was made of the meet beyond a vague reference to it in the May 20 issue of the *Record*, according to which the Jays had been decisively defeated. Captain Dick Schulte made the best showing by forcing his match to go to three sets.

The Jays did much better in their second match with St. Cloud, though they lost by a score of 6-2. In the singles Joe Kirchner and Homer Hurd were the only winners of their matches. Captain Schulte again forced Gerzin, the top St. Cloud singles man, to three stubbornly fought sets. In the doubles, Kirchner and Schulte lost to Gerzin and LeDoux of St. Cloud. The second doubles team tied with the opposition in a 5-5 match before the game was called because of the late hour.

The best report on the meet available was published in the August 19, 1937, issue of the *Record*, written by Timothy Donohue, a candid, objective writer: "The tennis team was weak again this year and at no time was a serious threat in the tennis tournament for the conference title, which was held at St. John's. Captain Schulte was bowled over in the first round. Kirchner advanced to the second round of the tournament, but Struble of St. Thomas conquered him in straight sets. Hurd and Fleming in the doubles lost their first match to Hamline; Lavinic and Bjergen of St. Olaf successfully defended their doubles crown."

--- 1938 ---

The 1938 tennis team differed radically from its predecessor of 1937. In 1937 Fr. Damian had only Dick Schulte as a veteran on whom to build his team; in 1938, however, he had four veterans: Homer Hurd, Joseph Kirchner, Dick Schulte, and Edward Fleming. Among the twelve of thirteen freshman candidates were George LePage, Arthur Thompson, John Ebnet, Thomas Eiden, Herman Wind, and John Ellenbecker—none of whom could offer a serious challenge to the reigning veterans. Moreover, the weather was too bad to offer the opportunity for an all-school tournament. The major part of April was spent indoors, practicing strokes, footwork, serves, and listening to lectures on game strategy by Fr. Damian.

The first meet—with Macalester—was interrupted by a violent rain storm that called the meet to an abrupt halt. There were some disappointments, however. Joe Kirchner, the number one man of the team, was dropped easily by Feinberg of Macalester by scores of 6-2 and 6-2. Hurd and Louie Stovik, the latter a freshman, each won his first round match 6-1, 6-2, and 6-4, 6-2 respectively. When the rain set in, Ellenbecker was behind 5-1 and Edward Fleming ahead 6-2 and 3-1.

In a meet with St. Thomas held a little later, the Johnnies were defeated by a score of 7-1. They were only saved from a shut-out by Dick Schulte’s convincing victory over Janni of St. Thomas, 6-1 and 6-2. The St. Thomas meet spelled disaster to the St. John’s hopes for a winning season.

The story of the conference meet is quickly told. St. John’s was admittedly mediocre, but it was a gallant team with breaks coming its way. Homer Hurd was pitted in his first match against Feinberg of Macalester, the reigning singles champion. Hurd won the first set 6-4, though he was eliminated in the two following sets 6-3 and 6-4. In the doubles, Hurd and Kirchner again met the toughest team in the conference. The first set of the doubles was drawn out to the count of 13-11, a veritable marathon, until finally the two Johnnies were defeated. They lost the second set 6-4, and the third 6-4, fighting to the end.

St. Thomas was the 1938 tennis champion.

--- 1939 ---

The year 1939 was not a glory year for St. John’s in tennis, though not because of any lack of enthusiasm or solid team effort. It was not a great year for the simple reason that during this whole period several of the schools were fortunate to come up annually with individual stars who managed to knock off one another alternately, meanwhile out-shining schools less blessed with stars of equal brightness.

The new coach, Fr. Emeric Lawrence, O.S.B., was greeted by some twenty candidates for the team, but since only three men were sent to the MIAC annual meet, a large proportion of them either quit of their own accord or were eliminated by the competition. Only one candidate, Glynn Riley, is named as a member of the threesome: Homer Hurd (captain), Mike Albury, a Bahamian, and Joe Kirchner (later Fr. Joseph Kirchner of the Diocese of St. Cloud). Riley made a good showing in a non-conference match with the Waseca Tennis Club, winning 6-0 and 6-2.

