

As Seen in The Mirror's

SPORTS REFLECTIONS

of Athletes and Events

what a difference a year makes. Last gridiron season Chuck Mohn and Jeff Stocks starred together for the New Bern High school Bears. Saturday they were hardly on a buddy basis, seeing as how Mohn quarterbacks for Duke's frosh eleven and the Imps were

clashing with the team that Stocks plays for, Clemson's Baby Tigers.

Another former NBHS athlete, Robbie Kennel, but for his own choosing might have been catching for the Baltimore Orioles when they won their second World Series in a five-year span. Rated the best college catcher in America while backstopping for N. C. State, he turned down an Oriole bonus offer, accepted a Rotary Fellowship for study in Australia, and now rates high in the nation's space program.

New Bern's Bill Bunting, who spent his first season of pro basketball as a Carolina Cougar benchwarmer, is seeing the action he was promised when the New York Nets made a trade for him. Former St.

John's coach Lou Carnesecca, now heading the Nets, has been using him as a starter.

There's another native New Bernian doing well for the Nets too. Sonny Dove, also a forward, hails from our town but left here in early childhood. He still has relatives in New Bern. Two forwards on the same ABA club from a city no bigger than ours is quite a coincidence.

Other teams in North Carolina's Big Four may follow N. C. State's lead in scheduling the East Carolina University Pirates. Money talks, and the financial success of the first State-ECU tilt caused a raising of eyebrows in Durham, Chapel

Hill, and Winston-Salem. From the standpoint of victories, the Pirates have had a miserable first year under Coach Mike McGhee. However Mike, a former Duke All-American and later a dependable pro lineman, knows what it takes to win. His recruiting program is expected to lift the club from its present low level.

On the local scene, Coach Roger Thrift's NBHS Bears are ambling to Wilmington tonight for a battle with New Hanover. A victory would be sweeter than honey.

The great use of a life is to spend it for something that outlasts it. -- William James.

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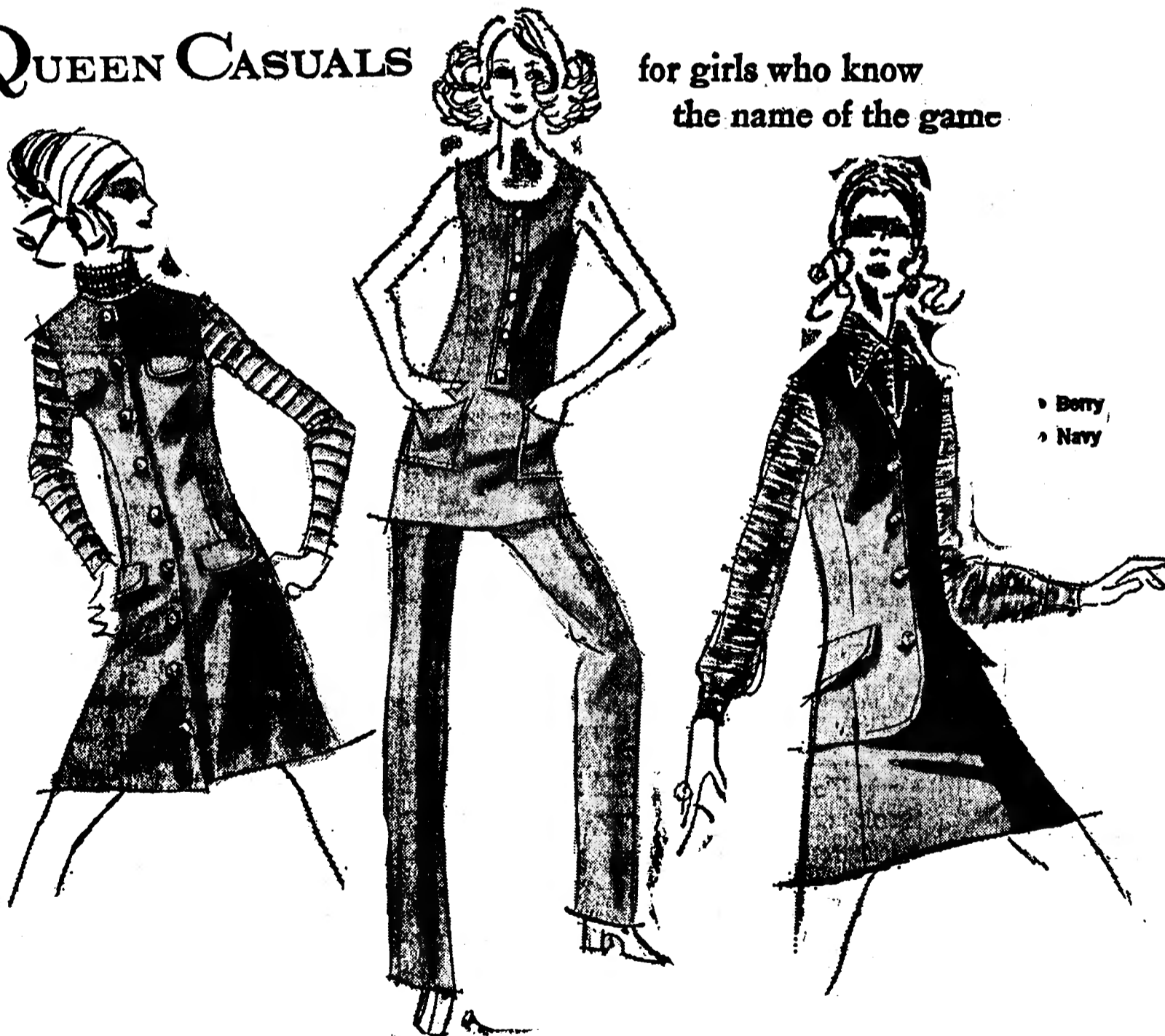
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