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TODAY'S TIPS

• **HOLE-IN-ONE:** At Miami Shores Thursday, Jim Anderson had a hole-in-one on hole No. 7, a 160-yard-long hole, using a 9-iron. It was witnessed by John Weaver and Fred Monnin.

• **BASEBALL:** The Troy Post 43 baseball team is holding the 2012 Golf Scramble at Cliffside Golf Course in Tipp City on May 12. Check in starts at 12 p.m.. A shot gun start will take place at 1:00 p.m. The fee is \$65 a person. Proceeds go to the support of Troy Post 43 baseball. To learn more, contact Frosty Brown at (937) 339-4383 or at (937) 474-9093. You can also contact Frosty via email at ibrown@woh.rr.com.

• **FOOTBALL:** The Troy Football Alumni Association is holding a Texas Hold 'Em Tournament at 5 p.m. April 28 at the St. Patrick's Parish Center, 409 E. Main Street in Troy. Registration begins at 4 p.m. the day of the event. There is a maximum of 200 players. Participants may pre-register by sending a request to brad8rohifs@yahoo.com. There is a \$50 entry fee. There will be a payout to the top 10 finishers, free snacks, raffles and a 50/50 drawing. Beer and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase. Proceeds from the event will go toward the Troy Football Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. Checks and money orders may be mailed to Troy Football Alumni Association, P.O. Box 824, Troy OH 45373.

• **GOLF:** The Ladies 18-hole Golf League at Miami Shores Golf Course is having its opening meeting at 9 a.m. April 24 at Miami Shores. Everyone is invited. For more information, call the golf course.

• **GOLF:** The Ladies 9-hole Golf League at Miami Shores Golf Course is having its opening meeting at 11 a.m. April 24 at Miami Shores. Everyone is invited. For more information, call Gail at (937) 332-7467.

SPORTS CALENDAR

TODAY	
Baseball	
Tippecanoe/CJ	at Northmont (12:30 p.m.)
Miami East	at Greenon (11 a.m.)
Catholic Central	at Bethel (noon)
Newton	at Dixie (DH) (11 a.m.)
Riverside	at Covington (at Fifth Third Field) (7 p.m.)
Piqua	at Marion Local (DH) (11 a.m.)
Bradford/Ben Logan	at Mechanicsburg (11 a.m.)
Lehman	at Russia (DH) (1 p.m.)
Softball	
Franklin Monroe	at Troy (TBA)
Tippecanoe, Milton-Union, Newton, Covington, Piqua	at Strike Out Cancer Classic (at Kyle Park) (1 and 3 p.m.)
Miami East	at Miamisburg (DH) (1 p.m.)
Bradford	at Russia (DH) (noon)
Lima Central	at Lehman (11 a.m.)
Tennis	
Milton-Union, Lehman	at Schroeder Invite (TBA)
Track and Field	
Troy, Tippecanoe, Piqua	at Butler Invite (11 a.m.)
Lehman	at Minster Invite (9 a.m.)

SUNDAY
 No events scheduled

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Indians have big 1st, beat Royals

Michael Brantley had one hit in 17 at-bats during Cleveland's season-opening homestand. One measly hit. He had two of 'em in the first inning alone Friday.

The Indians' anemic offense broke loose against Luke Hochevar and the Royals. Cleveland pounded out seven runs in the opening frame, and Asdrubal Cabrera tacked on a ninth-inning homer for good measure in an 8-3 victory that spoiled Kansas City's home opener.

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Dragons Lair

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — The Dayton Dragons rallied in the ninth to come away with a 6-4 win over South Bend on Friday.

Juan Perez drove in the tying run, then scored the go-ahead run in the top of the ninth.

The Dragons snapped their five-game losing streak with the win.

High School Football

The more things change ...

Troy's new coach not worried about divisional realignment

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TROY

Scot Brewer is far less worried about Week 11 in 2013 and far more concerned with Week 1 in 2012.

Thursday, the Ohio High School Athletic Association announced in 2013 it is adding a

seventh tournament division in football. Barring any unforeseen changes, the move will drop Troy from Division I to Division II. Historically, Troy always has competed in the OHSAA's largest division — this will be the first move to a smaller division in school history.