Mike Albury proved to be the mainstay of the team. In meets that were reported, St. John’s lost two matches to St. Cloud T.C., 5-1 and 5-4. In a meet with Macalester he did very well, losing 6-2 in hard-fought sets to Mac’s Feinberg, one of the power players of the conference.

The May 25, 1939, issue of the *Record* announced the contestants for the MIAC tournament to be played at Hamline. St. John’s was sending only three men: Captain Homer Hurd, Mike Albury and Joe Kirchner. In the meet itself, Hurd and Albury were eliminated in the first round. Homer had punched out an easy first set over Bob Holm of St. Olaf by 6-1. During the match the wind rose and with it went Homer’s game. He lost the two remaining sets 6-2 and 6-3. Mike
Albury had the misfortune to be matched against the Gusties' "Rube" Waltman in the first round. As it turned out, Waltman conquered Feinberg and was the MIAC singles champion for 1939. The match was the best show of the entire meet. He won the title in a marathon match 1-6, 6-3, 15-13.

The doubles team of Kirchner and Albury had much better luck. They won both the first and second rounds and "carried the Collegeville colors into the semi-finals," only to be stopped by Holm and Peterson of St. Olaf by a score of 2-6, 6-1, and 6-3.

Gustavus was awarded the 1939 championship in singles. The doubles championship was left vacant.

— 1940 —

Tennis coach Fr. Emeric Lawrence was fully aware that his team had no one to match the stars of Macalester and Gustavus. For that reason he worked to develop his two top performers, Mike Albury and Homer Hurd, to perform to the peak of their potentiality. Nine hopeful candidates applied for positions on the team, among them Bill Goblirsch, Glynn Riley, Daniel O'Brien, Konnie Prem—and others not mentioned by name.

The first match of the 1940 season was against the University of North Dakota. The Johnnies had a bad day, the Record reported, but it enabled Fr. Emeric to evaluate his team more closely and select the ones who appeared to be his number one and two men. Mike Albury was easily the top singles man on the squad, closely followed by Homer Hurd, team captain. O'Brien was third man, Goblirsch or Halvorson fourth, and Shanahan number six. The doubles team was to be a pairing of Hurd and Albury.

Against St. Thomas, the Johnnies lost two meets, 4-3 and 6-1. Important in these meets was the victory of Hurd and Albury in the doubles over Gilden and Struble of St. Thomas, 5-4 and 6-3. In singles, however, Albury lost to Gilden 6-3 and Hurd to Struble, the Tommie ace, 0-6 and 1-3.

The one meet victory of the season was a 7-2 drubbing of Hamline on the St. John's courts. The only losers were the St. John's numbers two and three men, Hurd and O'Brien. Mike Albury played his usual smashing game and defeated Kelly of Hamline in two straight sets, 6-3 and 6-1. Halvorson and Shanahan, four and five on the team, had little trouble in winning their matches. Glynn Riley, making his first start of the year, did particularly well.

In the annual MIAC tournament the Jays did even better than expected. Both Albury and Hurd won their first round matches, Albury over Rod Hanson of Hamline and Hurd over Wrockage of St. Mary's.

In the second round St. Cloud, the ace player of St. Thomas, dropped Albury in two sets, 6-3, 6-1. Hurd was unfortunate to be matched against the 1939 singles champion Waltman of Gustavus and lost by a very creditable score of 6-4 and 6-2.

In the doubles the Johnnies came into their own. They won their matches in the first and second rounds, but lost to St. Olaf in the semi-finals.

In the May 23, 1940, issue of the Record there appeared an appreciative encomium of Fr. Wendelin Luetmer, O.S.B., professor of biology who for a pastime made it a hobby to mend students' rackets free. They had their choice of strings: Australian gut, whale gut, or silk, and he applied a preservative to prolong their usefulness. Over the years, former tennis players stopped in to visit with their old friend, life-long lover of tennis and horseshoe matches. Shortly after he passed away in 1977 one of his beneficiaries, Tom Haeg, asked to see him. He died in his eighty-ninth year, calm and sharp to the end.

— 1941 —

The 1941 season calls for a descriptive rather than a statistical report, since most of the Record accounts of the season are more generalized reports with an almost complete lack of individual data on the performance of each St. John's contestant.

Tennis in 1941 began with a meeting in late March between the three returning lettermen—Albury, Halvorson, and Shanahan—with twenty new candidates to plot out the training schedule for the coming season.

