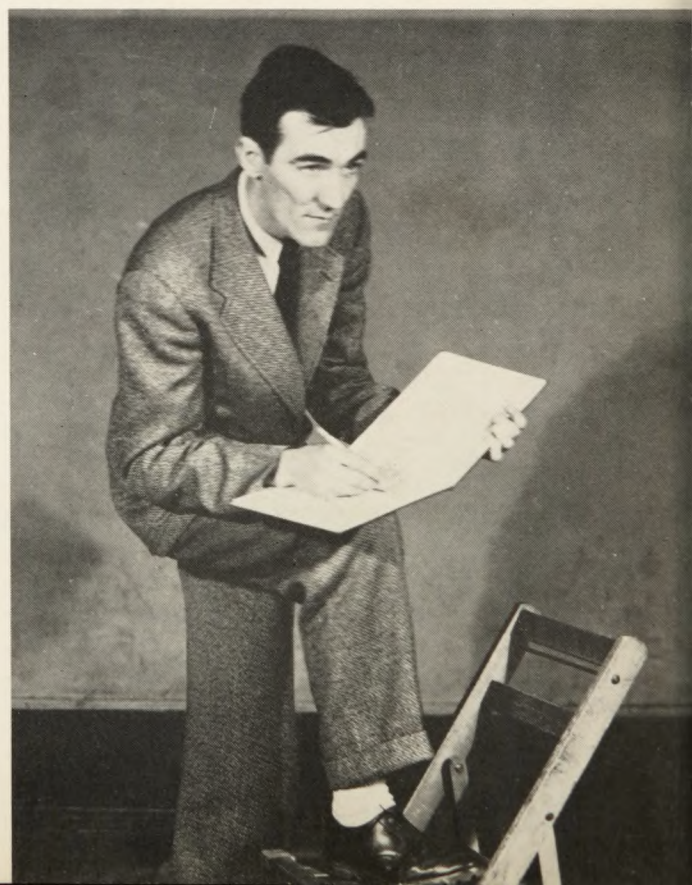


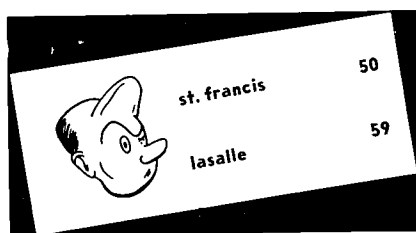
This game saw the Terriers come up against their strongest opposition of the season. The opposition, though, wasn't Siena's ball team, it was the officiating and the all around raw deals given the visitors. Within the first five minutes of play four of the five starting Terriers had three or more personal fouls charged against them. Even the score-keeper wanted to "get in the act," when he tried to change the fouls called on Siena's George Weber, their offensive threat. Following a heated argument between the scorekeepers, the two coaches and the officials, the final ruling was in favor of



the Terriers—George Weber had four fouls and that was that. After losing the preceding game by one point it was very heartening to win this one by the same margin. By freezing the ball for the last 35 seconds the Brooklyn team came out on top 43-42. Because of the crowded conditions in Albany, what with the legislature in session, the Terriers were forced to take the sleeper home that night. It was a very happy, boisterous group which embarked for home, because they realized they had overcome all odds in gaining that victory.



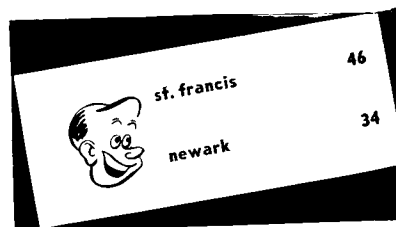
Following the game in Albany, which was played on Tuesday, the Terriers had no game scheduled until Saturday when they played host to the Wildcats of Villanova. Villanova, coming to town with a notorious "hot and cold" team, had the good fortune of being up for that game and finding their hosts at a low ebb. Everyone of the Terriers was off; no one could hit consistently. Villanova, paced by Arizin went on to win the contest 52-47. Arizin, not exceptionally tall, (he stood 6'1") controlled the boards throughout and except for brief periods when Tommy Gallagher and Tommy O'Connor would drop in a couple of quick baskets, the Wildcats were in no trouble during the entire game.



Again we find the Butler Street boys at Madison Square Garden, this being their fourth and final game of the season in the Eighth Avenue Arena. Their opponent was La Salle College, who had gained a one-point victory earlier in the season. This time it wasn't so close, as La Salle went on to hand the Terriers their worst licking of the entire season. Although we went down to defeat by the score of 59-50, which some folks will say was a pretty close game, it was the largest margin any team had gained over the '47-'48 Terrier five. Getting off to a very poor start, they trailed by 13 points at half-time. The Terriers rallied in the second frame, led by the scoring of Tommy Gallagher, but could only cut the thirteen points down by four, thus the nine point deficit. Gallagher led the point-getters for both teams by dunking in 16 points for the losing cause. With the final whistle, the Terriers left the Garden with a record of one victory against three losses at Ned Irish's Palestra.

At this point the Terriers sported a record of 13 wins out of the 22 games played. From here on in the Terriers went into high gear, winning four straight to end the season in a blaze of glory.

First among the quartet of victims at the conclusion of the season were the representatives of



Newark College. This was a return game, the Terriers having defeated Newark earlier, at Newark, 46-34. Again baffled by the zone defense thrown up by the Jerseyites, the Franciscans were held to a 16-15 lead at intermission. Coming back in the second half, the Terriers solved the zone to the tune of 42 points in this stanza. The Friars doubled the Newark total, the final score being 58-29.

Next on the list of wins was the one chalked up at the expense of the Mariners of Kings Point. The game was played on the sailor's court, O'Hara Hall, in Great Neck. Expecting a pushover, the Terriers went into the contest overconfident. The Kings Pointers hustled all the way, and going into the last three minutes of play, the Terriers trailed by 4. At this point Emil Mele sparked the Terriers in a last-ditch drive, and the game ended with the Friars having pulled ahead to a 54-47 victory. The consensus of opinion was that improvement was necessary if wins were to be garnered over Brooklyn College and St. John's.



Returning to the 14th Regiment Armory for their last home game of the '47-'48 campaign, the Terriers played host to the Kingsmen of Brooklyn College. Brooklyn had a decided height advantage; they averaged three inches per man taller than the Franciscans. This was to be a game in which two entirely different styles of play were to be employed by the two teams.

