

Baseball



Troy's Ben Langdon fields the ball and throws a Sidney runner out at first Monday at Market Street Field.

Trojans

■ CONTINUED FROM 13 quiet on Tuesday in the game played at Sidney, though. The Trojans (7-1, 2-0 GWOC North) didn't pick up their first hit until the fifth inning — a shot that also scored the first run of the game. Troy then posted four in the top of the sixth, and the rout was on.

"Sidney's starter did a nice job, but we had positive

at-bats against him," Welker said. "We saw a lot of pitches, drew some walks, got his pitch count up — and he couldn't go past the fifth.

"We left a lot of guys on early, and no one could get the big hit. It wasn't our best offensive performance. But we turned it on late."

The Troy offense had it going from the start at home on Monday, though, posting three in the first inning and never looking back.



Troy's Devin Blakely comes in to score Monday against Sidney.

Jordan Guillozet was 3 for 3 with a home run and four RBIs, and Nathan Helke stayed hot, going 2 for 3 with a homer, three RBIs and two runs scored. Dylan

Cascaden was 3 for 4 with a double, an RBI and three runs and Nick Antonides was 2 for 4 with a double.

That was plenty for sophomore Ben Langdon, who struck out six, walked two and gave up three hits in five innings of work to get the win. Antonides closed the game out in the final two innings.

"Ben had a nice start (Monday)," Welker said. "Starting our first league game of the year as a sophomore, for him to come through like that, he's done a nice job, as well. We really seem to be throwing the ball well."

Troy is off until Saturday. The Trojans host Tippecanoe and West Carrollton in a tri-matchup.

Sidney.....000 100 0 — 1 5 2
Troy.....301 402 x — 10 13 1
Penley, Benshoff (4), Lauth (7) and Gray. Langdon, Antonides (6) and Nadolny. WP — Langdon. LP — Penley. 2B — Cascaden (T), Antonides (T). HR — Helke (T), Guillozet (T).

Troy.....000 014 3 — 8 10 1
Sidney.....000 000 0 — 0 2 1
Alexander and Nadolny. Echols, Branam (6), Lochar (7) and Gray. WP — Alexander. LP — Echols. Records: Sidney 2-5, 0-2, Troy 7-1, 2-0.

Baseball/Softball

Roundup

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Calhoun struck out 11 and walked one in the game.

The Red Devils spread their hitting out on Tuesday, even though they tallied a six-run fourth inning. Cameron Johnson was 2 for 3 with a double, Henry Scott doubled and Zach Robbins had two RBIs.

Tippecanoe travels to Indian Lake Thursday.

Stebb.....000 001 0 — 1 2 3
Tipp.....011 611 x — 10 9 0
Warner, Dues (4) and Beatty. Calhoun and Donathan. WP — Calhoun. LP — Warner. 2B — Johnson (T), Scott (T). Records: Tippecanoe 3-4, 2-0, Stebbins 0-3, 0-2.

Bethel 25, Ponitz 1 BRANDT — Bethel remained undefeated after Tuesday, running its season-opening winning streak to six with a 25-1 victory over Ponitz.

"The good thing about today is everyone got to play and got a couple of at-bats," Bethel coach Brett Brookhart said. "We had hits throughout the lineup, and our pitchers did a good job."

Dustin Myers was 4 for 4 in the game, Jimmy Pelphrey had three RBIs, Brent Rowley doubled and drove in two runs and Nate Reese and Jordan Elam each had a double.

Joey Serrer got the win on the mound, with Pelphrey and Myers pitching an inning in relief.

Bethel has a big Cross County Conference matchup at Covington Thursday.

Ponitz.....100 00 — 1 1 6
Bethel.....837 7x — 25 13 1
Wright, Fraser (1), McCoy (3) and Coats. Serrer, Pelphrey (4), Myers (5) and Hoke. WP — Serrer. LP — Wright. 2B — Elam (B), Reese (B), Rowley (B). Records: Ponitz 0-4, Bethel 6-0.

ME 5, TV 2 NEW MADISON —

Luke Clark struck out 12 and walked three Tuesday, and Michael Fellers and Franco Viella both made diving catches in the outfield, helping Miami East

hold on for a 5-2 victory at Tri-Village in Cross County Conference play.

"Luke had a great game on the mound again for us, and Michael and Franco made great diving catches to help preserve the win," Miami East coach Barry Coomes said.

Bradley Coomes was 2 for 2 with a double and Brandon Kirk was 2 for 4 with two RBIs to lead the way offensively for the Vikings (3-0), who host Ansonia Thursday.

ME.....003 200 0 — 5 7 3
TV.....000 002 0 — 2 2 0
Clark and Mitchell. Pipenger and Persons. WP — Clark. LP — Pipenger. 2B — Coomes (M). Records: Miami East 3-0.

Newton 7, NT 4 PLEASANT HILL — Newton picked up its second win in a row Tuesday, rallying after a three-run first inning by National Trail and scoring a 7-4 Cross County Conference victory.

"We talked to the kids about trying to string some wins together. That's two," Newton coach Gregg Carnes said.

Cody Alexander went the distance, striking out five, and also was 2 for 3 with an RBI. Gavin Alexander was 2 for 3 with a double and a run, Dustin Coate — who also added a clutch catch in the field — was 2 for 4 with an RBI and a run and Brian Schwartz was 2 for 3.

"Dustin is a freshman, and he had a great game offensively and defensively," Carnes said. "He had a beautiful squeeze bunt, then he had a great diving catch to save a run."