An improved policy change in the selection of contestants for the doubles is distinctly observable. In a meet with St. Cloud T.C., for example, St. Cloud started out strong and defeated the three leading St. John's singles players, Albury, Hub Miller and Ray Halvorson. But Austin Shanahan and Freeman, the number four and five men, respectively, swept the remaining singles and tightened up the score, following which the doubles teams won all the matches. The Johnnies won the meet by one single point.

With Gustavus, a meet reported along with the match with St. Cloud, the Jays had an easy time of it. Albury, Shanahan, Freeman and Thuringer won all their singles matches. Halvorson lost his match, but the doubles teams, Albury and Miller, Halvorson and Freeman, Shanahan and Thuringer, swept the doubles.

Highlight of the MIAC meet was a finals battle between Albury of St. John's and St. Olaf's brilliant Weeg, the 1940 champion. Albury
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had been looking forward to meeting Weeg, confident of his ability to unseat him. He survived the first two rounds and the semi-finals and finally found himself meeting head-on with Weeg. It was a spirited battle, but the crafty Weeg was able to fight off Mike’s smashing game and defeated him 6-3 and 7-5. St. John’s likewise reached the finals in the doubles, only to lose to the brilliant Weeg and Peterson once more.

The final Record report, May 29, 1941, is a tribute to the comeback of the Johnnies in the tennis picture of the MIAC: “The tennis squad, with Mike Albury at the helm, has closed out the book on one of the most successful seasons to hit the SJU courts in a long time. Mike was up to his usual good form this year, and took on some of the best in the state. Hub Miller and Joe Freeman, both first-year men, also did very well.

“Mike, who all this year had been waiting for a chance to meet Weeg, dropped a heart-breaker to him in the singles finals 6-3 and 7-5. This makes the second year that Weeg has walked off with this title.

“Earlier in the day, Mike Albury and Hub Miller combined to defeat the St. Thomas doubles team in the semi-finals 6-1 and 6-4, only to fall to St. Olaf in the finals.”

— 1942 —

In a euphoric article that opened the 1942 tennis season, the Record sportswriter of the year predicted great things for the Johnnies, basing his predictions mainly on the brilliant work of Mike Albury, the Bahamian star who for six years had demonstrated his ability on the St. John’s tennis courts. Albury came to St. John’s as a Prep School freshman. He dominated Prep School tennis, was elected captain, and in his final high school year was the Minnesota state high school tennis champion. It was a surprise to no one when he joined the college team and immediately became the star player on the varsity. He had a brilliant career in college and except for the presence on the St. Olaf tennis team of another brilliant star named Weeg, he would have dominated the MIAC for the next two years.

In the first pre-tournament meet of the season the Johnnies drubbed Macalester unmercifully 8-1, with St. John’s losing only one match of the meet. Albury, Freeman and Drahmann won all their singles encounters, John Hughes being the only loser by scores of 6-1, 6-1. The Johnnies swept the doubles without a loss. The second meet of the year was equally successful, the Johnnies sweeping to an easy victory over Augsburg, 5-2.

The good luck of the Jays ended in their next meeting with champion St. Olaf. St. John’s bowed 5-1 to the accomplished Oles, led by their practically unbeatable star Weeg, both in the singles and doubles. In the St. Olaf meet only St. John’s Freeman managed to win over Larson in a hard-fought match 9-7, 3-6, and 6-4. Mike lost to his two-year nemesis Weeg 0-6 and 2-6. In the doubles Albury and Freeman lost to Weeg and Larson 6-4 and 6-1.

In the conference tournament St. Olaf won the championship outright, both singles and doubles. In the final doubles Albury and Freeman lost to Weeg and Larson 6-4 and 6-1. Mike Albury lost to Coughlin of St. Thomas in the singles.

Thus ended the career of Mike Albury at St. John’s. It was also the temporary end of tennis itself, for with the draft and World War II to compete with, tennis was suspended until 1946.

