



shoulders of the loyal followers. Morgan finally had to beg off, for his life seemed to be in danger from the enthusiastic blows that were being rained on him.

The only way that Jack finally was allowed to go free was by crossing the court to receive, with the team, the Edmund Buckley Memorial Trophy awarded to the winning team. This was the third game in a series of five played for the Buckley Trophy and the first win for the Terriers. The first team to win three games will retire the Trophy and we feel confident in saying that the Trophy will, two years from now, rest in our library permanently.

A second trophy was awarded that night, this one being the C.Y.O. Trophy. It is given to the player, who in the opinion of the sportswriters, was the outstanding man in the game. When the announcement was made that Dick McGuire was to be given the award, the majority of the onlookers were surprised, to put it mildly. The opinion of most of those present was that Emil Mele was the most valuable man in the court that evening. But the important thing, in the minds of the students and players of St. Francis, was the final score and the winning of the Buckley Trophy.

This win meant many things to the Red and Blue. First and most important, it was a victory over our arch rivals. Next in importance was the fact that we became the holders of the mythical championship of Brooklyn, having a 3-0 record against Boro schools. The final won and lost record of 17 and 9, which was sported by the Terriers, was good for a .654 percentage, not bad in any league.

The following evening, playing a charity, post-season game for the benefit of the N.F.C.C.S. drive for European Student Relief, the Terriers bowed to Manhattan College 54-50. The game was strictly of an anti-climatic nature, with the Terriers showing fatigue due to the hectic battle of the preceding night. Again lapsing into a scoreless spell, the Terriers came alive near the end and pulled up to within a few points. Lady Luck frowned on the Red and Blue in the form of Emil Mele's fifth personal foul. Without Mele the Terriers seemed to lack that extra spark and the game ended with the team's trailing by four points.

The basketball season was over, but the most important basketball news was yet to come! Monday, following the St. John's game, the Voice came out with a sports extra. The headline, in bold type, read:

BRENNAN RETIRES!

This was shocking to everyone concerned; it came as a complete surprise. In a letter to Bill McGuire, Athletic Director, Joe stated that his business commitments made it impossible for him to continue as coach.

It is not necessary for us, at this time, to review and enlarge on the accomplishments of Joe during his long and colorful hoop career. While mentor of the hoop teams here at St. Francis, Joe's boys won 100 games while dropping only 46, an enviable record for a coach.

The sentiment of the players and students is that Joe may be gone, but he will never be forgotten. Another sure thing is that Joe will, as always, be the Terriers number one fan.

SUMMARY

Truly this was a great basketball season, one that was full of thrills, happiness, and some sadness, but one that was always exciting. During the past season quite a few records were shattered. Chief record smasher was Tommy Gallagher, high-scoring forward, known to his teammates as "The Flying Swan." Tom's greatest feat was the setting of a new all-time personal scoring record for St. Francis College.

During the course of the 26 game schedule Gallagher hooped the grand total of 311 points. He was the first St. Francis man ever to score 300 points in one season. The previous scoring record was established in the '46-'47 campaign by Emil Mele, when he gathered 243 points. Tommy's 122 field goals set another record, besting Mele's output of last year by 22.

By virtue of the fact that Mele hit for 260 points this year, besting his last season's prize total, he became the first Terrier basketeer to account for 200 or better for two seasons. Among other records shattered by this year's Terriers was

the 28 points rung up by Tommy Gallagher in the Loyola game.

Another "first" this past season took place in the Hofstra game, when Levi Baugh made his debut as a Terrier basketeer. The reason we list this event as a first is due to the fact that Levi is the first Negro boy ever to wear the Red and Blue of the varsity on a basketball court. Best of luck, Levi!

The last four games of the season saw Emil "The Mighty Mite" Mele embark on a remarkable scoring rampage. Against Newark, Kings Point, Brooklyn, and St. John's, Emil hit for 16, 19, 16, and 14 points, respectively. His total of 65 points for the last four contests was exactly one-quarter of his season's total of 260.

Another feat for a Terrier hoopster this year was recognized around January 20, when Roy Titus was listed as sixth in the nation from the free-throw line. Figures published by the N.C.A.A. showed that Roy had hit on 13 out of 15 attempts, which is a terrific average.

With the closing of the hoop campaign, five men played their last collegiate contest. The five are Emil Mele, Joe Dolan, Jack Morgan, Hal Grady, and Tony Agoglia, the first three being seniors, and the last two having used up their four years of eligibility due to a war hitch. It was with a heavy heart that this quintet left the court fol-

