

Track and Field

Bulldog

■ CONTINUED FROM A8 The 4x100 team of Chris Bohse, Davonte Fugate, Skyler Deeter and Trey Eustache was sixth (49.57 seconds).

Brubaker was also second in the 800 (2:05.69) and sixth in the 1,600 (4:49.29). Matt Ward was second in the discus (136-2). Cory Klosterman was fifth in the pole vault (12-0), while Austin Dickson was seventh (10-0). Nick Fields was fifth in the shot put (40-6.5). Chris McGrath was sixth in the long jump (18-0.25). Tyler Hunt was seventh in the 110 hurdles (17.23 seconds).

The 4x100 team of Rachel Paden, Brooke Brown, Kasey Jackson and Kinsey Douglas was fifth (56.95 seconds). The 4x800 team of Michaela Litton, Cassie Schieltz, Shelby Brumbaugh and Jessica Albaugh was sev-

enth (10:48.53). The 4x400 team of Albaugh, Bates, Brumbaugh and Schieltz was seventh (4:38.36). The 4x200 team of Michaela Bates, Laynie Hildebrand, Jackson and Paden was eighth (2:02.77).

Jackson was also second in the long jump (13-10). Paden was fifth in the 100 (13.94 seconds) and sixth in the 200 (29.31 seconds). Rachel Hurst was sixth in the discus (89-0). Cate Busse was sixth in the shot put (30-4.25), while Meghan Swartz was seventh (29-5.25). Douglas was sixth in the long jump (13-6.25) and seventh in the high jump (4-4). Brown was eighth in the pole vault (8-0).

Minster swept the meet, winning in the boys (181.5) and girls (149) team standings by 45 points or more.

College Football

Buckeyes

■ CONTINUED FROM A8 once.

“Hang On Sloopy” was kind of a touching moment, having grown up watching that,” he said of the signature song played by the Ohio State band.

The scrimmage offered a glimpse of Meyer’s hurry-up offense. There were hits and misses as he and his staff try to find play-makers to run the scheme made famous at Florida by Chris Leak, Tim Tebow and Percy Harvin.

“It was fun getting the ball in the playmakers’ hands,” said quarterback Braxton Miller, the Buckeyes’ top returning offensive threat who completed 24 of 31 passes for 258 yards with an interception. “I felt pretty good. We didn’t show too much today.”

Kenny Guiton, calling signals for the Gray, was 17 of 26 for 191 yards with the late interception. He threw for a touchdown and ran for another. Guiton completed passes of 21 and 23 yards to Corey Brown to move the Gray downfield for a go-ahead touchdown.

Meyer had promised a pass-first scrimmage, but there weren’t a whole lot of big plays or offensive stars beyond the two quarterbacks and freshman wide receiver Michael Thomas, who had 12 catches for 131 yards. To put that into perspec-

tive, no Ohio State receiver had more than 14 receptions total last season.

The Buckeyes are trying to turn things around after going 6-7 and losing their final four games under interim coach Luke Fickell, who was retained by Meyer as the defensive coordinator.

The Buckeyes will not have a bowl game as motivation this fall because of NCAA sanctions. But the competitive juices were flowing right away after what players call the “circle drill” at midfield.

“It was fun. It was competitive. It got the crowd into it,” Miller said of his time squaring off against Guiton. “We’re good friends. We were just competing. We were just laughing at each other, like, ‘Are we really in the circle drill together? That’s crazy.’”

Meyer praised the effort and enthusiasm, but also recognizes that the Buckeyes are far from game-ready. After the scrimmage, and after he had continued the Tressel tradition of joining the team in singing the alma mater in front of the band, he challenged his players.

“Yes, we identified our issues and we also identified our strengths,” he said. “I just told them that it has to be the best offseason in the history of college football. That has to happen. It starts Monday.”

Baseball

Trojans



Troy's Ian Nadolny tracks down a pop up Saturday.

■ CONTINUED FROM A8 win in the opener after late a Troy rally fell short, then winning the second game by a count of 12-2.

Despite the Elks’ record and their talent, the fact of the matter is that Troy coach Ty Welker wasn’t satisfied — and for good reason.

Troy was held scoreless for the first six innings of Game 1 before making it interesting in the seventh, scoring two runs — but ending the game by leaving the bases loaded. Also not helping matters for the Trojans was the fact that only two of Centerville’s four runs were earned, leaving pitcher Devon Alexander with the loss.