— 1946 —

In the spring of 1946, a few months after the end of World War II, Fr. Bernardo Martinez, O.S.B., was appointed coach of the tennis team. It was already late, but the new coach hastily gathered together all the known tennis players on campus for practice indoors until the weather permitted their going out on the tennis courts. He picked the best among all the candidates who took part in the indoor practice: Kenneth Schoener, Bill Henry and Robert Fleming, all from St. Cloud, Richard Endres from Faribault, Joseph McCarthy from Detroit Lakes, Charles Kohnke, Wahpeton, North Dakota, and James Griffin, Iowa.

In two early spring matches with St. Cloud T.C. the Jays easily won both meets, 5-1 and 6-0. The good luck of the team did not last, however. In the conference matches the Jays suffered three severe setbacks: straight losses to Augsburg, 5-1, to Gustavus, 6-1, and to St. Thomas, 5-2.

In the annual MIAC tournament held at Augsburg May 23-24, St. John’s failed to place, as would be expected under the circumstances. Gustavus was awarded the conference championship by sweeping both the singles and doubles.

Fr. Bernardo was not discouraged, however. He was determined, as he said, “to put St. John’s on the tennis map.” He arranged both summer and fall elimination tournaments, the latter to run through September and October, and to end in a final tournament from which would emerge “the finest of the St. John’s tennis players.”

His next move was to organize a St. John’s Tennis Club for winter practice. He secured the use of the lower gymnasium for stated periods each week and delivered talks on tennis techniques and strategy. The Tennis Club was affiliated with “The United States Lawn Tennis Association” to develop a lively zeal for the game and a life-long interest
in tennis. Fr. Bernardo was what is called a big operator and quickly became one of the most picturesque figures on campus.

— 1947 —

The fiery Spaniard, Fr. Bernardo Martinez, who launched forth on the troubled sea of tennis coaching in 1946, began his preparations for the 1947 season shortly after the first snowfall in December. A natural, born athlete himself, he had picked up the game of tennis after his arrival at St. John’s and within a year had become one of the top players of the faculty-student community. Throughout the winter 1946-47 he worked with a small group of tennis enthusiasts, both in the upper and in the lower gymnasiums, firmly convinced that any well coordinated athlete, like himself, could become a star within a short period of regulated practices. With profound conviction in his theory, he said that to win the MIAC championship he needed only one or two super-stars backed up by four or five good average players who would provide the opposition for their training.

But Fr. Bernardo learned that a star tennis player is not easily created. However, an optimist of his happy disposition was not easily discouraged. He scheduled twelve tennis meets with St. Cloud T.C. and all the member conference colleges who would accept an invitation. Some of the meets had to be cancelled or postponed for various reasons, mainly bad weather. By April 30 the team had defeated St. Cloud 6-2, only to be white-washed by Augsburg 7-0 a few days later.

When May 15 came around and the conference meet was only eight days distant, St. John’s had posted four wins and three losses and still had four meets to be played, one with Augsburg, one with Gustavus, and two with St. Thomas. As the Record expressed it, the last week before the MIAC tournament was filled with troubles for the Jays: “St. Thomas clipped the Johnnies twice, 7-0 and 6-1; they lost to Augsburg, and were edged by Gustavus 4-3” (Record, May 29, 1947).

In the conference, Captain Marcus Sirrs and Howie Kullen were eliminated in the first round of the singles. In the doubles, Norman McDonnell and Howie Kullen were also eliminated in the first round. Bill Henry, on whom Fr. Bernardo had relied for points, was sidelined because of an ankle injury sustained in the Gustavus meet and hence was unable to compete.

The reason for St. John’s poor showing in tennis in 1947 was not Fr. Bernardo’s coaching or his theory. It was the first year after the end of World War II and most of the tennis “super-stars” had enrolled in Twin Cities’ schools. In addition, the MIAC colleges had already installed concrete tennis courts which gave their players the opportunity to practice regularly, despite adverse weather conditions that kept the Jays idle.

Had their tennis coach remained at St. John’s, there is little doubt that he would indeed have put the college “on the tennis map,” as he had promised. His request for the concrete tennis courts that he felt were necessary for any good showing in the sport was ignored, and every coach who succeeded him was handicapped in the same way as he was for several years. Fr. Bernardo remains to this day one of the most enthusiastic and colorful coaches in St. John’s athletic history.

Members of the team were Marcus Sirrs, Howie Kullen, Bill Henry, Norman McDonnell, Jerry Weier, Dick Endres, Chuck Kohnke, and Joe McCarthy.

