

Nicholas ready to begin season

By Tim Jones
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CARLISLE — Nicholas County basketball coach Ed Oakley said his team is ready to open the season after two scrimmages in the past week.

Oakley described last Wednesday's scrimmage against Casey County in the Royal County Panoram as "tough." The first year head coach was encouraged by Saturday's scrimmage against Dunbar, however.

"I was excited about something I saw out there," Oakley said.

Dunbar was a good scrimmage opponent for the Bluejackets. The Lexington school is in its first year but has a lot of athletic ability, including 6-3 sophomores Darrell Burton. Many consider the sophomore the best player in Lexington.

In addition to its athletic ability, Dunbar has sheer numbers on its side.

"Dunbar had 70 kids out for their program this year," Oakley noted.

In order to play with the athletic Dunbar team, Oakley decided to control the tempo of the game.

Coach Letcher and I decided after the Wednesday scrimmage against Casey County that we had to play tempo to be competitive," Oakley said.

The tempo game worked according to the coach. Oakley said his team scored in the upper 50s in the Casey County scrimmage where they "passed the ball once and put up a shot," he said.

Against Dunbar, the team scored in the mid 50s by taking their time and taking good shots.

"The kids were down when I told them we were going to



The referee tosses the ball into the air to begin the scrimmage between Nicholas County and Lexington Dunbar last Saturday. Nicholas County coach Ed Oakley said his team had improved their performance from their first scrimmage.

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Market off to good start

By Tim Jones
The Carlisle Mercury Staff

CARLISLE — The burley tobacco market is looking more and more like a seller's market.

The market, which generally averages its greatest amounts of tobacco during Thanksgiving and Christmas, has seen a price averaging close to \$1.75 a pound this season.

The market's actually pretty good," Nicholas County Extension Agent Mike Phillips said Monday morning. "The M-4P tobacco, which is the poorest grade, is selling for \$1.75 a pound. The M-4P tobacco, which is the poorest grade, is selling for \$1.75 a pound. The M-4P tobacco, which is the poorest grade, is selling for \$1.75 a pound.



Tobacco sits on the floor at Paris Tobacco Warehouse. The market opened Monday with prices holding steady. The period between Thanksgiving and Christmas is usually the busiest time of the year for the warehouses.

Millersburg Military Institute returns to the court

By William Hillon
The Carlisle Mercury Staff

MILLERSBURG — The Cadets of Millersburg Military Institute begin the 1990-91 basketball season on November 27. The Cadets play host to the Deering Panthers.

This marks MMI's return to the court after a one year absence.

MMI did not play basketball last year. There was a fire at the school that they would not play this year.

However, Coach Danny Damper is looking forward to the upcoming season.

Damper's emphasis is on fundamentals. His goal is to build character in his young men and help build a foundation for the future. Damper

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