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Troy Christian's Taylor Patterson runs to first base Saturday against Milton-Union.

■ CONTINUED FROM B1 a triple and two RBIs and Trey Overla was 1 for 1 with a double and two RBIs.

Cody Hill got the win on the mound, while Daniel McGillivray took the loss.

"Errors bled into more errors, and we couldn't stop the bleeding," Campbell said. "That second inning killed us."

Which is just what Milton-Union thought of the fourth in the second game.

Ben Morrow — who also got his first varsity win — and Trevor Campbell were each 3 for 4 with a double, Nathan Kirkpatrick was 3 for 4, David Diltz was 2 for 5 and McGillivray doubled for the Eagles.

Bracci hit a home run for the Bulldogs, going 1 for 3 with two RBIs.

"When they put pressure on us, we're not there to make the plays," Kopp said. "And that's what we've got to do from here on out with the tournament and a lot of tough games coming up."

Both teams are in action Monday, with Troy Christian hosting Dayton Christian — a game that could decide the Metro Buckeye Conference — and Milton-Union traveling to Versailles.

TC.....100 00 — 1 4 6
M-U.....180 3x — 12 7 1
WP — Hill. LP — McGillivray.
2B — Campbell (M), Overla (M).
3B — Cole Jones (M).

M-U.....221 01 0 — 7 4 4
WP — Morrow. LP — Staas.
2B — Campbell (T), Morrow (T), McGillivray (T). HR — Bracci (M).
Records: Troy Christian 7-4, Milton-Union 4-14.

ME 4, Arcanum 2

ARCANUM — During its eight-game winning streak, Miami East has used some gaudy offensive numbers to pile up wins.

Saturday, Luke Clark and the defense got the Vikings a big one.

Clark went the distance and struck out 12 Trojans and the defense was flawless behind him as Miami East (10-4, 6-2 Cross County Conference) won for the ninth straight time, 4-2 at Arcanum.

"Luke had an outstanding day on the mound, and the defense was excellent behind him," Miami East coach Barry Coomes said. "That's what won us the game."

Brandon Kirk led the Vikings on offense, going 2 for 3 with two RBIs as the



Troy Christian's Taylor Ryne slides into second base as Milton-Union's Conner Jones awaits the throw Saturday in West Milton.

Vikings chipped away with single runs in the first, third, fourth and fifth innings. Clark scattered three hits over seven innings, and the defense didn't commit an error to shut Arcanum down.

The win puts Miami East one game behind National Trail in the CCC standings entering a pivotal week. First up is another contender, Tri-County North, in the first game on the Vikings' new home field.

"If we can keep the defense shored up, we'll be alright," Coomes said. "With four games in a row, you don't know how your pitching will hold up. We just need the defense to hold up behind them."

ME.....101 110 0 — 4 7 0
Arc.....002 000 0 — 2 3 4
Clark and Mitchell. Shellhaas and Kramer. WP — Clark. LP — Shellhaas. **Records:** Miami East 10-4, 6-2.

Tipp 3, Fenwick 1; Tipp 8, Fenwick 1

TIPP CITY — Tippecanoe got consistent — and consistently outstanding — pitching, holding Fenwick to one run in both games of a double-header sweep, 3-1 and 8-1 Saturday at Tippecanoe.

Nick Muse went 6 2-3 innings to get the win in the first game, and Craig Koehler came on to get the final out and leave the bases loaded.

Chase Goulette doubled and Casey Clark was 2 for 4 as the Devils capitalized on walks and errors, only scoring four hits in the game.

Cameron Johnson was on in the second game, striking out seven and scattering six hits to improve to 5-0 on the year, while Ben Hughes had a two-run single in the first inning that got the Devils' bats going.

"It's prom night, so we weren't very focused," Tippecanoe coach Bruce Cahill said with a laugh. "It was not an inspired performance all around by any means, but two wins are two wins."

Tippecanoe hosts Stebbins Monday.