— 1948 —

Fr. Arno Gustin, O.S.B., then college registrar, replaced Fr. Bernardo as tennis coach in 1948. The new style of coaching differed little from that of the exuberant Spaniard, but there was a different situation facing Fr. Arno, especially when he found himself confronted by a schedule of ten conference meets to be played between April 24 and May 23, the date of the conference tournament.

A new regulation had radically changed the tennis championship picture in 1948. The 1948 Sagatagan states the new ruling as follows: “Beginning with the ’48 season, conference tennis is played on the same basis as other sports; championships are now awarded as a result of seasonal matches rather than of the State Conference Tournament.” In other words, the season record had suddenly become more important than the tournament itself. The 1964 constitution gives a more concrete example of the change, as follows: “Winners of the singles and doubles in the State Meet are declared the individual champions of the Conference. The team title is determined by the season matches and State Meet” (idem).

The new regulation worked to the disadvantage of the St. John’s team because of its clay courts that could hold up practices for days at a time in rainy weather and make St. John’s vulnerable, whereas schools with concrete courts on which to play would rarely miss a practice for more than a day or a few hours. The need of concrete courts, as requested by Fr. Bernardo, became more pressing than ever.

As for Fr. Arno’s team, the historian has nothing to write. The closest to any definite report regarding the outcome of meets was an article written in the Record, May 20, 1948, to the effect that St. John’s had won its first meet against Gustavus by a score of 5-2. In fact, the Record practically ignored the tennis team of 1948.
Members of the team were Ray Raetz, Bob Lillistrand, John Broeren, Howie Kullen, Charles Kohnke, John Wagner, Captain Norman McDonnell and Dick Endres.

— 1949, '50, '51 —

The years 1949, '50, '51 can be passed over with the minimum of comment for the reason that records of tennis events are too scanty to furnish material for a history of the sport in a period of decline. The Sagatagan for the year '49 furnishes the following information: "In the first match of the year the Johnnies tied St. Cloud T.C. and then went on to drop matches to Macalester, Augsburg and St. Olaf." The Record preserved almost complete silence from that moment onwards. In a note included in a review of the year's doings in athletics, the writer hints that the season was particularly disappointing: "Tennis teams here in the future won't experience the setbacks this year's outfit had to endure. Ours was a good team, but the loop was much stronger than usual" ("Tooley's Angle," Record, May 26, 1949, p. 7).

Members of the 1949 squad were: Thomas Brouillard, P. Pease, D. Knevel, John Broeren, P. Matthews, Raymond Raetz, Jose Irango, Richard Endres.

Fr. Arno was overburdened with work in the registrar's office and in 1950 yielded the coaching position to student-coach Jack Broeren. It was a dismal year in every respect. Before the season was well under way the eight-meet schedule was cancelled because of poor court conditions and constant interruptions of practice by rain. When, after five meets had been cancelled and hopes for better weather still out of sight, the team decided to cancel the remaining four meets and wait for next spring.

The squad was made up of the following: Jack Broeren, coach, Edward Rieder, captain, Oscar Smith, Paul Pease, Ray Stovik, Tom Sinner, Maurice Northrup, and James Leinen.

In the May 11, 1950 issue of the Record, Jack Smith wrote an article pleading for concrete tennis courts. The wheels of propaganda were churning!

1951 season was little better than that of 1950. The courts were muddy as usual, and the six meets scheduled were all played off campus. And again the sports columnist questioned why St. John's failed to put in courts of concrete that would be playable. "It is unlikely that St. John's will make a good showing in tennis until weather-proof concrete courts are laid. Likewise, it is difficult to understand the lack of tennis facilities, considering the general soundness of the St. John's athletic system and the terrific demand for tennis courts during the warm months by students and faculty alike" (Record April 12, 1951, "Snap Throws" by Wally Zallek).

On April 26, discouraged by the situation, the athletic department decided not to send a team to the MIAC tourney.

Members of the 1951 squad were Coach Broeren, James Leinen, Hal Duffy, Vernon Fahrenkrug, and Matthew Crawford.