None of which is of concern to Brewer, Troy's football coach.

"All I'm concerned about right now is (Chaminade-Julienne)," Brewer said of the Trojans' first opponent in 2012. "That's the only thing I'm thinking about. I guess it's great for the sports forum guys on the Internet — it gives them something to talk about. But as a football coach,

we've still got to play our schedule and win football games. If we don't beat the teams on our schedule, it's not going to matter what division we are in."

The plan for adding a seventh division by the OHSAA was in response to a concern by some OHSAA member schools about the enrollment disparity that

■ See DIVISIONS on 20

Softball



STAFF PHOTOS/MARK DOWD

Tippecanoe's CC Alvarez lays down a bunt Friday against Newton at the Strike Out Cancer Classic at Kyle Park in Tipp City.

Tipp too much

Devils outslug Indians in 15-6 win

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Two years ago, Newton won a state championship.

Last season, Tippecanoe reached the state's final four.

Both teams accomplished those feats with strong pitching and solid defense.

Friday night's kickoff to the Strike Out Cancer Classic at Kyle Park in Tipp City featured a lot more of that third thing both teams are known for — hitting.

TIPP CITY

The Red Devils and Indians combined for 33 hits, playing deep into the night after an 8 p.m. start, but Tippecanoe (8-3) was able to convert more of those into runs — especially in a six-run fourth inning — taking control and never letting go in a 15-6 victory.

"After last night's loss (to Ben Logan), I was proud of the girls for the way they played tonight," Tippecanoe coach Charles Tackett said. "Newton's always a good defensive team, and we put a lot of balls in play."

And with the score tied 2-2 in the top of the fourth, those balls started finding holes in the defense.

After a leadoff error, Bri Eichbaum doubled home a run with one out, then Maddie Watkins drove her in. Cassie Gingrich followed with a bunt



■ See TIPP-NEWTON on 20 Newton's Erin Hixon delivers a pitch Friday against Tippecanoe.

Baseball/Softball

Trojans hammer 'Creek

Troy scores 11 in last 4 innings, wins 11-5

Staff Reports

BEAVERCREEK — Troy and Beaver Creek were deadlocked at 0-0 heading into the fourth.

Then the Trojans got things together, scoring five in the fourth, one in the fifth, three in the sixth and two more in the seventh to close out the Beavers, walking away with an 11-5 victory on Friday.

Cody Fuller was the winner on the mound for the Trojans, striking out five in four innings of work. Zack Kendall came on in the fifth inning and Nathan Helke finished the game off in the seventh for Troy.

At the plate, Dylan Cascaden had two doubles and

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Devin Blakely doubled.

"They had their ace in (the first four innings)," Troy coach Ty Welker said. "He threw well, and we didn't really get things going. But we had five walks in the fourth and a double, and that's how we got our five runs in the fourth."

"I thought we did a lot of things well offensively," Welker said. "We ran the bases well, did a lot of nice things. We just didn't hit the ball well. Overall, we are going in the right direction. We have lost a lot of close games in the last week, so it was nice to be able to get this one."

Troy.....000 513 2 — 11 7 2
 Creek.....000 221 0 — 5 4 2
 Fuller, Kendall (5), Helke (7) and Nadolny. Bach, J. Young (4), Agnew (7) and A. Young. WP — Fuller. LP — J. Young. 2B — Cascaden (2) (T), Blakely

■ See ROUNDUP on 20

Tennis

Tipp tops Fenwick

Staff Reports

Tippecanoe's unbeaten streak has reached double digits.

The Red Devils made it a perfect 10-0 on the season Friday afternoon, traveling to Bishop Fenwick in Middletown — and routing the Falcons 5-0 without dropping a set.

MIDDLETOWN

At first singles, Tippecanoe's Sam Bollinger won 6-2, 6-1. At second singles, Michael Keller won 6-2, 6-1. At third singles, Jacob Belcher won 6-1, 6-1.

At first doubles, Adam Southers and Joe Coughlin won 6-2, 6-1. At second doubles, Tyler Heint and Nick Denuzzo won 6-1, 6-1.

Tippecanoe puts its undefeated Centra Buckeye Conference mark on the line in its second trip through league play, beginning with Stebbins on Monday.