Milton-Union's Matt Bracci runs the bases Saturday against Troy Christian.

Fen.....100 000 0 — 1 5 2
Tipp.....101 100 x — 3 4 2
Bolton and Goubeaux. Muse, Koehler (7) and Putnam. WP — Muse. LP — Bolton. SV — Koehler. 2B — Goulette (T).

Fen.....001 000 0 — 1 6 5
Tipp.....302 201 x — 8 6 1
Coffey and Dearwester. Johnson and Putnam. WP — Johnson. LP — Coffey. **Records:** Fenwick 4-12, Tippecanoe 14-4.

TCN 6, Newton 5; TCN 11, Newton 1

PLEASANT HILL — Newton almost pulled off the unexpected Saturday.

But Tri-County North (7-4, 5-2 Cross County Conference) escaped a four-run seventh-inning rally by the Indians to cling to a narrow 6-5 victory in the first game of a doubleheader at Newton, then won 11-1 in the second game.

Cody Alexander gave the Indians a chance to win, pitching a complete game. He settled down after a four-run first inning, striking out six and giving up six runs.

Newton trailed 5-0 heading into the sixth inning and 6-1 going into the bottom of the seventh, but the Indians scored four in their final at-bat — and North had to work out of a

jam and strand runners on base to preserve the win.

"We just about did the unexpected," Newton coach Gregg Carnes said. "I was really happy for Cody. He's worked so hard all year, and he threw our second complete game in three days. They're (North) one of the top teams in the CCC, and we just about did it."

Mitchell Hussong led the rally with a double and two RBIs, Gavin Alexander was 2 for 4 and scored twice and Brandon Delcamp was 2 for 3.

Newton managed only two hits in the second game, and North scored six in the third inning to take over and coasted from there.

Newton travels to Bethel Monday.

TCN.....400 100 1 — 6 11 1
New.....000 001 4 — 5 8 3
Olinger, Lawson (5) and Whipp. C. Alexander and Schwartz, Delcamp (5). WP — Olinger. LP — C. Alexander. 2B — Olinger 2 (T), Hussong (N).

TCN.....006 23 — 1 4 6
New.....000 10 — 1 2 2
Patrick and Whipp. Hussong, Welbaum (4) and Delcamp, Filburn (5). WP — Patrick. LP — Hussong. 2B — York (T), Patrick (T). **Records:** Tri-County North 8-4, 6-2, Newton 1-16, 0-9.

Mixed Martial Arts

Bucc grad Brown wins MMA fight

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Believe it or not, Logan Brown has never been in a fight — not even a little tussle as a youngster to settle a minor difference with a classmate.

"Nope, I've never been in a fight," said Brown prior to taking part in his first Mixed Martial Arts battle in West Lafayette on Friday. "I don't even remember ever getting hit in the face."

Which is why those who know Logan found it very difficult to sit cage-side and watch him throw leather for the first time.

"I can't take this," said Logan's mother, Karen, as the preliminary bouts were taking place. "I'm a nervous wreck."

Brown, a 2006 Covington graduate and state wrestling champion, was the headliner in an amateur MMA card at the Family Sports Center in West Lafayette, Ind. on Friday. This was due to his overwhelming popularity generated through his wrestling career at Purdue — a career that took him to the NCAA Championships in each of his four years of eligibility.

And Brown's face was even printed on every ticket sold at the event.

"That's awesome," said Dennis "Scooby" Willoughby, a long-time Brown supporter who made the three hour trip from Covington to watch Logan fight. "Logan Brown is the man — and to be the man you have to beat the man."

Shawn Black, a 190-pound fighter from Indianapolis found out the hard way that "the man" is hard to beat. Brown dominated the 2:22 of action as he

pounded his opponent into submission for a first-round stoppage.

"It was fun," Brown said after his victory. "I wasn't too nervous, not as much as I thought I would be. It was a pretty neat experience."

Brown took control of the match from the outset, landing a thunderous left hand that buckled Black's knees and following up with two more left jabs.

