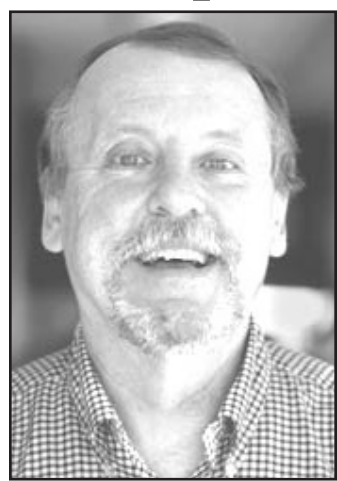


# Calipari Busy Handing Out Scholarship Offers



Larry Vaught

UK Wildcats basketball coach John Calipari has been busy handing out scholarship offers to players in the 2017 and 2018 recruiting classes the last two weeks.

One intriguing prospect is Putnam Science Academy (Conn.) guard Hamidou Diallo. He has a bevy of scholarship offers, including Connecticut and Duke.

Diallo plays AAU summer basketball for the New York Rens, based in his hometown of Queens, N.Y., in the Nike Youth Basketball League.

Marc Allard, sports editor of the Norwich Bulletin, says the 6-4 Diallo has the ability to penetrate defense but also hit from 3-point range. He led his team with 32 3-pointers last season and averaged 16 points per game.

"But he is not selfish. He

can score 30 plus points per game (against good competition from the New England Prep School Athletic Council and other top prep programs), but is also willing and able to distribute. I think the top programs also really liked his play on the defensive end. He has good size and good quickness," Allard said.

The recent scholarship offers to Diallo from big-name schools did not surprise Allard. He says Syracuse has been following Diallo the longest and would keep Diallo close to home, one reason he thought Syracuse might have the inside track.

"He has had offers, as you may expect, from many of the better programs. It seems — just like when a McDonald's is built, a Burger King isn't too far behind — when one comes knocking, they all do," Allard said. "However, Calipari has seen Diallo in person about five times from what I've been told so I think the Wildcats are serious."

"I know UConn has also been very much in the hunt, but Diallo is giving no indication as to where he is leaning now. He told me that 'there are no favorites,' and will begin doing some official visits after the summer season."

The sports editor says Diallo "is not the most talk-

ative player I've ever met," but also said he is very mature and handles his talking points well. He says Diallo's high school coach, Tom Espinosa, has also told him the player is surrounded by some "good, strong influences" that should help prepare him for college basketball.

Allard says Diallo sometimes needs to work on his maturity on the court because of his intensity.

"It's one of the aspects that Espinosa thinks he might need a little work on as he moves up. He can get a little too much into the game and what is happening on the floor, needs to stay on course a bit more," Allard said.

National media analysts think hiring former UK coach Tubby Smith was a smart move by Memphis.

"Tubby Smith will do a great job at Memphis. He's a terrific fit there, and will win and win big. That's a home run get for Memphis," ESPN analyst Jay Bilas said.

"And for Tubby, it is a fantastic move due to the rich basketball tradition of Memphis. He's also in a conference he has a great chance to dominate," ESPN analyst Dick Vitale said.

This would seem a good time for UK to consider playing Memphis and perhaps putting Smith's jersey

in the Rupp Arena rafters. He's already in the UK Athletics Hall of Fame but he deserves a jersey hung in his honor for winning a national title at UK.

"It would be wonderful for Kentucky to put Tubby in the rafters, and he's very deserving, in my judgment. Tubby Smith has won everywhere he's been, from Tulsa to Georgia to Kentucky to Minnesota to Texas Tech, and he'll win at Memphis. There's not a finer gentleman in sports than Tubby Smith," Bilas said.

Sporting News college basketball columnist Mike DeCourcy also thinks that would be a good idea.

"It's obvious from my inter-

actions on Twitter that the people at Kentucky have come to appreciate what Tubby did well there. He is genuinely a terrific coach," DeCourcy said. "I wouldn't pretend his tenure at Kentucky was perfect, but it was overall a success."

