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of Athletes and Events

When Coach Sam Arbes sends his charges against a favored Washington Pam-Pack tonight, there will be no need for a pep talk.

Seared into the heart of every Bruin is the memory of a humiliat-

ing defeat that spoiled the dedication of our beautiful High School Stadium. It ruined New Bern's dream of a Northeastern Conference crown, and exploded in quick order the myth of invincibility that had been prematurely conferred upon the Bears.

When you get clobbered on your home field by the one sided margin of 25 to 7, you've had it. That night at least the Washington ball club was far superior to the locals.

Instead of folding up after Jean Earl Worthington sprinted 87 yards for a touchdown on opening kick-off, Choppy Wagner's outfit came roaring back. For New Bern it was a bitter defeat, but for Washington it was a deserved victory.

Tonight it is apt to be different. Certainly the Bears have every incentive to make it different. The



COOL UNDER FIRE — Terry Maultsby's quarterbacking for the Bears in the Morehead City game left little to be desired. He displayed remarkable poise for a rookie, and New Bern's hopes for victory against Washington's favored Pam-Pack tonight will be riding on his generalship.
—Photo by John R. Baxter.

Pam-Pack dropped its opener with Wilson last Friday, 13 to 6, while New Bern was winning handily over Morehead City's State AAC champions, 25 to 7.

Even so, Washington gets the nod as far as we're concerned. Both teams have experienced lines that boast plenty of poundage, and inexperience in the backfield. It could well develop into a bruising battle with little scoring. The Pam-Pack, if for no other reason than the fact that it will be playing at home, figures to finish in front.

However, predictions don't always pay off. The Bears did rather well in their opener. Cliffie Rowe's three touchdowns made gridiron history in the realm of rookies, and Terry Maultsby's quarterbacking was exceptional for a youngster who lacks necessary seasoning.

It was no surprise, of course, when the veterans in New Bern's forward wall performed dependably. Had they done otherwise it

would have been a keen disappointment.

However, they were ably assisted by newcomers. As a matter of fact, the victory over Morehead City was a team effort. Therein may lie the strength that could give the Bruins more than their share of wins this year.

Encouraging to us was Maultsby's passing, with Donald Lamb as a target. He may never prove sensational in that department, but he is already good enough to keep opposing secondaries from disregarding the danger of his tosses. That is of utmost importance.

Washington has an aerial attack of its own. Its lone touchdown against Wilson came on the last play of the game when Quarterback Kent Denton heaved a nifty to Adrian Waters. They'll bear watching tonight.

As for the Bruins, they go into the game well scouted. Assistant Coach Bill Sweel of the Pam-Pack was on the sidelines last Friday, and he scribbled more than his usual number of notes. Meanwhile, the Bears had a scout of their own getting the lowdown at Wilson.

It's a legitimate part of football, but it doesn't make things easier for a coach who would like nothing better than to catch his next opponent napping. Neither New Bern nor Washington had a chance to

play under wraps in their opener, so what they've got is an open book.

What the chapters in that book will be remains to be seen.

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