

As Seen in The Mirror's SPORTS REFLECTIONS of Athletes and Events

Comparing ball clubs of old with the teams of today is an intriguing but rather futile pastime. There's just no way of telling how such clubs would stack up against each other.

Conceding, of course, that basketball has shown vast improvement during the past 30 years, it's possible that the New Bern High school quint of 1928 might have given this season's edition of the Bruins a pretty fair scrap.

This despite the fact that the '28 team wasn't exactly a championship outfit. The team had lost key players by the graduation route, and several promising juniors and sophomores flunked their studies.

Remaining to put up a good scrap on any given night was a squad composed of Jimmie Ketcham, Johnnie Gaskill, Johnnie Sullivan, Francis Ferebee, Bill Wheel-

er, Lester Harris, Hubert Ellison, Edwin Holton and Ralph Hunter Smith. Harry Paterson was the manager.

Coached by Vance Swift—a scholarly, soft-spoken mentor who tolerated no foolishness from his charges—the quint came pretty close to reaching its potential. We particularly recall the excellent shooting of Katcham. With his knack for goal making, he would have been a dangerous man from the outside in today's type of basketball.

Out at J. T. Barber High school they're understandably proud of Walter Bellamy, who graduated in 1957 after starring as an end in football and a center in basketball.

Now a sophomore at Indiana University, the 6'10½" athlete has been sensational on the court this season, and is the talk of the nation. His rebounding work under the basket puts him in a good spot for eventual All-American honors.

One of our Mirror readers wants to know who pitched the first no-hit game in the Coastal Plain League after the loop entered organized ball. Tarboro's Danny York turned the trick on May 16, 1937, blanking Snow Hill, 1-0.

His mound opponent, Joe Mot-singer, gave up just three hits himself, and the run he had scored against him was unearned. Earl Carnahan singled in the fourth, went to second on a wild pitch, and scored on an error.

Getting back to the subject of basketball at New Bern High school in 1928, the girls team that year won six, lost eight, and tied one. The sextet had a capable coach, Octavia Jeter, and her big prob-



BRUIN MAINSTAY — Rodney Knowles, son of a Coastal Plain League all-time great, Worlise Knowles, is one of the better basketballers on the New Bern High school squad. He shares with his teammates an ardent hope for more victories in Northeastern Conference competition from here on out.—Photo by Billy Ben-ners.

and uncommunicative. Some were mute.

The device, placed in an eight-foot-wide panel across the alcove of a large room, gives the appearance of being an extension of the wall. Projecting from the panel are handles, and beneath these are slots opening into trays. Centered above the handles is a screen for projecting slides.

Patients at first are given simple problems of moving the handles in patterns to turn on colored lights in the panel, project slides, or pass objects through the slots.

The tasks gradually become more complex, and patients help each other in operating the apparatus. Soon they are able to work in pairs and cooperate with each other to achieve results.

Dr. Armitage and Dr. King said definite improvement was noted in the mentally ill veterans. Two who had not spoken for four years began to talk. Soon after beginning to work with the apparatus, one

of the long-term mute patients greeted the therapist with, "Good morning." Others showed an interest in the apparatus and began to ask questions about it.

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Encouraging results in use of a "problem-solving" apparatus as an aid to treatment of mentally ill patients were reported by the Battle Creek, Mich., Veterans Administration hospital.

By offering simple problems in mechanics, the device challenges withdrawn patients to enter into activities and communicate with each other, VA said.

Research with the apparatus was conducted by Dr. Stewart G. Armitage, chief of the hospital's psychology service, and Dr. Gerald F. King, assistant professor of psychology at Michigan State university.

Dr. Armitage and Dr. King worked with severely ill mental patients who had failed to respond to standard methods of treatment, including tranquilizing drugs. These veterans were extremely withdrawn detached from their environment,

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