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One of my favorite things to watch at Kentucky football the past few years has been the interaction between UK defensive line coach Jimmy Brumbaugh and his son, Legend. I had the chance to get to know Legend a bit off the field as well as watch him play quarterback at Lexington Catholic.

Legend won't be around UK much this next season,

though, because he will be playing at Trinity Christian in Jacksonville, Fla., due to family reasons. Trinity Christian has won three straight state titles and coach Brumbaugh says it has a lot of quality players who could play college football.

"My wife's mom is not doing well, so my wife is down there. It is what it is. We always talk on the phone. That is my guy. We will be fine, but I do miss him," Jimmy Brumbaugh said. "He is back to close to my hometown. My family is around him and my wife can help her mom."

Legend has several Division I scholarship offers of his own already.

**THE RELAY FOR LIFE GETS FROSTED OVER!**

**Estill Springs Elementary School**  
**Saturday April 30th**

The Estill County Relay For Life team is bringing back everyone's favorite Ice Queen and Snow Princess to Estill Springs! For the first time in forever, there'll be magic, there'll be fun in the gym of the school. The Queen will tell the guards to open up the gates from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm to all of the children of Estill County and surrounding counties. You can stop in anytime during those hours for interactive activities and one on one time with the queen and princess! Parents don't forget to bring your cameras and capture all of these memories for your princess or prince.

\$5 minimum donation per child to attend.  
100% of all donations go directly to the Relay For Life and their commitment to help people get well, stay well, find cures, and fight back against cancer.

## Congratulations Seniors And Parents of Seniors

We will be doing The Estill County Tribune's Senior Salute on Wednesday, May 18th and need your picture with full name by Friday, May 13th. Although you may have sent a photo to other sources, you must send a picture to <news@estilltribune.com> to ensure that your photo will be in The Tribune.

# Grand jury returns 10 indictments Friday

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KSP Trooper P. Powell conducted the investigation.

Frances N. Stamper, 19, of Church Street, Irvine, was indicted for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle - first offense and escape - second degree - Estill County Jail.

Stamper allegedly escaped from the jail on April 5, 2016 and used a vehicle which belonged to another person.

KSP Det. Ken Bradley was the investigating detective.

An indictment charged Michael D. Miller, 28, of Sparks Lane, Irvine with four counts of second degree burglary, one count of theft by unlawful taking over \$500, criminal trespassing third degree, and being a second degree persistent felony offender.

The indictment states that Miller unlawfully entered the residence of Jennifer Miller on

April 4, 5, 6, and 7 with the intent to commit a crime.

Between April 4-7, M. Miller allegedly took two flat screen televisions, one guitar, a compound bow with arrows, an Apple I-pad, a Wii game console, three fishing poles and other items from Ms. Miller's home.

The indictment states that Michael Miller has been previously convicted of one felony.

Trooper A. Brashear conducted the burglary investigations.

Randall Householder, 45, of Seymour Tenn. was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (heroin) and drug paraphernalia - buy, possess (syringes used to inject illegal drugs).

The alleged offense occurred February 8, 2016 in Estill County and was inves-

tigated by KSP Trooper A. Brashear.

Charles Draggoo, 50, of Wall Street, Irvine, was indicted on four counts of assault third degree of a police officer, assault fourth degree -- no visible injury, fleeing or evading police second degree (on foot), and resisting arrest.

The indictment states that Draggoo kicked and punched both Irvine Police Capt. Adrian McKinney and Estill Deputy Sheriff Randy Farthing on April 8, 2016.

He allegedly struck Kim Williams, but she had no visible injuries.

The indictment states that Draggoo disobeyed directions

to stop and ran out the back door on foot. The officers had to use physical force to arrest Draggoo.

Deputy Farthing presented the case to the grand jury.

Richard F. Neal, 46, was indicted for cultivating in marijuana (5 plants or more), first offense.

The indictment states that Neal was growing 44 marijuana plants in the attic of a residence on January 8, 2016.

Edwin Botkin of KSP's Cannibus Suppression conducted the investigation.