After tasting Brown's power, Black elected to try and take him down, pinning the former Covington Buccaneer against the cage for a split second while he attempted to land body shots.

"I was surprised when he shot in like that," Brown said. "I was like, what the heck is he thinking? So I just went with it and took him to the mat."

Which is where Brown did significant damage as the former standout grappler began pounding away at Black's ribs and face with controlled abandon, setting up each thunderous punch by switching from the body to the head around the Indianapolis fighter's defense.

Mercifully, at the 2:22 mark of the first round, the referee halted the beating and declared Brown the winner as the entire arena came to its feet.

"I want to thank everyone for coming out and supporting me," Brown said. "I could hear the guys (from Covington) shouting for me to keep pounding away. That's what I did."

Brown said prior to his fight that this was a one-and-done thing for him.

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Trojans

■ CONTINUED FROM B1 rally.

And once again, Nathan Helke had the clutch bat.

Helke led off the sixth inning with a single, then the following two hitters struck out. But Jared Fisher (1 for 3, RBI) doubled, three Trojans drew walks, Dylan Cascaden (2 for 4, RBI) singled and another Trojan drew a walk, putting runners on first and third for Helke once again. Helke cashed both runners in with a double to bring in the game-tying and winning runs.

Helke finished 3 for 3 in the game.

"He's got 30 RBIs this year, which, if not leading the GWOC is close," Welker said. "He's done a nice job when we've needed him to come through. He's been clutch, and he's done it kind of quietly."

Dhaval Shah went the first four innings for Troy, Brandon Rose pitched the fifth and Devon Alexander pitched the final two and got the win.

"Shah kept us in the game. He could've hung his head after giving up a couple runs in a couple innings," Welker said. "But he didn't and he kept us in it. Rose pitched the fifth and threw well, and Devon came in and was a bulldog."

Alexander also got out of a jam in the seventh to preserve the win, as Springboro had runners on second and third with none out. A strikeout, an intentional walk to load the bases, another strikeout and a groundout put an end to another comeback win, though.

"That was a huge, huge inning," Welker said of the way the team worked out of the seventh.

Troy hosts GWOC North rival Piqua Monday.

Troy.....000 007 0 — 7 6 2
SBoro.....220 110 0 — 6 9 1
Shah, Rose (5), Alexander (6) and Swigard, Nadolny (5). Toors, Thackery (6), Delbridge (6), Smith (7) and Kramer. WP — Alexander. LP — Thackery. 2B — Fisher (T), Helke (T), Smith (S), Pfeifer (S). HR — Emmel (S). **Records:** Troy 13-4, Springboro 8-8.

Softball

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■ CONTINUED FROM B1 This was a great weekend for us."

After defeating defending Division I champion Massillon Perry on Friday, the Indians were matched up against Greenville — one of only two teams possessing a win over the Indians this year.

And the Indians were ready.

"We were pretty up for them," Kadel said. "We jumped out 6-0 on them in the first couple innings and held on from there."

"They're a pretty good hitting team and they scored some runs, but we made some plays, too. It was one of the best defensive games we've played all year long."

Brooke Knepper was 4 for 4 with a double, two runs and three RBIs, Lacey Jackson was 2 for 3 with a double, Ashley Robinson was 2 for 3 and scored twice and Marina Snipes was 1 for 3 with two runs.

Matched up with Lakewood — which won the D-II State title last year, and won the D-III title the two years before that — Newton fell behind early and couldn't bounce back.

Andee Welbaum was 2 for 2 in the game and Knepper doubled.

Newton returns to Cross County Conference play Monday at Bethel before a critical matchup with Covington Tuesday.

New.....240 100 1 — 8 11 2
Gville.....003 020 0 — 5 10 3
Burden and Jackson. Haynes, Shirett (4) and Wolter. WP — Burden. LP — Haynes. 2B — L. Jackson (N), Knepper (N). **Records:** Newton 14-2, Greenville 14-3.

