

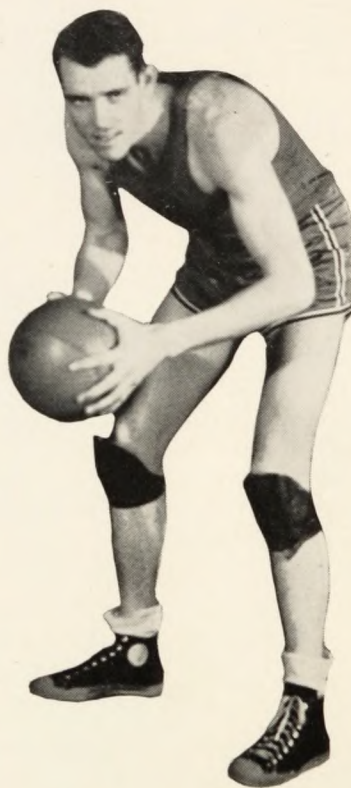
Brooklyn was rated for its high scoring ability, being listed as 10th in the country, offensively, whereas the Terriers were 20th defensively. (The average score of St. Francis opponents, throughout the season, was 42 points.) The outcome of this contest seemed to prove that a good defense is the best offense, with the Friars triumphing by a score of 65-47. Going into the last few minutes of play the Kingsmen were held to the 42-point defensive average of the Butler Street boys, but they scored five markers in the closing moments. However, it was to no avail.

With this win under their belts, the Terriers stood a good chance of capturing the mythical Brooklyn Championship. This mythical title goes to one of the four Boro schools, namely, Brooklyn Poly, Brooklyn College, St. John's, and St. Francis, which has the best record against the other three. Going into the St. John's game, the Franciscans had a two and nothing record, having defeated Poly and Brooklyn College.

Friday at noon, the fifth of March, was the scene of one of the best, if not the best, rallies ever held at the college. Spurred on by the spirit of the speakers, the student body joined in an impromptu snake-dance through the streets of downtown Brooklyn, which saw the majority of the fellows in the school march en masse on the Schermerhorn Street branch of St. John's.

All traffic on Court Street was halted during the six-block march, and when the group had reached their destination it was a sorry day for the Redmen followers. Frogs, cats, bags of water, etc., were thrown at the invaders, but that didn't help. Everything thrown by the St. John's adherents was returned in full by the Franciscans, so much so that a few windows fell victim to the conquering heroes. One victory had been won, that of one student body over another; the victory of one team over the other was the same that evening at the 69th Regiment Armory.

Always the underdog, the Terriers were not ruffled when the Redmen were listed as favorites. Playing an inspired brand of ball, the Red and Blue hustled to the last man and forced the Indians all the way, the half time score seeing a one-point difference, 25-24 in favor of the Redmen.

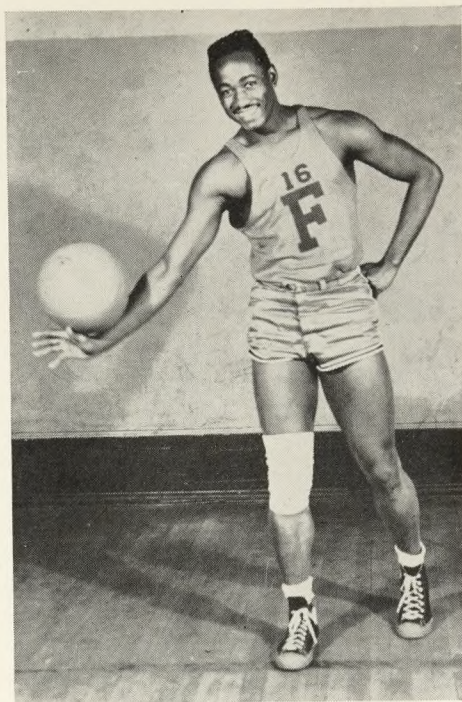






When the two teams returned to the court for the second frame, the Terriers fell victim to a scoreless famine. During this period the Redmen pulled ahead to lead by thirteen points with ten minutes remaining. Up to this time, The Red and Blue hadn't registered a single field goal in the last half, but the tide changed as Emil Mele dropped in two long sets and led the spurt which pulled the Terriers ahead 49-46 with but two minutes left.

It was now Dick McGuire's turn to spark a rally, and this he did by accounting for four points to push the Indians to the fore 50-49, with the clock showing 35 seconds still to be played. The cause looked pretty hopeless for the Friars for they missed a shot and St. John's went into a freeze. With the seconds still ticking away, Tom O'Connor drew a foul from McGuire. The free throw was missed, but in the mad scramble for the loose ball Ivy Summer knocked it out of bounds, giving the terriers an outside ball under the St. John's basket.



This was it! Four seconds remained! Coach Joe Brennan sent Jack Morgan in to perform his specialty. Morgan's specialty, in case you don't know, is a jump shot under the basket on an outside ball. Emil took the ball out and tossed the leather in to Jack, who was right under the hoop. Tommy Tolan leaped and deflected the ball. In one swift move Morgan jumped, caught the ball and sent it hoopward. As the ball drifted through the cords the Terrier backers went stark, raving mad. St. John's took one desperate, long heave which went under the hoop as the buzzer sounded with St. Francis the victors by a 51-50 count.



The buzzer was the cue for all the St. Francis men to empty the stands and mob the team. Jack Morgan was the center of attention; he was pounded on the back, hugged and raised to the