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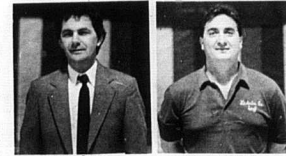
HOOPS, HOOPS, HOOPS
By Josh Shepherd
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff
With only one senior on the team, for the 1989-90 basketball season, the Nicholas County Boy's Varsity basketball team is relatively inexperienced on the court. NCHS Head Basketball Coach Lee Cruse said.

"Though they are not very big, they have quickness," Cruse said.
There are several "old" sophomores and juniors and Cruse said he will need to depend on them or a good season this year.
In practice, Cruse said the team appears to have a good outside shooting game, but said he does not like to depend solely on an outside game. David Sparks, the Bluejackets' only senior at six-foot-five, Brian Highlander, at six-foot-one, and six-foot-three Travis Sims make up

the core of inside and defensive strategy, Cruse said.
However, Cruse said, Greg Gilvin and Jamie Simons are in to put pressure on any offense they meet.
"The only worry I have is Simons tends to be overly-aggressive and can easily get into foul trouble early," Cruse said.
Daniel Brown has a good

chance of being a high scorer, Cruse said, with good potential at working both ends of the court, inside and out. Last year, Cruse said, Brown distinguished himself in the AAU tournament, averaging roughly 30 points a game.
"Though the starting line-up has been only partially chosen, Cruse said whomever he begins with, he will have some

quality waiting to take over on the bench. Jarrod Wills, he said, may be asked to fill in several different positions and David Sbert, along with Shad Tibbs, Roger Wiloughby, and Brad Brerly all have a good eye for making shots. But the team seems to excel from the outside, which can be easily defensible if they cannot get their inside game working, Cruse said.



Lee Cruse
Greg Letcher

With Millersburg Military Institute temporarily dropping its basketball program this fall, Cruse said competition between the remaining four teams, Harrison, Paris, Nicholas, and Bourbon, in the district will be fierce.
"You never know what teams are going to be like until they hit the court. Paris lost two of their best men, Derek Hamilton and Dwight Lee, but I don't know how

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