LWood 300 002 2 — 7 8 2
New.....010 000 0 — 1 4 2
Katzmick and Bennett. Burden and L. Jackson, Thompson (7). WP — Katzmick. LP — Burden. 3B — Knepper (N). **Records:** Newton 14-3.

ME 12, Arcanum 0
ARCANUM — The Miami East Vikings are simply trying to do the same

thing everyone else is shooting for — peak at the right time.

If Saturday is an indicator, they're on their way.

The Vikings (12-3, 7-2 Cross County Conference) offense poured it on Saturday at Arcanum, finishing off the Trojans early in a 12-0 run-rule victory.

"It's getting to be the right time of the year to be peaking," Miami East coach Brian Kadel said. "We've got a couple of tough games next week, and with the tournament coming up, it's nice to see us hitting the ball well."

Kristy Brown was 3 for 4 with a double and three RBIs, Courtney Magoto tripled and had three RBIs, Madison Linn was 2 for 3 with a double, Amanda Woolley was 2 for 2 and Jeni Accurso and Lindsey Brookhart were each 2 for 3.

Linn and Paige Kiesewetter combined to scatter four hits on the mound, with Linn picking

up the win.

"We're playing solid defense and our pitchers are throwing the ball well," Kadel said. "We're starting to do some good things at the end of the year."

Miami East hosts Tri-County North Monday.

ME.....416 01 — 12 14 0
Arc.....000 00 — 0 4 3
Linn, Kiesewetter (4) and Accurso. Nealeigh and McLain. 2B — Brown (M), Linn (M), McLain (A). 3B — Magoto (M). **Records:** Miami East 12-3, 7-2.

NW 11, M-U 1; M-U 15, NE 2

SPRINGFIELD — Northwestern jumped all over Milton-Union in the first game Saturday.

So the Bulldogs returned the favor to Northeastern. Milton-Union (12-6) split a tri-match at Northwestern Saturday, losing to the host team 11-1 then thumping Northeastern 15-2 in the finale.

Cassie Haworth doubled in the first game for the Bulldogs, but Northwestern

(8-5) put up six in the second inning and never looked back.

"Central Buckeye Conference teams can hit," Milton-Union coach Curt Schaefer said. "We were selective and not swinging at the right pitches, and they were jumping on the first pitch."

But the Bulldogs turned things around against Northeastern.

Ashley Smith had a monstrous game, going 4 for 4 with a double, a homer, five RBIs and getting her first win as a varsity starter. Amber Beeman was 2 for 4 with a double and two RBIs, Haworth was 2 for 3 with a triple, Summer West doubled and had two RBIs, Kelsey Flory was 2 for 3 and Chelsey Beeler was 2 for 4.

"We did a better job in our approach at the plate, and our defense was better. It was nice to bounce back and play well," Schaefer said.

Milton-Union hosts Wayneville Tuesday.

M-U.....100 000 — 1 6 2
NW.....160 112 — 11 11 3
Fetters and Booher. Oty and Coy. WP — Oty. LP — Fetters. 2B — Haworth (M), Coy (N), Pencil (N), Current (N). **Records:** Milton-Union 11-6, Northwestern 8-5.

M-U.....20(11) 20 — 15 14 2
NE.....101 00 — 2 4 6
Smith and Booher. Keith and Byerly. WP — Smith. LP — Keith. 2B — Smith (M), West (M), Beeman (M). 3B — Haworth (M). HR — Smith (M), Moore 2 (N). **Records:** Milton-Union 12-6, Northeastern 6-11.

Bradford 8, FM 1
BRADFORD — The Bradford Railroaders scored six times in the fifth inning, putting the icing on an 8-1 win over Franklin Monroe in Cross County Conference play Saturday.

Haley Patury struck out four and walked two, giving up only three hits in the win, while Lindsey Rose was 2 for 4 at the plate.

Bradford travels to Tri-County North Tuesday.