— 1952 —

John Broeren graduated in 1951 and was succeeded by James "Jim" Peyton, son of Dr. William Peyton of the University of Minnesota and a 1914 graduate of St. John's. Jim was an ardent tennis enthusiast, but he also had the qualities required for a successful student-coach. He was a first-year transfer from the University of Minnesota, however, and therefore was ineligible to play with the team.

In the fall of 1951, his first year at St. John's, he had the opportunity to witness the intramural tennis eliminations designed to pick out the best of the freshman tennis crop. He therefore had his plans already made long before the opening of spring practice in 1952 and lost no time in getting the courts cleaned up and in playing shape before the spring eliminations started.

Out of a twenty-four turnout of tennis candidates, he selected the following as members of his squad: Louis Adderley from the Bahamas, Joseph Collignon, an ex-Prep School star, Harold Duffy, Victor Lab, and Timothy Hogan. Top man of the group was Lou Adderley, a quiet, medium-sized competitor of tremendous potential and desire to win. Joe Collignon was the coach's number-two man, an experienced player because of his years both on the high school and the college teams.

Of the seven matches scheduled, the Jays captured only one, an early meet won by a score of 6-1 over Hamline. There was plenty of background to explain the poor showing. In 1950 and '51 tennis at St. John's had reached its all-time low and the team had not yet advanced to a respectable level. The Jays dropped six games straight: St. Olaf, 6-1; St. Thomas, 7-0; Macalester, 7-0; Gustavus, 6-1; Augsburg, 5-2; and St. Cloud T.C., 5-2.

As could be expected from its pre-tournament record, St. John's could hardly be expected to do well in the MIAC. But Lou Adderley surprised everyone. Playing tremendous tennis, he battled his way to the finals and lost only to the singles champion of the year, Bud Rae of Macalester. Macalester won the 1952 tennis title outright.

— 1953 —

When the season opened in 1953, Coach Jim Peyton had no doubt that he had on his squad the two best tennis players in the conference,
Lou Adderley and a newcomer named Leo Barbel. He was undoubtedly correct, for Adderley, who was to be the MIAC singles champion for the next three years, had been nosed out several times in singles by the phenomenal Barbel. Unfortunately, Barbel ran into academic difficulties and it was left to little Lou Adderley (five feet, six inches) to carry the burden alone. But he carried it well, and won the singles championship that had evaded St. John's ever since the days of Clifford, Hite and Harrer over twenty years before.

The story of St. John's 1953 season is short enough. Spring was relatively dry and the team managed to get along fairly well except on one or two occasions when the weather got unruly. On such occasions the Jays played either in St. Cloud or on the College of St. Benedict's courts in St. Joseph.

Incidentally, Dick Christopherson, Record sportswriter for the year, had information proving that St. Thomas really had concrete tennis courts. His reference to the fact in the Record was a thinly disguised news item meant for the administration and designed to let the authorities know that St. John's clay courts were badly out of date.

The MIAC championship was shared between St. John's and Macalester. Members of the squad were Lou Adderley, Gene Deterling, Hal Duffy, Joseph Shorba, and Leo Barbel.

1954

Coach Jim Peyton was a man of action rather than of words. Instead of complaining about wet and muddy tennis courts, he took his team either to St. Cloud or St. Benedict's for practice. Then, in order to compensate for the lack of concrete courts at St. John's, he planned to take his team to the Twin Cities a day ahead of the conference meet in order to give the players at least some experience on concrete before the tournament opened.

Only two pre-tournament meets were reported in the Record, a loss to Gustavus 6-0 and another to Bemidji 4-2. Arrangements had been made to schedule meets with St. Thomas and Macalester, but again no reports were published. The sportswriters for the year wrote: "Actually, the tournament standings are the only ones that count in ranking the teams"—an incorrect statement, but at least an excuse for not reporting the individual meets.

In a preview to the conference tourney, Peyton was quoted to the effect that prospects for making a good showing were scant, but that he placed a lot of hope in Louis Adderley, "who took the tournament singles championship last year" (Record, May 21, 1954). The coach's hopes were well-founded. Adderley won the singles title for the second...
ships were awarded to St. John's in singles and to St. Thomas in doubles. St. Thomas took first place in the team championship, with Macalester second and St. John's third.

