

Tennis

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At first singles, Matt Brumbaugh defeated Jacob Ortiz by a score of 6-1, 6-3.

"The team played well after a tough match on Monday," Troy coach Mark Goldner said.

Troy (9-2) hosts Trotwood on Thursday. The match begins at 5 p.m.

M-U 5, Madison 0
MIDDLETOWN —

The Milton-Union Bulldogs topped Middletown Madison on Tuesday, which brings their Southwestern Buckeye League record to 4-0 and an overall record of 8-1.

At first doubles, Kenton Dickison and Jack Blevins defeated Mason Conley and Tommy Tipton by a 6-1, 6-0 score.

Kevin Brackman and Craig Hollis beat Ryan Cornett and Jeremy Hollon at second doubles, 6-1, 6-2.

Milton Union's next match is at home today against Piqua.

National Hockey League

Nashville tops Detroit, 3-1

DETROIT (AP) — Pekka Rinne made the Detroit Red Wings' dominant performance meaningless.

Rinne made 40 saves, and Kevin Klein scored a go-ahead goal 6:25 into the third period, lifting the Nashville Predators to a 3-1 win over Detroit on Tuesday night and a 3-1 lead in the first-round Western Conference playoff series.

"Usually, the game gets easier when you face more pucks," Rinne said.

Nashville can eliminate Detroit in Game 5 on Friday night at home.

"Now we're in a tough situation," Red Wings captain Nicklas Lidstrom said. "We've got to go down to Nashville and win one game."

Predators rookie Gabriel Bourque broke a scoreless tie 1:55 into the third period. Detroit's Niklas Kronwall tied it 1:19 later with a power-play goal that was waved off on the ice but reversed by video review.

The Red Wings pulled goalie Jimmy Howard to add an extra skater with 1:31 left, but had to put him back in the net because Henrik Zetterberg was called for high-sticking with 55.8 seconds left. David Legwand's power-play goal sealed the win with 39 seconds left.

Rinne stopped the first 29 shots he faced, including a kick save on Lidstrom's slap shot at the end of the second period.

"We weren't very happy with the first and second," Rinne said. "They had too many shots, too many scoring chances. We buckled down in the third period."

Howard made 14 saves.

"It's definitely disappointing, but they still have to win one more game," Howard said. "I'm not that type of person just to roll over."

The Red Wings nearly took a 1-0 lead just before Klein's goal, but Jiri Hudler's shot hit a goal post.

Martin Erat blew past Detroit's defense, including Lidstrom, on the following sequence up the middle of the ice, drew three Red Wings to the left and passed the puck back to an uncovered Klein in front for a shot into the net vacated by the helpless Howard.

"We had enough people back," Red Wings coach Mike Babcock said. "We all end up chasing the puck for some reason. We made a mistake."

Babcock said the Predators made their share of miscues, too, but they were covered up by their 6-foot-5 Finn in net.

"We have to make it easier on him," Klein said.

Panthers 4, Devils 3
NEWARK, N.J. —

Brian Campbell scored on a second-period power play and Florida staged its greatest playoff comeback, rallying from an early three-goal deficit to beat New Jersey.

Baseball/Softball

Roundup



Troy's Nathan Helke follows through on a swing Tuesday against Butler.

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Now the Trojans (11-4, 4-2 GWOC) play at Bellefontaine on Friday.

Bethel 7, TVS 0
WEST ALEXANDRIA — Luke Veldman went the distance for the Bethel Bees, lasting seven innings and giving up just three hits — and no runs — as Bethel rolled to a 7-0 victory over Twin Valley South on Tuesday.

Jon Ellerbrock had a double and two RBIs at the plate, Joe Serrer was 3 for 4 and Colin Hoke added two RBIs in the win.

Bethel (12-2, 4-1 Cross County Conference) hosts Arcanum on Thursday.

ME 6, NT 1
NEW PARIS — Tied 1-1 in the top of the seventh, Miami East's Bradley Coomes stepped to the plate with the bases loaded.

And Coomes came through in the clutch situation, clearing the bases with a triple to help the Vikings come away with a 6-1 Cross County Conference victory against National Trail on Tuesday.

"The kids were much more selective on the pitches (in the last inning)," Miami East coach Barry Coomes said. "Brad came up, he found a gap and it brought all of our runners home. That was a huge for us."

Garrett Mitchell, who was 2 for 4, got the win for the Vikings on the hill. He gave up just six hits, struck out seven and had two walks. Alex Brewer doubled on his way to a 2 for 4 day at the plate, while Michael Fellers went 2 for 3.

East (7-3, 4-1 CCC) plays Tri-County North Thursday.

Bellefontaine 3, Tipp 2
TIPP CITY — A day after beating Bellefontaine, Tippecanoe lost its rematch on Tuesday, falling 3-2 in Central Buckeye Conference action on Tuesday.

Pitcher Ben Hughes falls to 3-2 on the season, despite only giving up four hits for the game. The Red Devils, though, still remain in the lead in the CBC. Tipp has a 7-1 record in conference play, while Bellefontaine boasts a record of 7-2.

"It was a total turnaround from Monday, where we had 12 hits and scored 11 runs,"



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Troy's Ian Nadolny slides back into first base Tuesday against Butler.

