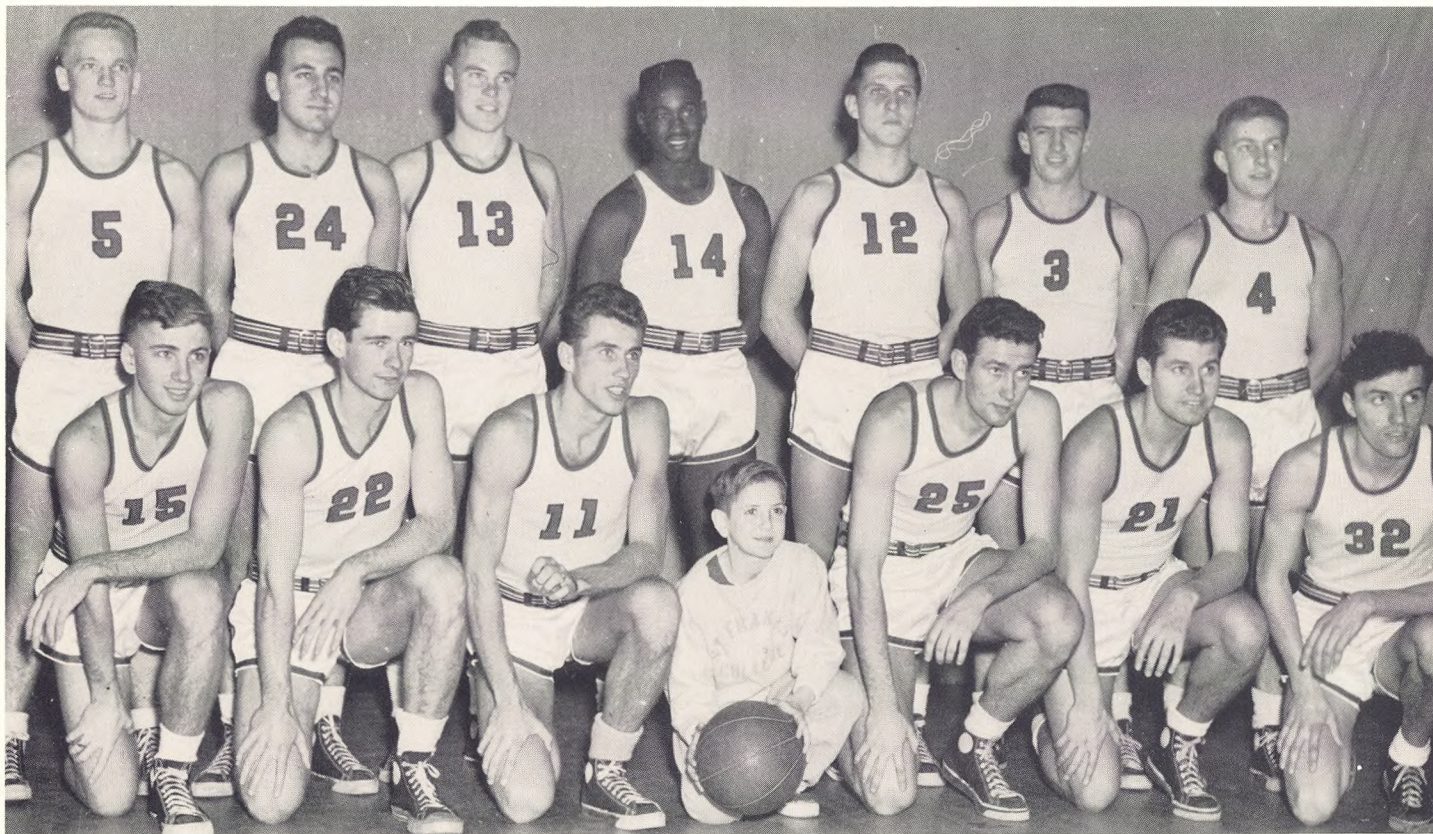


Representing **St. Francis** on the Court



VARSITY

Front Row: Roy Reardon, Dick Joyce, Tom Gallagher, Co-Captain; Frankie Alini, Mascot; Paul Labanowski, Co-Captain; Tom Gargiulo and Jim Luisi. Back Row: Steve Ellsworth, John Nove, Tom McNiff, Levi Bough, Roy Titus, Tom O'Connor, and Ray Riley. Bill Paterno is missing.