And so ended the athletic career of Lou Adderley at St. John's. He was a "born" athlete, always in shape for every sport he attempted. During the winters he played handball and became one of the sharpest players on campus. In the winter of 1954-55 he took part in the Northwest Tennis Association matches in Minneapolis and advanced to the quarter-finals despite the fact that he had not practiced for months. He did not compete in the wrestling tournament in 1955 because of a back injury incurred early in the season.

But St. John's recognized the little Bahamian for more things than his achievements in athletics. At the athletic banquet that concluded the athletic season 1954-55, the athletic director stood up to announce the recipient of the plaque inscribed to the senior who had contributed the most to athletics at St. John's during the past year. Who was he? It was Lou Adderley, who had won the respect and admiration of every athlete at St. John's. The burst of applause at the announcement was the final proof of their admiration and affection. In the classroom he had carried a B-plus average for four years, in athletics an average of A-plus. Above all his assets, however, was his personableness and modesty, his gratitude to Fr. Bernardo, Fr. Arno and Jim Peyton who had provided the tough competition that he needed in order to develop in tennis (see Record, June 24, 1955).

But Lou Adderley's career did not end at St. John's. As soon as he graduated he returned to his home city and began teaching and coaching at St. Augustine's College and has been there ever since. He is now headmaster of St. Augustine's, a school of 890 coed students, one of the most prestigious schools in the city, both academically and athletically.

He was ordained a permanent deacon three years ago. He and his wife, a teacher in the government schools, are outstanding lay leaders in the Diocese of Nassau.

— 1956 —

During the summer of 1955 St. John's finally constructed the long-awaited, much-needed concrete tennis courts that were necessary before a consistent program of tennis could be carried out. By April 13, 1956, the date of the spring issue of the Record, the squad had already spent a week on the new courts and Dr. Maras, the new coach, was in the process of picking the personnel of the team. The greatest problem facing him was to fill the place left vacant by the graduation of Lou Adderley—and it was truly a big one, even though Lou was only five feet, six inches tall and weighed only 130 pounds.

Coach Maras, probably with the prospect of few bad weather cancellations now that St. John's had concrete surfaced courts, scheduled twelve meets, only seven of which were played. The first meet was with St. Olaf at Northfield, lost by the Jays 6-1, the one point resulting from a singles won by Bob Claesgens. In a meet with Carleton the Jays again emerged as losers with an identical score of 6-1, based on a doubles victory by Raoul Kunert and Mike Sivinski, over against six match losses to the Carletonians.

All in all, 1956 was not an exciting tennis year. The one and only meet victory of the year was a 4-3 win over Gustavus. Captain Pat Wangen won a singles match 6-4 and 6-0, and a doubles, paired with Kunert, 1-6, 6-3, 6-3. Bob Claesgens won a singles. The worst loss of the year was a 7-0 loss to Macalester. Wangen and Kunert were leading in a doubles match 3-0, when unexplainably they "blew" it to lose 6-4. The last match reported was a 6-1 loss to Hamline, the only victory being a doubles victory by Pat Wangen and Raoul Kunert.

Strange to relate, despite the mediocre record of the team in seasonal play, the Jays finished third in the conference race, tied with Hamline. Wangen and Kunert were runnersup in doubles to St. Thomas, the school that swept the conference play in both singles and doubles. Dr. Maras left St. John's at the end of the academic year with a very creditable tennis record.

Personnel of the 1956 Jays were the following: Mike Sivinski, Bob Claesgens, James Ramsey, Raoul Kunert, Pat Wangen, Ralph Kilzer, John Barbour, Ronald Johnson, James Carroll and Bob Kampmann.

— 1957 —

Dr. Maras was succeeded by Pat Wangen, junior veteran who, with Raoul Kunert, was runnerup in the doubles match against St. Thomas, winner of the conference meet. Coach Wangen was looking forward to a good season since he had lost only Mike Sivinski from the 1956 squad. Wangen and Kunert would remain numbers one and two men on the team, with Bob Claesgens moving up to third place. John Muenzhuber looked like a competent tennis man to fill the fourth spot of the team. Number five for the time being was left up for grabs among the remaining candidates.

At the beginning of the season it had been planned to schedule nine matches, but, whether cancelled because of bad weather or some other reason, only five were reported in the Record.