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TODAY'S TIPS

• **COACHING SEARCH:** Newton High School is looking for a head varsity volleyball coach for the 2012 season. Anyone interested should contact Bob Huelsman, Athletic Director, Newton High School at (937) 676-5132.

• **TENNIS:** The Troy Tennis Association is now accepting registrations for spring and summer leagues. Contact Max Brown at (937) 689-1938 or go to troytennis.net.

• **SOCCER:** Registrations are now being accepted for the Youth Indoor Soccer League held at Hobart Arena. The program is for ages 4-8, begins in early April and runs through mid-May. Register online at www.hobartarena.com on the "Registrations" page. For more information, call the Recreation Department at (937) 339-5145.

• **SOFTBALL:** Registrations are now being taken for the Troy Recreation Department Girls Youth Softball program. This program is for girls currently in grades first through eighth. You may register online at <http://troyohio.gov/rec/ProgramRegForm.html>. Contact the recreation department at (937) 339-5145 for more information.

• **SUBMIT-A-TIP:** To submit an item to the Troy Daily News sports section, please contact Josh Brown at jbrown@tdnpublishing.com.

SPORTS CALENDAR

TODAY
 No events scheduled

MONDAY
Baseball
 Sidney at Troy (5 p.m.)
 Tippecanoe at Stebbins (5 p.m.)
 Madison at Milton-Union (5 p.m.)
 Troy Christian at Middletown Christian (5 p.m.)
 Versailles at Covington (5 p.m.)
 Piqua at Trotwood (5 p.m.)
 Marion Local at Lehman (5 p.m.)
Softball
 Sidney at Troy (5 p.m.)
 Tippecanoe at Stebbins (5 p.m.)
 Madison at Milton-Union (5 p.m.)
 Marion Local at Newton (5 p.m.)
 Versailles at Covington (5 p.m.)
 Piqua at Trotwood (5 p.m.)
 Dayton Christian at Lehman (5 p.m.)
Tennis
 Urbana at Tippecanoe (4:30 p.m.)
 Lehman at Celina (4:30 p.m.)

TUESDAY
Baseball
 Troy at Sidney (5 p.m.)
 Stebbins at Tippecanoe (5 p.m.)
 Milton-Union at Oakwood (5 p.m.)
 Miami East at Tri-Village (5 p.m.)
 Ponitz at Bethel (5 p.m.)
 National Trail at Newton (5 p.m.)
 Troy Christian at Riverside (5 p.m.)
 Covington at Ansonia (5 p.m.)
 Trotwood at Piqua (5 p.m.)
 Bradford at Arcanum (5 p.m.)
 Dayton Christian at Lehman (5 p.m.)
Softball
 Troy at Sidney (5 p.m.)
 Stebbins at Tippecanoe (5 p.m.)
 National Trail at Newton (5 p.m.)
 Covington at Ansonia (5 p.m.)
 Trotwood at Piqua (5 p.m.)
 New Bremen at Lehman (5 p.m.)
Tennis
 Kenton Ridge at Tippecanoe (4:30 p.m.)
 Milton-Union at Dixie (4 p.m.)
 Springfield at Piqua (4:30 p.m.)
Track and Field
 Tippecanoe at Milton-Union quad (4:30 p.m.)
 Miami East at Warrior Relays (4:30 p.m.)
 Bethel, Newton at Covington (4:30 p.m.)
 Lehman at Anna (4:30 p.m.)

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UK bulldozes way to title game

Kentucky owns the Bluegrass State. Now it can concentrate on the rest of the country.

Anthony Davis and top-seeded Kentucky will play for the national title Monday night after finally putting away pesky Louisville 69-61 in the Final Four on Saturday night.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF LEE WOOLERY/SPEEDSHOT PHOTO
Milton-Union's Claire Fetters swings away at a pitch during a game against Troy Saturday.

Track and Field



STAFF PHOTOS/MARK DOWD
Troy's Logan Terrell won the pole vault Saturday at the Tippecanoe Invitational, held at Tippecanoe Middle School, helping the Trojan boys to a team victory.

To the last lap

Trojans clutch, earn sweep at Tipp Invite

BY JOSH BROWN
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It all came down to the final lap of the final event.

Troy's Austin Deaton needed to move up two places on the anchor leg of the 4x400 relay to seal a Trojan sweep of Saturday's Tippecanoe Invitational.