Newton hosts Houston in a doubleheader Saturday.

NT.....300 000 1 — 4 8 3
New.....012 301 x — 7 8 3
Vance, Lee (5) and Mackie. C. Alexander and Schwartz. WP — C. Alexander. 2B — Vance (NT), Simmons (NT), Mize (NT), G. Alexander (N). Records: National Trail 0-3, 0-2, Newton 2-2, 1-1.

Riverside 8, TC 5 DEGRAFF — Troy Christian couldn't recover from a five-run third inning at Riverside Tuesday, falling 8-5.

Michael Seagraves was 2 for 4 with a double and an RBI for the Eagles, and Daniel McGillivray — who took the loss on the mound — doubled.

Troy Christian hosts Xenia Christian Thursday. TC.....112 000 1 — 5 6 4
Riv.....015 011 x — 8 5 2
McGillivray and Kolker. Greene, Daniels (3) and Bollinger. WP — Daniels. LP — McGillivray. 2B — Seagraves (T), McGillivray (T), Bollinger (R), Lane 2 (R).

• Softball Tippecanoe 19, Stebbins 0

TIPP CITY — Bri Eichbaum no-hit Stebbins Tuesday, finishing off a two-game Central Buckeye Conference Kenton Trail Division sweep for Tippecanoe, 19-0.

But Tippecanoe coach Charles Tackett wants to make sure his Red Devils

stay focused despite the relatively easy start to league play.

"I told the girls that it's only going to start getting more difficult from here," he said. "Don't get used to it."

Eichbaum struck out 11 and walked two, giving up no hits after CC Alvarez one-hit the Indians on Monday.

And with the bench getting involved Tuesday, plenty of Devil bats got to see work. Jordyann Kostyal hit her second homer of the season, doubled and had six RBIs. Darlene Reinhard had three hits, a double, four runs and three RBIs, Alvarez had three hits, a double, four runs and two RBIs, Alex Dawes had two hits, three runs and two RBIs, Kristen Mace had two hits, a double and an RBI, Shelby Timmer had two hits and two runs and Maddie Watkins had a double and an RBI.

Tippecanoe (4-2, 2-0) travels to Indian Lake Thursday.

Stebbins.....000 00 — 0 0 3
Tipp.....254 8x — 19 17 0
Bowling and Evans. Eichbaum and Kostyal. WP — Eichbaum. LP — Bowling. 2B — Alvarez (T), Reinhard (T), Mace (T), Watkins (T), Kostyal (T). HR — Kostyal (T). Records: Tippecanoe 4-2, 2-0.

Newton 8, NT 0 PLEASANT HILL — Newton's Kirsten Burden and Erin Hickson combined on a two-hit shutout to open Cross County Conference play Tuesday, shutting down National Trail 8-0.

Burden struck out nine and also was 3 for 4 with two RBIs. Marina Snipes was 3 for 4 with a double and two triples and Taylor Steck was 3 for 4 as Newton collected 18 hits in the game. In fact, the Indians didn't strike out or walk in the game, constantly putting the ball in play.

"We were just hitting the ball really well. I must've had the machine set just right during batting practice," Newton coach Kirk Kadel said with a laugh. "The defense played better again today, too. We're starting to get back to where we need to be."

Newton travels to Tri-County North Thursday.

NT.....000 000 0 — 0 2 2
New.....300 014 x — 8 18 2
Unger and Faust. K. Burden, Hickson (7) and L. Burden. WP — K. Burden. LP — Unger. 2B — Snipes (New). 3B — Snipes 2 (New). Records: Newton 4-1, 1-0.

• Softball Arcanum 3, Bradford 0 (8) ARCANUM — Bradford couldn't overcome six errors Tuesday at Arcanum, falling for the first time this season 3-0 in eight innings to open Cross County Conference play.

Haley Patty struck out four, walked five and only gave up four hits in the loss. Bradford hosts Fairlawn Friday.

Brad.....000 000 00 — 0 4 6
Arc.....000 000 03 — 3 4 2
Patty and Dunlevy. Nealeigh and Weaver. WP — Nealeigh. LP — Patty. Records: Bradford 4-1, 0-1.

National Basketball Association

Spurs blow out Cavs, 125-90

CLEVELAND (AP) — Danny Green wasn't looking for vengeance or payback on the Cavaliers. He got some anyway.

Green scored 19 points against a Cleveland team that released him last season, Tony Parker added 19 and the San Antonio Spurs coasted to their eighth straight win, 125-90 over the lifeless Cavs, who have lost eight in a row and were blown out at home again.

Green played his rookie season for Cleveland, which cut him at the end of training camp in 2011. He's found a new home with the Spurs, who built a 22-point lead in the first half and rested Parker, Tim Duncan and Manu Ginobili for most of the fourth quarter while pushing their lead to 37.

Rookie Kyrie Irving scored 13 points for the Cavs in his return after missing one game with a sprained

right shoulder. But even with their best player back, Cleveland dropped its eighth straight and followed up a 37-point loss at home to Milwaukee with a 35-point setback.

Coach Byron Scott fears his team may have given up.

"I worry more when me as a coach and my coaching staff want it more than my players. That's when I start to worry," Scott said. "And I'm getting worried."

Antawn Jamison had 15 points for the Cavs, who have dropped 17 of 21 and lost their past seven by an average of 22.3 points. Cleveland has now lost home games by 39, 37 and 35 points this season.

"We gotta turn it up as best we can," said Irving, who played with a protective brace on his shoulder. "What it boils down to is we just have to go out there and play."

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