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of Athletes and Events

It isn't hard to imagine what Coach Jeff Hockaday of the New Bern high school basketball team is hoping Santa Claus will bring him.

What he wants most of all is a successful campaign in the tough Northeastern conference that lies ahead. He isn't expecting a championship in his stocking, but if Saint Nick pulls a terrific surprise and delivers it, Hockaday will believe in the jolly old fellow the

rest of his born days.

Along with victories, the local basketball coach is hoping for an absence of further injuries and great improvement in the mediocre play of his charges. He is especially anxious to find an assurance of more field goals, when he looks under the Hockaday tree tomorrow morning.

Coach Sam Arbes is eagerly awaiting a visit from Santa Claus, too. He wants the patron saint of



NOT SO MERRY — This won't be a particular joyful Yuletide for Stevie Hines. He had his heart set on a fine basketball season with the New Bern High school Bears, but a shoulder injury sustained during the past football season has put him on the shelf. He made a game effort to shake off the handicap, as indicated by this Mirror action portrait a few days before he had to call it quits.—Photo by Billy Benners.

childhood to fetch him some suitable replacements for Buzzy Holton, Donald Lamb, Louis Zaytoun and other seniors who won't be back for the 1959 football season.

Arbes isn't too anxious to find new faces peeping out from his stocking. If Saint Nick will just polish up the gridders Sam already has, and give them the brilliance of stardom, it will be a wonderful Christmas for the likeable football mentor.

New Bern sports fans are looking to Santa Claus for an abundance of thrills in all of the town's athletic activities, including wrestling, baseball and track programs at New Bern high. The fans, themselves, can help along this line by giving these sports the same support that football and basketball

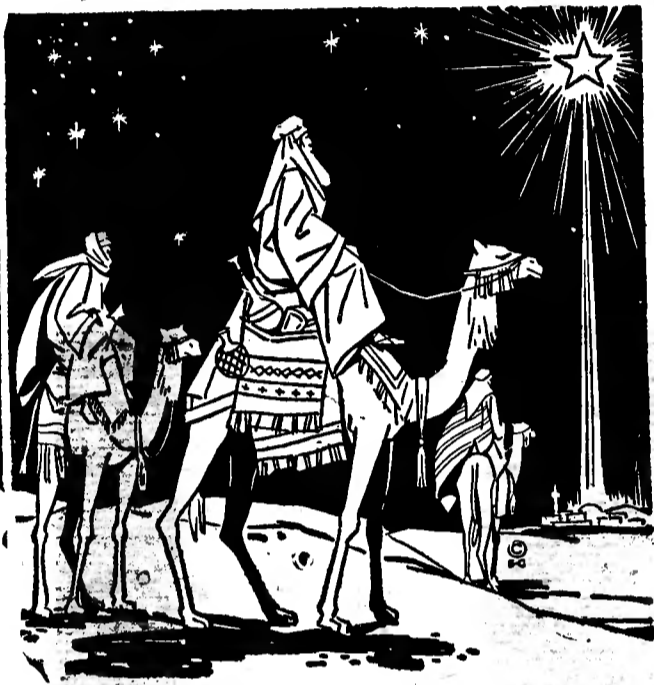
enjoy.

As for the players, they'll go to sleep tonight with dreams of glory, rather than sugar plums, dancing in their heads. We hope Santa has enough glory to go around.

SHOOK UP

You can be sure that the man who tries to convince you that success is a matter of luck is one who has failed.

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