

# St. John's Game

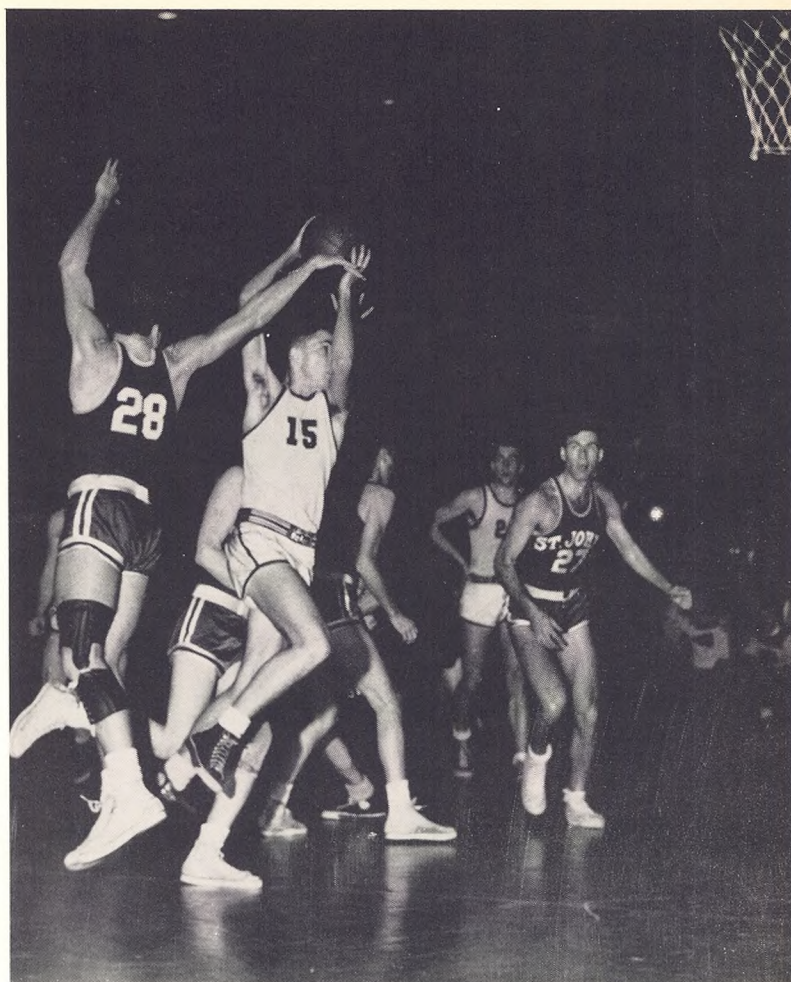
**A**MID the antics of the Terrier and Indian cheering sections, the grinding of television lenses and the sustained shouting of a standing room only throng of 6,000, the St. John's Redmen outscored an underdog St. Francis Red and Blue quintet in their annual grudge game on March 5th. The score, 57-43, scarcely indicates the excitement and tension of the game which saw the inspired Terriers overcome an almost unsurmountable lead only to finally fall beneath the phenomenal shooting average of the Red and White of St. John's.

After the pre-game festivities, in which the St. Francis cheer leaders chased an Indian, in the person of Matt Dooner, around the court more times than affable Matt cares to remember, the two squads took the floor for their final contest of the 1948-49 season. With Co-captains Tom Gallagher and Paul Labanowski of St. Francis and Captain Dick McGuire playing their final collegiate game, both teams made ready to win the game which would make the season a successful one.

With stunning suddenness, the McGuiremen swept to an 8-0 lead in the first two minutes before the overflow crowd had scarcely settled back in their seats. It was 21-4 inside of eight minutes as the Redmen led by McGuire and Ivy Summer continued to pour it on the Butler Street quintet. However, led by little Steve Ellsworth, who scored seven of the first eight Terrier markers, the Lynchmen rallied back in the waning minutes of the first half until they had pulled up to within eight points of the smooth ball-handling Indians. The Red and Blue of St. Francis was definitely back in the ball game when the intermission buzzer sounded and the tired quintets left the court with the St. John's five ahead by a 27-19 count.

Carried along by their late first half surge, the Franciscans continued to close the gap until, after six minutes of the second half, the score read St. John's 32, St. Francis 31. Here, however, Dick McGuire and Tommy Tolan of the Redmen took command. Breaking through the Red and Blue defenses, they tallied seven markers inside of one minute for an eight point margin. From then on the Terriers were unable to catch up, as repeated Indian shots found their mark with unerring accuracy. At the end, despite the never-say-die spirit of the Lynch-coached five, the St. John's quintet had amassed a fourteen point lead. It was a well-earned 57-43 victory which the Williamsburgh squad had won, but for the Franciscan quintet it was a heart-breaking loss.