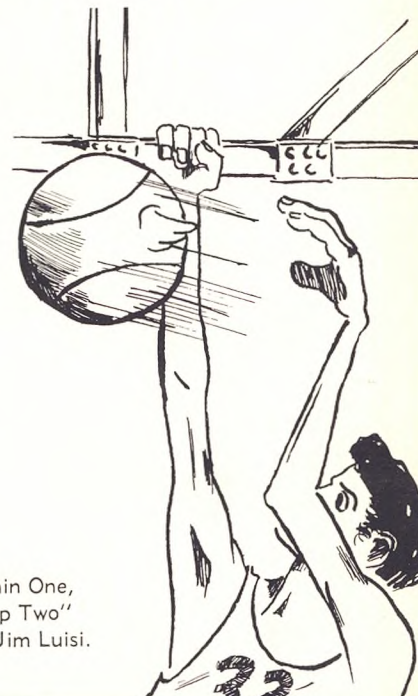
FRESHMAN SQUAD

Standing: J. Pender, Manager; F. Bianco, V. Karwoski, J. Walsh, M. Conway, L. Sacerdote. Kneeling: R. Rudzinski, G. Roberti, F. Sainato, J. Cunningham. Sitting: J. Cartelemini, F. Alini, Mascot; R. Tamberelli, and F. Sidoti.

The Season

St. Francis 99—The Alumni 34. Starting out on their fifty-third season of intercollegiate basketball, the Red and Blue swamped their Alumni in a wild scoring parade. Tom Gallagher and Jim Luisi poured in 24 and 19 points respectively to lead the Terriers in their attempt to hit the century mark. - - - **St. Francis 66—American U. 47.** Danny Lynch took the wraps off his first St. Francis College quintet as the Terriers racked up their initial 1948-49 intercollegiate victory. With Tom Gallagher hitting for 22 points, the Red and Blue routed the D.C. five beneath a flurry of second-half baskets. - - - **St. Francis 69—John Marshall 53.** The St. Francis Varsity made it three in a row as they overwhelmed the outplayed John Marshall squad on the losers' home court. Coach Lynch used all of his men in notching the one-sided victory. - - - **Villanova 64—St. Francis 48.** Traveling to Philly, the Lynchmen tasted defeat for the first time, losing to the taller, more experienced Villanova Wildcats. Behind by nine points at half-time, the Terriers fell further back after Tom Gallagher left the game on fouls early in the second half. - - - **St. Francis 75—Paterson State 59.** Turning a close 32 to 25 half-time lead into a second-half rout, the Terriers rang up their third intercollegiate win on the Jerseyites' court. Tom Gallagher again took scoring honors with 25 points. - - - **St. Francis 43—Siena 33.** Despite the tight zone defense of the visitors and a large rooting section of Siena students, the Red and Blue scored a ten-point victory over the Albany quintet. Making every shot count, the Terriers took a 24-15 half-time lead which they maintained for the rest of the low-scoring game. - - - **St. Francis 62—Iona 57.** Staving off a late second half scoring thrust by the Iona five, the St. Francis basketballers edged the Gaels for their seventh victory in nine starts. The Toms, Gallagher and O'Connor, scored in double figures for the Red and Blue who held an 11 point advantage at intermission. - - - **N. Y. A. C. 65—St. Francis 62.** The N. Y. A. C. five broke a 62-all tie in the last two minutes to down the Franciscans during the Christmas recess. Paced by the Gale brothers, the Clubmen maintained a slight lead through most of the hard fought contest. Paul Labanowski hit for 14 points to lead the Terriers who thus dropped their third game. - - - **St. Francis 55—Brooklyn College 45.** Rallying in the final eight minutes of the game, the Terriers ripped through the Kingsmen in a game in which the lead continually kept changing hands. The B.C. cagers were held scoreless in the last six minutes as the Franciscan five notched twelve straight points to bring their season's mark up to 8 victories as against 3 defeats. - - - **St. Francis 63—Boston College 52.** The Terriers returned to the 14th Regiment Armory after an absence of three weeks to top the Eagles of Boston College. Following a close first twenty minutes, at which point the Red and Blue held a 25-23 lead, the Butler Street quintet, led by Tom Gallagher and Tom O'Connor, pulled away from the taller but slower New Englanders. - - - **Duquesne 75—St. Francis 62.** Taking the advice of Horace Greeley, the Terrier basketball squad traveled West to engage the Dukes from Pittsburgh. However, it proved to be bad advice as the superior reserve strength of the home club told in the second half, after the Lynchmen had pulled to within two points at half-time. - - - **Cincinnati 65—St. Francis 48.** The Red and Blue concluded its brief two-game Western trip by dropping their fifth game of the season to the unbeaten Cincinnati Bearcats. The height advantage of the home team plus the raised platform court proved too much for the outplayed St. Francis five. - - - **St. Francis 78—Adelphi 57.** Behind by three points at half-time, the Varsity, paced by driving Roy Titus's 21 points, blasted the Black and Gold of Adelphi under an avalanche of second-half baskets. Titus, who came into the game late in the first half, hit on all nine shots to break wide open the hitherto close game. - - - **St. Francis 66—Fairfield 42.** Slowed down in the first half by a tight zone defense, the Terriers picked up speed following the intermission to swamp a game but outclassed Fairfield squad. Five Franciscans scored in double figures as they romped to their eleventh victory of the 1948-49 season. **St. Francis 61—Brooklyn Poly 48.** Held to a two-point, 25-23 half-time lead, the Red and Blue of St. Francis broke away to an easy second-half victory over the Brooklyn Poly Engineers. With Tom Gallagher scoring 19 points, eight of the first ten Terrier markers, the Lynchmen used the fast break effectively after the intermission to turn the game into a rout. - - - **St. Francis 66—Queens College 51.** Surpassing his 1947-48 Terrier scoring

