

## MONDAY RESULTS

### Baseball

**Tipp 11, Bellefontaine 0 (5 inn.)**  
BELLEFONATINE

— Facing a pitcher signed on to play for Akron next year, Tippecanoe picked a great day to play its best baseball, taking down Bellefontaine 11-0 in a five inning run-rule on Monday.

Sparked by the pitching performance of Carter Langdon - who recorded his third straight shutout and improved to 4-0 on the season — the Red Devil bats came alive with 12 hits in the game.

Cameron Johnson went 3 for 3 with two doubles and three RBIs, Zach Robbins doubled and Ben Hughes was 2 for 4 and added a double. Zack Blair went 2 for 4 and Austin Hadden had two RBI.

The Red Devils are now 10-4, and 7-0 in Central Buckeye Conference play.

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Langdon and Donathan. WP —  
Langdon. 2B — Hughes (T), Johnson (T) (2), Robbins (T). **Records:** Tipp 10-4, 7-0.

### Lehman 4, Troy Christian 1

SIDNEY — Two Lehman doubles and two errors in the sixth inning proved costly in a 4-1 Troy Christian loss to Lehman on Monday.

Ben Weber was good on the mound for the Cavaliers, fanning 11 on and giving up just two hits in the winning effort. He also had a double at the plate.

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Lehman .....010 003 x — 4 3 1  
McGillivray and Manuel. Weber. WP —  
Weber. LP — McGillivray. 2B - Weber (L), Copella (L).

### Carlisle 15, M-U 0 (5 inn.)

WEST MILTON - Milton-Union fell to Carlisle in five innings Monday, 15-0.

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## SPORTS CALENDAR

### TODAY

**Baseball**  
Preble Shawnee at Milton-Union (5 p.m.)  
Arcanum at Bethel (5 p.m.)  
Lehman at Upper Scioto (5 p.m.)  
**Softball**  
Preble Shawnee at Milton-Union (5 p.m.)  
Lehman at Upper Scioto (5 p.m.)  
**Tennis**  
Piqua at Milton-Union (4 p.m.)  
Eaton at Lehman (4:30 p.m.)

### THURSDAY

**Baseball**  
Tippecanoe at Graham (5 p.m.)  
Miami East at Tri-County North (5 p.m.)  
Newton at Mississinawa Valley (5 p.m.)  
Covington at Twin Valley South (5 p.m.)  
Bradford at Ansonia (5 p.m.)  
**Softball**  
Troy at Brookville (5 p.m.)  
Tippecanoe at Graham (5 p.m.)  
Miami East at Tri-County North (5 p.m.)  
Arcanum at Bethel (5 p.m.)  
Newton at Mississinawa Valley (5 p.m.)  
Emmanuel Christian at Troy Christian (5 p.m.)  
Covington at Twin Valley South (5 p.m.)  
**Tennis**  
Trotwood at Troy (4:30 p.m.)  
Bellefontaine at Tippecanoe (4:30 p.m.)  
Carlisle at Milton-Union (4 p.m.)  
Butler at Piqua (4:30 p.m.)  
**Track and Field**  
Tippecanoe at Greenville relays (4:30 p.m.)

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## Pistons pummel Cavaliers, 116-77

Brandon Knight had 28 points and seven assists, and the Detroit Pistons routed the Cleveland Cavaliers 116-77 on Tuesday night in one of the NBA's most lopsided games of the season.  
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## Dragons Lair

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — Zach Kometani hit a three-run homer and Dayton left 15 runners stranded on base Tuesday night as the Dragons fell 4-1. Dayton, which won at Fort Wayne Monday to open the series, faces the TinCaps again tonight.



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## Baseball/Softball

# Back in the race

## Troy sweeps Butler

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Troy's Jordan Guillozet hits a homer during Troy's game against Butler on Tuesday in Troy.

TROY — After beating Butler's ace Taylore Cherry — who committed to playing college baseball for North Carolina — in an 8-4 game in front of several major league scouts on Monday, the Troy Trojans completed the sweep of the Aviators on Tuesday in Troy.

Jordan Guillozet went 3 for 3 with a homer, a double and six RBIs as Troy moved to 4-2 in Greater Western Ohio Conference North play with a decisive 10-5 win over Butler. Dylan Cascaden went 2 for 3 with two runs scored and also doubled in the win.

In yesterday's win, Troy took advantage of Cherry's lack of control on the mound. Troy cashed in after Cherry had two walks and three hit batters in the fifth inning, scoring six runs in the inning to take control. Nathan Helke

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homed in the fourth inning of the win on Monday. He went 2 for 4 with three RBIs.