The post-game ceremonies, officiated over by Guy Lebow, telecaster of the St. Francis Armory games, were highlighted by the pre-



Roy Reardon drives past Tommy Tolan of St. John's.

sentation to St. John's of the Buckley Trophy by Mr. Edward Buckley. The trophy, which had been won last year by the Terriers, was permanently awarded to the Indians who won the third leg necessary for retiring the Memorial trophy. For his splendid teamwork and outstanding individual performance, Dick McGuire of St. John's received the Brooklyn CYO Trophy for the second straight year. This trophy, awarded by the sports writers, is annually given to the player who is selected as the outstanding performer in the St. Francis-St. John's game.

This game ended a long but fairly successful season for the Terriers, which saw them win 19 games, including the Alumni contest, while dropping 11 decisions. For Danny, who took over the position as head coach following the retirement of Joe Brennan, it was the initiation into collegiate basketball. His first-year record proved that Danny will undoubtedly be around for a very long time. Further, in retrospect, this year saw Tommy Gallagher break his own all-time individual scoring record of 303 points. His 436 points, amassed in 29 contests, will probably remain on the books for a long time to come. For Tom, as well as for Paul Labanowski and Tom McNiff, the St. John's game was the final one of their collegiate career. But the rest of the team will be back next year seeking to avenge the 57-43 defeat inflicted upon them by the Redmen.



# Statistics

## VARSITY RECORD

SFC		Opp.
99	Alumni .....	34
66	American U. ....	47
69	John Marshall .....	53
48	Villanova .....	64
52	Manhattan .....	56
75	Paterson St. ....	59
43	Siena .....	33
66	Geneva .....	51
62	Iona .....	57
62	N. Y. A. C. ....	65
55	Brooklyn College .....	45
63	Boston College .....	52
62	Duquesne .....	75
48	Cincinnati .....	65
78	Adelphi .....	57
66	Fairfield .....	42
73	Providence .....	56
61	Brooklyn Poly .....	48
66	Queens .....	51
69	Seton Hall .....	58
56	Fordham .....	39
64	Loyola (Baltimore) .....	66
55	Rutgers (Newark) .....	53
66	Iona .....	62
62	Cincinnati .....	91
33	St. Bonaventure .....	53
46	Canisius .....	51
56	Niagara .....	66
50	Creighton .....	43
43	St. John's .....	57
1814	Totals .....	1661

## INDIVIDUAL VARSITY SCORING

Players	G	FG	FS	TP	Aver.
Gallagher .....	29	155	118	436	15.0
O'Connor .....	29	111	63	285	9.8
Labanowski .....	29	99	81	279	9.6
Reardon .....	28	84	50	218	7.8
Ellsworth .....	29	61	45	167	5.8
Luisi .....	26	32	32	96	3.7
Titus .....	22	33	17	83	3.8
Bough .....	29	29	18	76	2.6
Paterno .....	24	29	12	70	2.9
Nove .....	5	1	1	3	0.6
Gargiulo .....	5	1	—	2	0.4
Joyce .....	5	—	—	—	—
McNiff .....	6	—	—	—	—
Riley .....	4	—	—	—	—

## FROSH RECORD

SFC		Opp.
56	Harlem Boys' Club .....	59
58	East New York C.C. ....	59
59	Flushing YMCA .....	60
44	Cathedral .....	55
61	St. Francis Prep .....	65
52	Power Memorial .....	29
56	John Marshall JV .....	47
45	Manhattan Frosh .....	65
55	Bayonne Junior College .....	47
55	Fort Jay .....	49
54	Holy Trinity H.S. ....	45
41	St. Michael's H.S. ....	52
52	Brooklyn College .....	47
74	St. Augustine H. S. ....	55
60	Manhattan Frosh .....	63
67	Fort Monmouth .....	82
65	Prospect Y (JV) .....	43
50	Seton Hall College .....	51
47	Harlem Boys' Club .....	66
43	Regis H. S. ....	47
77	Brooklyn Poly Tech .....	55
58	Queens College .....	43
61	Union Temple .....	68
44	Seton Hall .....	51
67	NY Boys' Club .....	60
63	Fort Monmouth .....	71
47	Fordham .....	58
47	Bishop Loughlin .....	48
48	Bergen Junior College .....	42
76	Hofstra .....	74
52	NYU Frosh .....	49
67	Dickinson H. S. ....	36
49	Cathedral College .....	46
80	Prospect Y (JV) .....	60
68	Dickinson H. S. ....	35
71	C. C. N. Y. Frosh .....	64
69	Jefferson Boys' Club .....	49
87	New York Boys' Club .....	83
80	Jefferson Boys' Club .....	66
58	Brooklyn Tech .....	42
37	St. John's Frosh .....	53