Seldon E. Baker, 21, of Beattyville was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first

offense (methamphetamine), no/expired registration platels, no/expired Ky. registration receipt, operating on suspended or revoked operators license, operating motor vehicle under the influence of drugs/alcohol first offense, and failure to produce insurance card.

The indictment resulted from a traffic stop on Baker in Estill County on February 28 by Trooper C. Royal.

Timothy Thacker, 30, of Stacy Lane, Irvine was indicted for burglary, second degree, unlawful imprisonment, second degree, possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine), operat-

ing a motor vehicle under hte influence of drugs/alcohol first offense, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess (straws used to inhale illegal drugs), and license to be in possession.

The indictment states that Thacker entered the residence of Sandra Kamer with the intent to commit a crime on March 29, 2016. It adds that he restrained Kamer in her residence.

Trooper Royal conducted the investigation.

A report of no indictment was made on a complaint brought to the grand jury by KSP Detective Jesse Armstrong. The defendant was listed as Millard Dixon Jr.

**Attention Veterans**

A Veterans Benefits Field Representative will be at the National Guard Armory, 335 Cow Creek Road, Ravenna, on Thursday, May 5th and normally the first Thursday of each month. The hours are 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Veterans and their dependants will receive assistance filing for Federal and state veterans benefits. This service is provided free of charge by the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs. To apply, veterans need to furnish copies of pertinent documentation to verify eligibility. For further information, please call toll free within Kentucky, 1-866-376-0308, to speak with a Veterans Benefits Field Representative.

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# Sheriff and IPD activity report

A theft was reported April 23 from the property of Virgil Johnson on Dry Ridge Road.

Johnson told Deputy Daniel Smith that someone had stolen two beehives, including the bees inside.

The hives and bees were valued at less than \$500.

A circuit court warrant was served April 22 on Thomas Scott Reeves, 37, of McKee Road, Irvine by Bailiff Glenn Carroll.

Alexandria N. Lee/Richardson of Forest Hill Drive, Irvine, was cited April 21 for failure to maintain insurance and operating on revoked or suspended license. Deputy Daniel Smith said the charges resulted from a three vehicle accident on Richmond Road in which Richardson was driving

a Dodge caravan.

- An arrest warrant was served April 20 on Darren Harrison of Grand Avenue by Deputy Doc Morris.

- A parole violation warrant was served April 19 on Michael J. Hatton by Irvine Police Chief Brad Smith.

The Kentucky Parole Board says that Hatton has violated the terms of his violation by absconding parole supervision, failing to complete treatment for substance abuse, and failing to report to his parole officer.

- A bench warrant was served by the Irvine Police Dept. on Michael Wells, 22, of Winchester. The Boyle County warrant states that Wells had failed to pay a fine. His bail was set at \$298 in cash.

- Officer John Stumliolo arrested Sara Foster, 19, of Cherry Street for alcohol intoxication on April 24.

- Lewis Woosley, 58, of Rosebud Avenue, was arrested April 22, for public intoxication and prescription of a controlled substance not in proper container. Capt. Adrian McKinney said complaints were made that Woosley was dropping his pants and showing his buttocks to children.

- Ronnie L. Neal, 53, of Collins Ave., Irvine was charged with alcohol intoxication by Capt. McKinney on April 24. The officer said that Neal was walking through the Mushroom Festival area.

- Ladonna Newman, 35, of Stacy Lane, Irvine was charged with alcohol intoxica-

tion April 20 by Chief Smith. The chief said he received several calls about the woman being at Marcum & Wallace Hospital. He added that she showed signs of being under the influence of methamphetamine.

- A warrant of arrest was served April 19 by Capt. McKinney on Melinda Powell of Jacqueline Court, Irvine. Powell allegedly failed to appear for unlawful transaction with a minor third degree.

- Scottie Joe Brewer, 44, of Locomotive Street, Irvine was charged with assault fourth degree (domestic violence) minor injury by Officer Sam Hensley on April 16. Brewer was arrested at his parent's home by Richmond Police.