“We only gave up two earned runs in that game,” Welker said. “We gave them a run in the first on a wild pitch. We made errors and mistakes here and there. But our offense didn’t score. We left guys in scoring position. Left the bases loaded in the seventh. We struck out eight times. We just could have made it a better baseball game.”

In Game 2, Troy trailed 3-2 in the going into the top of the fifth. And though the Elks had just two hits in the inning, they scored four runs. One hit batter, two walks and one error on Troy’s part proved detrimental as Centerville pushed its lead to 7-2.

And once again, Troy didn’t help its cause on the offensive side.

Ian Nadolny was hit by a pitch to start the second inning, then Jordan Price doubled to put runners on second and third. Price was caught in a jam on the basepath and called out on a Kevin McGraw grounder on the next at-bat, leaving runners on the corners. But those runners were stranded as the next two hitters struck out.

Then in the third, Troy had something promising going when Nick Antonides, Nathan Helke and Jordan Guillozet led off the inning with three



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Troy's Nick Antonides is hit by a pitch Saturday against Centerville.



Troy's Dylan Cascaden runs to first Saturday against Centerville.

straight base hits, loading the bases for Price — who was walked to bring in

Troy’s first run. McGraw’s single brought in Helke to make the score 3-2. But just when the Trojans had a chance to pounce, the inning ended abruptly with

more runners left stranded on the bases.

There were only 13 more Troy players to come to the plate after that point. Centerville recorded three straight one-two-three innings in the fourth, fifth and sixth.

After two big GWOC North wins over Butler last week, the Trojans (11-7, 4-2 GWOC North) have now suffered a three-game losing streak for the first time this season. Pitcher Ben Langdon — who was 2-0 with an ERA of 2.23 entering Saturday — suffered the loss.

“That’s a great baseball team,” Welker said. “They are 17-1 now. The score was 3-2 going into the fifth. I’ll take that every time.”

“We just have these moments where we make mental mistakes. We don’t get a double play here, or we make an error. It’s a shame we did that to him (Ben Langdon), because that wasn’t all on him that inning. He didn’t pitch a bad game.”

Troy looks to bounce back on Monday, hosting Trotwood.

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 Alexander, Antonides (7) and Nadolny. Hendrixson, Fitzgerald (7) and Murphy. WP — Hendrixson. LP — Alexander. 2B — Young (C), Fitzgerald (C), Murphy (C). 3B — Fitzgerald (C).
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Troy002 000 0 — 2 6 4
 Fox and Murphy. Langdon, Croft (6) and Nadolny and Magoteaux (7). WP — Fox. LP — Langdon. 2B — Price (T).
Records: Centerville 17-1. Troy 11-7.

Softball/Baseball

Roundup

■ CONTINUED FROM A8 the second game, but an error with two outs in the fifth gave North Union’s cleanup hitter a chance, and she blasted a three-run homer — her 12th of the season — to put the Devils down 3-2.

After Alvarez and Reinhard led off the bottom of the seventh with hits, North Union got the lead runner at third on two straight fielder’s choices to put Tippecanoe down to its last out. A Jordynn Kostyal single loaded the bases, and Hannah Beck hit a shot to third that was thrown away at first, allowing both runs to score.

Bri Eichbaum got the win in the second game.

ME 6, Triad 1;
ME 14, Triad 7

NORTH LEWISBURG — Miami East put it all together in a win over Triad to open Saturday’s doubleheader.

In the second game, the Vikings opened up at the plate.

Miami East (12-5) jumped out to an early lead and held the Cardinals in check from there in a 6-1 victory to start the day, then the Vikings hammered out 22 hits in a 14-7 win to cap off the day.

“These are two good wins for us,” Miami East coach Brian Kadel said. “We came out strong in the first game,

strung together a bunch of hits and got our confidence up. And Paige (Kiesewetter) threw the ball well, and we played solid defense.”

Kiesewetter struck out 11 and walked none in six innings to start the day, giving up eight hits but only one run in the first inning. She also led the way at the plate, going 3 for 3 with a double, a triple and three RBIs. Jeni Accurso was 2 for 3 with a double and two RBIs and Kristy Brown and Paige Mullen both went 2 for 3.

Accurso and Kiesewetter continued to feast on Triad pitching in the second game. Accurso was 3 for 5 with a home run and three RBIs and Kiesewetter was 4 for 5 with a double and three RBIs. Brown had a pair of doubles, Gabby Ryman had a double, Lindsey Brookhart and Christine Bowling were both 3 for 5 and Sam Denlinger — who got the win — was 2 for 3.