record, Co-captain Tom Gallagher racked up 25 points against the Queens cagers to bring his season's total to a new high of 308. Looking ahead to the big tilt with Seton Hall, the Butler Street basketekers hit with ten straight points in the last four minutes to break up a close 55-51 game. - - - **St. Francis 56—Fordham 39.** Turning a closely-fought but poorly-played first half lead of 24-20 into a second half runaway, the Lynchmen outscored their Interborough rival to avenge last year's setback at the hands of the Rams. The Red and Blue scored ten and then nine consecutive points in the second stanza to win going away. - - - **St. Francis 55—Newark College 53.** Coming up against the inspired playing of the Newark branch of Rutgers University, the Terriers just lasted to win in what was supposed to be merely a breather. Paul Labanowski caged the tie-breaking goal in the last minute to give the Brooklynites a hard-fought victory over lightly-held Jerseyites. - - - **St. Francis 66—Iona 62.** Scoring seven straight points in the overtime, the Franciscan quintet held off the smaller but aggressive Iona Gaels to win their first overtime contest of the season. With Paul Labanowski and Tom O'Connor notching two-pointers in the extra five-minute period, the Terriers recorded their eighteenth intercollegiate win of the current cage campaign. - - - **St. Bonaventure 53—St. Francis 34.** Invading upstate New York for three games in five days, the Red and Blue fell before the smooth court play of the Brown Indians of St. Bonaventure. Stressing possession of the ball, the Bonnies kept the Terrier scorers in check for most of the game, as only high-scoring Tom Gallagher, with 14 points, managed to break through the tight defenses of the Upstaters. - - - **Canisius 51—St. Francis 46.** Following their one-sided loss to St. Bonaventure, the Varsity stopped off at Buffalo where the Golden Griffins eked out a five point win over the underdog Terrier quintet. With Paul Labanowski holding Canisius's top scorer, Tom Mueller effectively in check, the Red and Blue behind by a 46-32 score, staged a whirlwind rally which just fell short of tying the score as the game ended. - - - **Niagara 66—St. Francis 56.** Concluding their three game upstate trek, the Coach Lynch's cagers dropped a heartbreaking ten-point contest to the Purple Eagles. Ahead by one point, 50-49, with less than five minutes to play, the Red and Blue collapsed before "Taps" Gallagher's hard-charging quintet, which registered 17 consecutive points to pull the game out of the fire. Roy Reardon, with 19 points, paced the Terriers who dropped their tenth game of the season. - - - **St. Francis 50—Creighton 43.** Trailing by one point, 21-20, at half-time, the Franciscans overcame a tight zone defense in the second half to down the Creighton Blue Jays, 50-43. Tom O'Connor with 13 and Tom Gallagher with 11 points led the Red and Blue attack which was slowed down by the poor foul shooting of the Terriers, who converted only 18 out of 39 foul attempts.



"Chin One,
Drop Two"
with Jim Luisi.

