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# SPORTS REFLECTIONS

of Athletes and Events

Basketball is still a team operation, and you don't often make it by relying chiefly on one or two superstars. The classic example is Pete Maravich, who brought glory to himself but a minimum of victories for LSU.

What happened to the Tigers, during Pete's sensational reign, could happen to the New Bern High school Bears this season. As a matter of fact, it has already been happening to the 4-A Bruins against 3-A opponents.

Take the loss at West Carteret. The Patriots ended up with five players in double figures, compared with New Bern's two. Of the 76 points scored by the Bears, a pair of performers racked up 59.

The third highest Bruin accounted for 6, two others

tallied four, and the sixth scoring player garnered three. With this style of offensive to cope with, rival coaches don't have to stop the big guns, slowing them is enough.

Although it doesn't have to be, this year's edition of the Bears is showing early indications of becoming the most erratic quint in New Bern High school's long history. To a great extent, it's a case of haste makes waste.

Talent notwithstanding, the Bruins aren't apt to successfully duplicate the Harlem Globe Trotters when it comes to ball handling, and why should they attempt it? Play making and percentage shooting still aren't obsolete.

Winning against the NBHS



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ball club, unless the team develops a different approach, should require no deep thinking in 4-A circles. You can do the job by double-teaming the two top guys, and trapping them into making fouls.

A clever defender, and rest assured there are a few of them around in 4-A, can force any reckless, run and gun opponent into committing charging fouls. Picking up a few blocking fouls won't make it a poor gamble.

Actually, the Bears have the potential for a truly good ball club. Hopefully, they'll abandon this sandlot, kindergarten stuff, and work together as a unit. Enough unselfishness can take them a long way.



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