M-U 11, Covington 10;
RV 6, M-U 2;
Covington 2, RV 1

COVINGTON — Milton-Union handed Covington its second straight loss despite committing seven errors, winning 11-10 to begin a tri at Covington on Saturday. But the Bulldogs couldn’t overcome six more errors against River Valley in a 6-2 loss.

“When you have 13 errors in two games, you’re lucky to win one,” Milton-Union coach Curt Schaefer said. “We let (Covington) extend some innings, and when you do that against good teams, they’re going to hurt you.”

But Brittany Courtright hit a three-run homer and finished the game 2 for 2 with five RBIs to give the Bulldogs enough punch to hold on for the win. Chloe Smith was 3 for 5 with a double, Kayla Smith was 2 for 5 and Christine Heisey doubled. Ashley Smith got the win on the mound.

River Valley cashed in on errors, as well, scoring three in the third inning after a couple of two-out errors to put it away. Andrea Feters struck out six, walked none and gave up only four hits but was stuck with the loss.

Feters also homered in the game for Milton-Union (14-5), Kelsey Flory was 3 for 3 and Ashley Smith was 2 for 4.

Meanwhile, Covington (15-2) — which lost for the first time this season Friday to Arcanum — paid River Valley (15-1), cashing in on a key error to salvage a 2-1 victory to close out the day and hand River Valley its first loss of the year.

Casey Yingst struck out

seven and allowed five hits to get the win.

• Baseball
TC 11, Cavaliers 10;
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TROY — The games may have been as sloppy as the conditions.

But the Troy Christian Eagles are red hot — unlike the conditions.

The Eagles (14-3) won the third and fourth straight games Saturday, sweeping a cold, wet doubleheader from the Springfield Cavaliers by claiming both games with matching 11-10 scores.

David Diltz tripled and Ben Morrow and Spencer Thomas both doubled in the opener, a back-and-forth battle through the muck. Troy Christian jumped out to a 5-0 lead and held a 7-5 edge after four, but the Cavaliers scored five in the top of the sixth to jump ahead. The Eagles answered with four of their own in the bottom of the inning, though, and held on for the win.

Troy Christian again jumped out to a big lead in the second game, going up 10-2 after four. But the Cavaliers came back once again, scoring six in the top of the sixth to cut the lead to one — but the Eagles were able to hold on.

Garret Hancock and Alec Patterson doubled in the sec-

ond game, while Nathan Kirkpatrick doubled and tripled.

Elijah Sims got the win in relief in the opener, while Patterson got the win in the second game.

Newton 15, MC 2;
Newton 9, MC 5

MIDDLETOWN — After a quick opener, Newton and Middletown Christian played a three-and-a-half-hour 10-inning game. Newton rode Cody Alexander’s arm to a 15-2 win over Middletown Christian in Game 1 — which gave the Indians their second consecutive run-rule victory — then powered out 14 hits at the plate in a 9-5 win in the second.

Alexander picked up the victory in the first game, striking out six, allowing six hits and two earned runs.

“We rode Cody to victory (in the first game),” Newton coach Gregg Carnes said. “He was a workhorse for us.”

Logan Welbaum had a 2 for 3 game with three RBIs and two runs scored, Gavin Alexander was 2 for 3 with three RBIs and three runs and Chase Courtney was 2 for 3 with two runs scored.

Courtney — who went 2 for 5 in Game 2 — played an even bigger role in the second game, driving in the winning runs with a double in the

10th. Gavin Alexander — who had a monster game, going 3 for 6 with two doubles and three RBIs — drove in two more runs on a double to put Newton up 9-5 moments later. Tyler Denlinger was 2 for 4.

Mitchell Hussong got the win. He allowed just one earned run, two hits and struck out four.

Bethel 12, M-U 9;
Bethel 5, M-U 2

BRANDT — Bethel answered Milton-Union’s six-running fifth inning with one of its own to kick off a doubleheader Saturday, holding on for a 12-9 win, then Joey Serrer shut down the Bulldogs in a 5-2 Bee win to complete the sweep.

Colin Hoke was 3 for 3 with two RBIs, Jon Ellerbrock was 2 for 3 with a double and two RBIs and Nate Reese was 3 for 4 with two RBIs to lead Bethel (16-3) in Game 1, helping Jimmy Pelphrey earn the win in relief.

Serrer then had a big game in the second one, going 2 for 4 with a double and two RBIs and only giving up four hits on the mound. Ellerbrock added two RBIs and Brent Rowley was 2 for 2.

Kimmell was 2 for 3 with two RBIs and Overla was 2 for 4 with two RBIs for Milton-Union (8-12) in the first game.