Tippecanoe coach Bruce Cahill said. "We just came out flat, and that didn't get the job done. Hopefully we learned our lesson."

TC 9, Botkins 2
BOTKINS — Ben Morrow went the distance on the mound, striking out five batters and giving up only three hits as Troy Christian rolled to a 9-2 win over Botkins on Tuesday.

Morrow, Christian Willis and David Diltz all doubled for the Eagles in the win.

Troy Christian has a big Metro Buckeye Conference game against Dayton Christian on Thursday, which will be played at Wright State.

TCN 6, Covington 2
COVINGTON — Tri-County North came to Covington on Tuesday unbeaten in Cross County Conference play, and stayed that way, escaping with a 6-2 win.

Steven Blei went 4-4 with three doubles and drove in both Covington runs. In his last 12 at bats, Blei is 12-12 with six doubles, two triples and 12 RBI. Blei also went the distance on the mound, striking out five and allowing just two walks.

• **Softball**
Troy 9, Butler 7
TROY — A big inning, a huge day at the plate for a freshman, a clutch performance by a pitcher and a selfless play on defense.

All of that added up to the end of the Troy Trojans' six-game losing streak.

Troy (5-11, 3-3 Greater Western Ohio Conference North Division) scored five runs in the bottom of the third and tacked on some insurance, holding on in the end to top Butler 9-7 Tuesday at Troy.

Freshman Victoria Adams was 2 for 3 with three RBIs and a run, driving in two with a bases-loaded hit in the big third inning. Senior Shelby Schultz added a double and two RBIs, Jen Lehmann was 2 for 4 with an RBI and Brooke Evans was 3 for 4 with two runs.

"We've been getting hits, but it's seemed like we haven't got the big hit when we need-



Troy's Dylan Cascaden trots in to score Tuesday against Butler.

ed it," Troy coach Scott Herman said. "And today we did."

Amber Smith got the win on the mound, giving up 11 hits and seven runs but holding Butler scoreless in the top of the seventh when it counted. She also got some help from Evans at second base with a big play in the sixth.

"Brooke took a shot right in the chest from a line drive," Herman said. "She was determined, though, and threw the runner out at first — and then fell over and had to leave the game. Amber had control of her pitches and kept the Butler hitters off balance. This was her best game of the year."

Tipp 9, Bellefontaine 8
TIPP CITY — Trailing 4-1 heading into the bottom of the third, the Tippecanoe Red Devils got the ball rolling, piling on four runs in the inning to help themselves emerge with a 9-8 win over Bellefontaine on Tuesday.

"We were down 4-1. We were hitting the ball well up to that point, but we were hitting it right at them," Tippecanoe coach Charles Tackett said. "I just told the girls to keep hitting the ball hard, and that's what they did. We exploded."

CC Alvarez got the win on the mound, and also went 3 for 4 with a double. Kristin Mace went 2 for 3 with a double, three RBIs and two runs scored. Darlene Reinhard was 2 for 4 with three runs scored and Alex Dawes went 2 for 3

with two runs.

ME 11, NT 0 (5)
NEW PARIS — For a couple innings, the Cross County Conference battle between Miami East and National Trail looked like it could come down to the wire.

But then the Vikings erupted, scoring four in the third, then tacking on seven more in the fourth to walk away with a 11-0 win Tuesday.

Sam Denlinger — who fanned three and walked none — was the winning pitcher. Jeni Accurso was 2 for 4 with a triple and two RBIs. Madison Linn went 2 for 4 with three RBIs and a triple. Paige Kiesewetter was 2 for 3, Christine Bowling was 2 for 3 and Paige Mullen added a triple in the win.

Newton 15, FM 1 (5)
PITTSBURG — Kirsten Burden and Erin Hixon each struck out five batters as the Newton Indians improved to 12-3 on the season with a 15-1 victory over Cross County Conference foe Franklin Monroe on Tuesday.

Marina Snipes was the leader at the plate for the Indians, going 3 for 3 with two doubles and a triple. Andee Welbaum was 3 for 4. Fawn King and Kasey Thompson added doubles.

Covington 10, TCN 0
COVINGTON — It was Dean Denlinger's style of softball on Tuesday as the Covington Bucacs did a little of everything in a 10-0 run-rule victory over Tri-County North.

At the plate Covington recorded 10 hits, six of those going for extra bases — one a home run by Connor Schaffer.

Schaffer had the big stick, going 3 for 4 with two doubles, a home run and four RBIs. Heidi Snipes and Cassidy Cain both went 2 for 3 with a double and two stolen bases by Snipes and an RBI by Cain. Yingst helped out her cause by going 3 for 3 with a double, while Jessica Dammeyer went 2 for 2.

Bradford 11, Houston 1
BRADFORD — Bradford took down Houston 11-1 Tuesday.

For Bradford, Lindsey Rose was 3 for 4, with two RBIs, Haley Patty — who had 12 Ks and got the win on the mound — was 3 for 4, Courtney Miller was 3 for 3 with a walk and an RBI, Michayla Barga was 1 for 3 with a homer and two RBIs, Katie Miller was 3 for 4 with a triple and a RBI.



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