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**I**N its eighty-three years of existence the St. Francis A. A. has yet to witness a season such as that of 1940-41. Promising, exciting, disappointing and spectacular; running the gamut of athletic achievement from sudden, lethargic collapses to inspired, competitive brilliancy, this season can rightly take its place beside the greatest the College has ever enjoyed—and also the strangest. Few seasons, if any, started off with hopes and heads so high; few have ever finished in so brilliant a climax; few have broken the hearts and traditions which this one has.

The Senior Sport of the College by almost three-quarters of a century, Basketball was forced to share the spotlight this season with its younger sister sports of Swimming and Track. Ironically, Swimming stepped into the limelight for only a few brief seconds, then faded back into the shadows perhaps forever. For the A. A. abolished it as a Major Sport because of lack of manpower and adequate facilities for practice. The Track Team monopolized the Fall and early Winter schedule by being accepted as a member in the Metropolitan Collegiate Association. This step into Class A Competition was one of the most important strides ever made in the history of the A. A. for it paves the way for the entrance of the College into the coveted I. C. A. A. A. A. But the highlight of the year was the Basketball victory over St. John's and the subsequent kidnapping of the Redmen's Wooden Indian Mascot. The Terriers' victory over their traditional rivals made all other accomplishments seem small in comparison and established the 1940-41 season as a successful one.





*Varsity Squad*  
— 1940-41 —

## BASKETBALL

THE Terriers moved into Big Time Competition this year with five Garden games on their 19 game schedule. Not that St. Francis hasn't always travelled in the best of circles. The College pioneered Basketball in the East and was turning out great court teams before other Metropolitan Colleges even sponsored the game. But, the Garden is the "ne plus ultra" of the players and fans and this year St. Francis was invited to face five Major opponents in the Basketball Mecca of the East. For the first four games the "Garden Jinx" of not winning a game in a period of two years remained unbroken. But, an aroused, inspired Terrier Five salvaged the fifth and final and most important contest. It was the St. John's game, the traditional battle for which both teams point all season. The final whistle saw St. Francis emerge the victor by the one-sided score of 55-41. The clean sweep the Terriers made that night—of the game, the trophies and the St. John's Mascot—redeemed them in the eyes of one and all and turned an otherwise mediocre season into a successful one.