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Troy's Devin Blakely runs the bases on Monday.

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Fuller also got the win on the mound, giving up only three hits.

Troy hosts Springboro Thursday on senior night and travels to Miamisburg on Friday. They then go to Fifth Third Field for a Sunday night game against Fairfield before the show-down against Piqua to kick off next week.

"We're focused on Monday and Tuesday, but we're going to go out and compete in these three games over the next five days," Welker said.

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Fuller and Nadolny, Magoteaux (4), Taylor and Lovelace. WP — Fuller. LP — Taylor. 2B — Cascaden (Troy), Helke (Troy), Guillozet (Troy), Benson (Troy), Price (Troy), Fuller (Troy). 3B — Helke (Troy).

Records: Troy 13-7, 6-2.

Bethel 6, FM 1

BRANDT — Bethel made quick work of Franklin Monroe — literally — Tuesday, taking down the Jets 6-1 in less than an hour and a half.

Luke Veldman was the main reason, striking out five, walking one and giving up four hits and no earned runs on 78 pitches.

"It was just one of those really quick games. Both pitchers were throwing strikes," Bethel coach Brett Brookhart said. "Luke was really efficient, the defense played great behind him and we got timely hits when we needed them. Overall, it was a great game for us."

Joey Serrer and Colin Hoke were both 2 for 4 with two RBIs and Jimmy Pelphrey doubled.

Bethel hosts Catholic Central today.

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Diceanu and Burnett. Veldman and Hoke. WP — Veldman. LP — Diceanu. 2B — Pelphrey (B). Records: Franklin Monroe 7-11, 3-5, Bethel 18-3, 6-2.

ME 9, Arcanum 8 (8)

CASSTOWN — Arcanum forced extra innings with a run in the top of the seventh, but Alex Brewer made an unbelievable catch to put an



Troy's Kevin McGraw scores a run during a game against Trotwood Monday in Troy.

end to the threat — and the Vikings tallied one in the bottom of the eighth to claim a 9-8 Cross County Conference victory Tuesday.

"Alex made a game-saving catch with the bases loaded in the top of the seventh," Miami East coach Barry Coomes said. "That's probably the top play I've seen in 10 years of coaching."

Michael Fellers punished the baseball, going 4 for 4 with two triples and a double, while Kevin McMaken and Cole Hale were both 2 for 3. Garrett Mitchell got the win in relief.

The Vikings travel to Mechanicsburg today.

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Meyers, Garno (6) and Kramer. Fellers, Kinnison (4), Mitchell (6) and Mitchell. WP — Mitchell. LP — Meyers. 2B — Kramer (A), Fellers (M). 3B — Fellers 2 (M).

Covington 7, Bradford 4

COVINGTON — Trailing 3-0 after four innings, putting the ball in play was what Covington did and the result was a six-run sixth inning that led to a 7-4 win over rival Bradford Tuesday.

Ryan Craft singled to start the sixth, and bunts by Kyler Deeter and Ryan Boehringer loaded the bases. Austin Lefeld squeezed Craft in and beat out the throw to first to leave the bases loaded for Austin Angle, who walked

to score Deeter. Sheldon Rank singled to score Lefeld and then back-to-back Covington batters were hit by a pitch to make the score 5-3 Buccaneers.

Craft then capped things off with a two-run single to put the game away, helping Steven Blei — who struck out 13 and walked one — get the win on the mound.

TC 14, XC 4

XENIA — A night after a disappointing loss to Franklin Monroe, Troy Christian rebounded in a big way, shelling out 15 hits on offense in a 14-4 win over Xenia Christian on Tuesday.

Michael Seagraves was dominant on the mound, striking out eight and allowing seven hits to improve his record to 6-0 on the season. Christian Willis had the hot bat, going 4 for 5 with a double and three RBIs. David Diltz had a triple, Daniel McGillivary, Seth Manuel, Elijah Sims and Spencer Thomas all had doubles. Thomas went 3 for 5 with three RBIs.

"Ever since he (Thomas) put on that uniform, he's been good," Troy Christian coach Bill Campbell said. "He wasn't sure if he was going to even play this season, but he has worked his way up from the JV to varsity. He's really earned his spot."

The Eagles (15-4, 6-0

Metro Buckeye Conference) play Ponitz at home on Friday.

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Seagraves and Manuel. Woodward and Kiefer. WP — Seagraves. LP — Woodward. 2B — McGillivary (TC), Manuel (TC), Sims (TC), Willis (TC), Thomas (TC). Records: Troy Christian 15-4, 6-0.

Shawnee 11, Tippecanoe 1 (6)

SPRINGFIELD — A day after shutting down Springfield Shawnee, Tippecanoe found itself unable to get out of an inning as the Braves scored seven in the bottom of the sixth to turn a tight game into an 11-1 run-rule victory in Central Buckeye Conference Kenton Trail Division play Tuesday.

