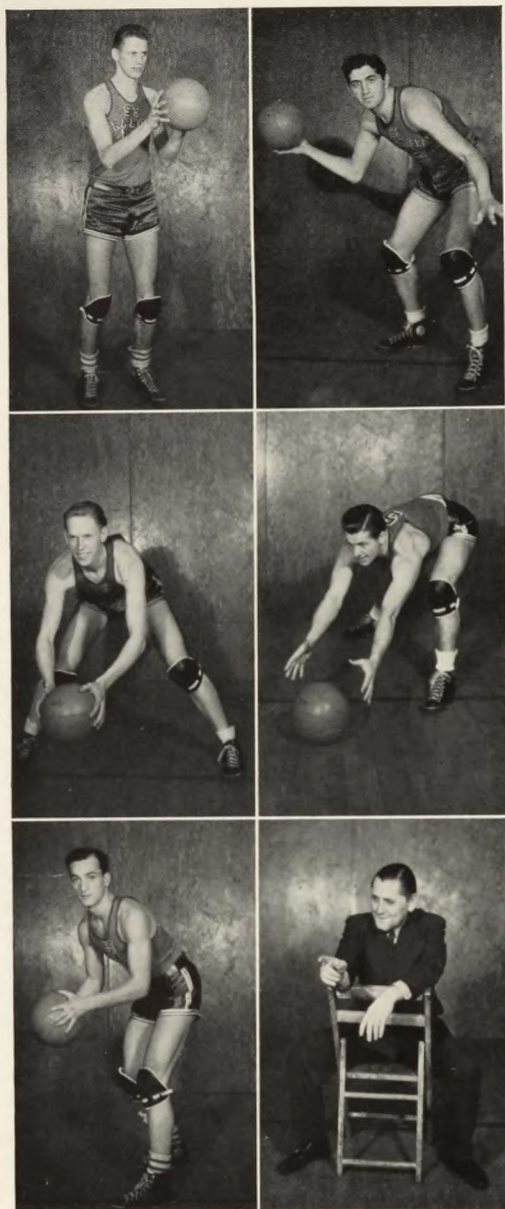
This season Coach Rody Cooney stole a march on his fellow-Metropolitan coaches and adopted the Notre Dame system of mass substitution. Instead of substituting one man for another, Rody would more frequently substitute one team for another. The system proved highly successful due to the fact that he had three separate teams, working as units, each team playing a different type of ball.

Two Seniors and three Juniors comprised the first team. . . . Captain Vinny Ptak saw action in every one of the 19 games, garnering 43 field goals and sinking 18 out of 24 foul shots for a total of 104 points. Vin was one of the best ball players ever to pull on a St. Francis uniform. Small and shifty, he made an ideal Captain—using his head as well as his feet. He set up the plays and was the



Coach Rody Cooney discussing the fine points of his new system of mass substitution with Captain Vinny Ptak.





Left to Right: Top Row: *Jerry Bussell*; *Carl Malfitano*; Middle Row: *Tony Braginetz*; *Vinny Ptak*; Bottom Row: *Jim Agoglia*; *Coach Rody Cooney*. Right: *First Team of Varsity Squad*.

“feeder” of the team, sacrificing his own high scoring chances for the good of the squad. Vinny made the Garden All-Metropolitan Team two years in a row. A Senior, he played his last game against St. John’s and then helped to kidnap Chief Blackjack. . . . Carl Malfitano is the other Senior on the first team. Coach Cooney considers Carl the best shot in the East and there is much documentary evidence to support his belief. In 19 games Carl scored 136 points in field goals and hung up a remarkable record of 17 out of 21 foul shots for an .810 average in that department. His total of 153 points netted him high-scoring honors. . . . Tony Braginetz, one of the Juniors, is an all-around ball player. He has a good set shot, a marvelous one-hand lay up shot and he fairly sparkles on the defense. Hampered earlier in the season by an injured ankle, Tony missed two games but still managed to compile a total of 145 points. He was the “bad-boy” of the club,