But the game ball went to Devon Alexander, who lasted 6 2-3 innings and improved to 4-0 on the season.

"He kept us in the game," Troy coach Ty Welker said. "He was a huge part of what we did. But our defense played well. Devon didn't have any strikeouts, so there were 21 balls in play. Our defense really stepped up.

"Those were two good wins. Vandalia's a top-notch team," Troy coach Ty Welker said. "They always compete for the GWOC title every year. I'm guessing here, but I think they may have won the last 14 out of 16 conference titles. So to get a sweep is nice."

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## Track and Field



From left: Troy's Blake Williams and Nick James, Piqua's Travis Nees and Troy's Miles Hibbler run the 100 Tuesday at the Miami County Invitational. James won the event — one of four victories he was part of on the night.

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# A clean sweep

## Trojans dominate Miami County meet

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If the Miami County Invitational is all about bragging rights, then Tuesday's meet was all about domination — in one way or another.

In the team races, the Troy Trojans pulled off a sweep, with the girls obliterating the competition with 261 points — Miami East's girls were second with 126.5 — and the boys outlasting Covington by a 171.2-127.2 score as plenty of individuals from around the county had big days.

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### Four for Four

The Trojan girls have been keeping track of individual scores all season long, a way to encourage competition and get more girls to try more events.

And Todda Norris had Troy's first perfect day of the year.

Norris won all four events she participated in, sweeping the 100 (12.61 seconds) and 200 (26.09 seconds), edging out teammate Ashley Rector in the long jump (16-5) and anchoring the victorious 4x100 relay team (50.83 seconds) along with Sharice Hibbler, Gracie Huffman and Shanelle Byrd — allowing her to cross the finish line in first place three separate times.

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## College Football

# OSU returns most of defense from 2011

COLUMBUS (AP) — While everyone seems to be talking about Urban Meyer's new hurry-up offense at Ohio State, the defense has been quietly going about its business.

OK, maybe not exactly quietly.

"I would say practices are a little more enthusiastic. A lot more fast tempo," said lineman John

Simon, acknowledged as the leader of the defense. "It's good for us. That's what we need. It's making guys think on their feet and think fast. That's how games are played, so it's getting us prepared."

The Buckeyes return nine starters on defense from a team that floundered at times during a 6-7 season. The defense was 27th

in the nation in points allowed and 19th in yardage permitted.

But with Simon and Johnathan Hankins playing well up front this spring, and corners Travis Howard and Bradley Roby holding down the fort in the secondary, there are high hopes for much improvement this fall.

There's an edge to Meyer's

practices that touches every player at every position. Almost every drill, every bit of conditioning, is a head-to-head competition.

"It's fun. Because last year there really wasn't that much competition," Hankins said. "To see each other fight every day every

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## Running

# Best in the area

## Local runners race in Boston Marathon

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Several area runners took part in the 116th Boston Marathon.

In fact, seven participants were from Troy, including Mark Looney — who was running in his fifth Boston Marathon.

The 50-year-old Looney set a goal to crack the top 10 in the senior division, and finished just on the outside, placing 14th in his

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division in a time of 2:59.25. He was 505th overall. David Powers of Troy came in at 2,399th (3:25.07), Joshua Albright placed 3,618 overall (3:34.14), Julie Blair came in 9,153th (4:02.42), Merlin Collins was 15,914th place (4:43.13), Jim McGail was 17,860th (5:02.12) and Bernie Vogel finished 16,514 (4:48.11).

Covington's Christopher Harshbarger ran a time of 4:45.50 to finish 16,223rd. Piqua's William Denlinger placed 10,832nd (4:11.27).

The overall mens winner was Wesley Korir of Kenya, who ran away with the title in a time of 2:12.40. Seven out of the 10 top mens finishers were from Kenya.

Kenya's Sharon Cherop won the women's division (2:31.50).

## Tennis

# Troy tops Lebanon

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TROY — The Troy Trojans took down Lebanon 5-0 on Tuesday.

At first singles, Luke Oaks defeated Chris Raikes, 6-2, 6-1. At second singles, Reid Wynkoop

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stayed hot, beating Zach Payton, 6-2, 6-4. Sean Cothran defeated Matt Odom 6-3, 6-2 at third singles.

At first doubles, Chris Schmitt and Ben Thompson beat Creighton Parent and Ben Frauer, 6-1, 6-1. At second doubles, Matt Alexander and Greg Joseph handled Andrew Downey

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