"It's a mental thing. We're still learning to play back-to-back days and not be overconfident," Tippecanoe coach Bruce Cahill said. "We're young, and there's a lesson to be learned here."

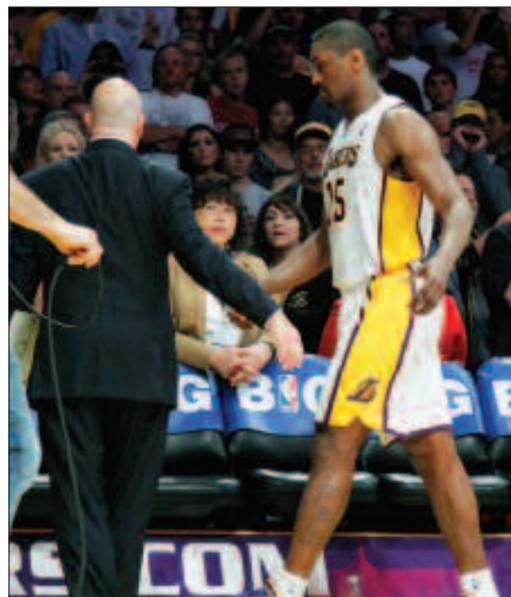
Zack Blair was 2 for 3 for the Red Devils and Austin Hadden and Cameron Johnson both doubled, but Tippecanoe managed only six hits in the game.

The Devils' record now stands at 12-6, 9-2 in the CBC Kenton Trail play — still good enough to hold a one-game lead. Tippecanoe hosts Northwestern Friday.

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Shaw...130 007 — 11 13 0

Hughes, Johnson (6) and Donathan. Dinkhon and Beedy. WP — Dinkhon. LP — Hughes. 2B — Hadden (T), Johnson (T), Huggins (S), Beedy (S). Records: Tippecanoe 12-6, 9-2, Shawnee 10-7, 7-5.

National Basketball Association



Los Angeles Lakers trainer Gary Vitti, left, escorts Metta World Peace from the court after he was ejected for double flagrant fouls against the Oklahoma City Thunder in the first half Sunday in Los Angeles.

World Peace suspended 7 games by NBA

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. (AP) — The NBA responded to Metta World Peace's latest act of aggression with a seven-game suspension that will lighten the Los Angeles Lakers troublemaker's wallet and play-off schedule.

World Peace was suspended Tuesday for throwing a vicious elbow at Oklahoma City's James Harden, keeping the Lakers' starting small forward sidelined for most of the first postseason round.

World Peace was ejected from Sunday's game against the Thunder for striking Harden in the head with the back of his elbow, giving Oklahoma City's top reserve a concussion. The former Ron Artest claimed the blow was an accidental, overzealous celebration of a dunk, yet even Kobe Bryant and his Lakers teammates weren't defending his inexplicable actions.

"It's hard to get into a guy's head and know exactly what happened in that situation," Bryant said. "I haven't really spoken to him about it. You've really got to ask him."

World Peace will miss the Lakers' season finale on Thursday at Sacramento and the Lakers' next six games. The playoffs open Saturday, and Los Angeles is likely to be the Western Conference's third seed — and Oklahoma City is locked into the No. 2 seed, meaning the clubs could

meet right after World Peace's suspension ends in the second round.

He will lose nearly \$348,000 in salary if he serves the entire suspension this year. If the Lakers exit the playoffs swiftly, the remainder of the suspension must be served next season.

World Peace still hasn't answered media questions about his actions, but he issued a brief statement on his website, promising to follow up with a podcast.

"I apologize to the Oklahoma City Thunder fans and the OKC organization," World Peace wrote on ronartest.com. "I look forward (sic) to getting back on the floor with my teammates and competing for the Lakers fans."

Commissioner David Stern alluded to Artest's lengthy history of on-court altercations and strange behavior in announcing the penalty in a statement. Although Harden appears to be recovering well, he hasn't been cleared to return to the Thunder.

"The concussion suffered by James Harden demonstrates the danger posed by violent acts of this kind, particularly when they are directed at the head area," Stern said in a statement. "We remain committed to taking necessary measures to protect the safety of NBA players, including the imposition of appropriate penalties for players with a history of on-court altercations."

C. Football

BCS works on future

By The Associated Press

College football's new path to crowning a national champion should become a lot clearer in south Florida on Wednesday and Thursday.

The conference commissioners in charge of the Bowl Championship Series will meet for the fourth time this year, trying to sort out the future of the BCS. They are focusing on four options, though within in each plan there are myriad details to be worked.

A final decision isn't expected to come from these meetings, but a playoff is the best bet.

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