Not only did he do what was needed, but eventual runner-up Watkins' anchor faltered down the stretch, slipping to second — and Deaton and the Trojan boys celebrated a 106-103 victory on the infield at Tippecanoe Middle School.

"When you see this many people doing their part, it's just a good team win," Troy boys coach Deon Metz said. "When it comes down to the last event, it's a little nerve-wracking — but when your kids are aware of what they need to do and they go do it, that's special."

Troy's girls had the team win wrapped up with a 12-point lead heading into the final event and

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Troy's Gracie Huffman beats a Watkins runner to the finish line Saturday.

Baseball/Softball

In a good place

Trojans 5-1 after split with Firebirds

Staff Reports

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TROY — Six games into the season — and the Troy Trojans sit at 6-1.

The Trojans had an offensive letdown in their opener against Fairmont on Saturday, stumbling for the first time on the season in an 8-0 loss — but rebounded in the second game by scoring five combined runs in the fifth and sixth to come away with a 7-4 doubleheader split.

"I was talking to my assistant coach about that (our record)," Troy coach Ty Welker said. "We are 5-1 right now, and that's pretty good. Obviously, we are not happy about the first game, but in the big picture, we're happy with where we are."

Nick Antonides and Devin Blakely both doubled for the

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Softball

Bragging rights

Milton tops Troy in county battle

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Milton-Union's quest for Miami County softball bragging rights started on Saturday in Troy ...

But it is far from over. The Bulldogs pounced on the Troy Trojans in the fifth inning, breaking open a game that was tied 2-2 with a three-run fifth to walk away with a 6-2 win at Market Street Diamond.

"It's always good to get a win against a Division I team," Milton-Union coach Curt Schaefer. "Of course, it's in your county, and you always want to be the best team in the county. Right now, we are 1-0 in the county. Then next week we've got Miami East and Newton and so forth."

"We've got them coming up. So I'd like to think that we could be

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the best team in the county — and it started today."

Like the temperature outside, both teams' bats were cold in the first four innings as Milton-Union managed just three hits, while Troy had five — including a two-run homer by Jen Lehmann in the second inning, which tied the game at 2-2.

But that all changed in the top of the fifth.

Chloe Smith opened the inning off with a double, followed directly by a Christine Heisey triple that scored Smith to put Milton-Union up 3-2. Claire Fetters singled Heisey home two batters later, then Fetters crossed home plate on a Jessica Boher triple to give the Bulldogs a 5-2 lead heading into the bottom of

■ See TROY-MILTON on A11

College Basketball



AP PHOTO
Ohio State guard William Buford (44) slam dunks over Kansas guard Tyshawn Taylor (10) during the second half of an NCAA Final Four game Saturday in New Orleans.

Kansas rallies

Beats Ohio State in final minutes

Staff and Wire Reports

NEW ORLEANS — Thomas Robinson scored 19 points as Kansas came back from a 34-25 halftime deficit, claiming the lead in the closing minutes and holding off Ohio State for a 64-62 victory Saturday night to advance to Monday's NCAA national title game.

Ohio State had a number of chances to tie in the final minute of the game. But after making the front end of a one-and-one to cut the deficit to two, Aaron Craft attempted to miss the second free throw, but he left early and was ruled for a lane violation, and Kansas killed the final two seconds. William Buford led the Buckeyes with 19 points.

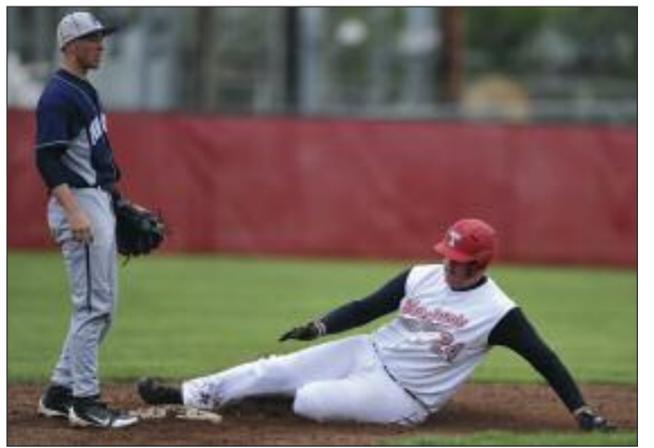


PHOTO COURTESY LEE WOOLERY/SPEEDSHOT PHOTO
Troy's Nathan Helke slides into second during a game against Fairmont at Troy Saturday.