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MONDAY RESULTS

• **Baseball**
Troy 5, Piqua 1
 PIQUA — Piqua had a chance to clinch the GWOC North title Monday at Hardman Field but lost 5-1 to the Troy Trojans.

Troy's Devon Alexander threw a seven-hitter and struck out five to keep Piqua off the board for most of the game.

An error to start the fifth inning, a hit batter and two walks helped Troy bat around and scored four runs, although only one of them was earned.

After an error and a hit batter, Devin Blakely had a double to score Thomas Harvey. With one out, Nick Antonides put down a perfect squeeze bunt to make it 2-0 and after an intentional walk to Nathan Helke, Jordan Guillozet had a two-run single.

Troy scored the final run of the game in the top of the seventh, when Helke was hit by a pitch and, after a stolen base, Guillozet doubled in a run. Young led Piqua at the plate with two singles, Helke had two hits for Troy and Guillozet had a single and a double.

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KENTON RIDGE — Tippecanoe pitcher Carter Langdon gave up a run for the first time in five Central Buckeye Conference starts ... but it didn't matter.

Langdon had nine strikeouts as the Red Devils rode a big five-run third inning to the

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SPORTS CALENDAR

TODAY
Baseball
 Piqua at Troy (5 p.m.)
 Kenton Ridge at Tippecanoe (5 p.m.)
 Waynesville at Milton-Union (5 p.m.)
 Miami East vs. Twin Valley South (5 p.m.)
 Newton at Covington (5 p.m.)
 Bethel at Ansonia (5 p.m.)
Softball
 Piqua at Troy (5 p.m.)
 Kenton Ridge at Tippecanoe (5 p.m.)
 Waynesville at Milton-Union (5 p.m.)
 Miami East vs. Bethel (5 p.m.)
 Newton at Covington (5 p.m.)
Tennis
 Troy at Sidney (4:30 p.m.)
Track and Field
 Milton-Union, Miami East, Piqua, Bradford at Northmont Relays (4 p.m.)
 Lehman at Ridgemont (5 p.m.)

THURSDAY
Baseball
 Tippecanoe at Greenon (5 p.m.)
 Milton-Union at Madison (5 p.m.)
 Newton at Miami East (5 p.m.)
 Bethel at Ansonia (5 p.m.)
 Dayton Christian at Troy Christian (5 p.m.)
 Tri-Village at Covington (5 p.m.)
 Bradford at Twin Valley South (5 p.m.)
 Lehman at New Knoxville (5 p.m.)
Softball
 Tippecanoe at Greenon (5 p.m.)
 Milton-Union at Madison (5 p.m.)
 Newton at Miami East (5 p.m.)
 Bethel at Ansonia (5 p.m.)
 Dayton Christian at Troy Christian (5 p.m.)
 Tri-Village at Covington (5 p.m.)
 Bradford at Twin Valley South (5 p.m.)
Tennis
 Piqua at Troy (4:30 p.m.)
 Tecumseh at Tippecanoe (4:30 p.m.)
 Milton-Union at SWBL (at Tom Cloud Park) (9 a.m.)
Track and Field
 Troy, Tippecanoe at Fairmont Invite (5 p.m.)

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Devils hammer Flyers, 4-1

Adam Larsson and David Clarkson scored their first goals of the postseason, and the New Jersey Devils posted a 4-1 win over the Philadelphia Flyers on Tuesday night, evening this Eastern Conference semifinals series at 1-1.

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Horse Racing

71-year-old trainer at first Derby

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Mike Harrington is content watching the hubbub of Kentucky Derby week from afar. The 71-year-old trainer is happily tucked away in a non-descript barn that lacks even the teeniest view of Churchill Downs' magnificent Twin Spires.

Let the visitors be entertained by Bob Baffert's jokes or eavesdrop on Todd Pletcher's training tidbits.

Harrington prefers laying low with Creative Cause, likely to be one of the top betting choices for Saturday's race.

The gray-roan colt has never finished out of the money in any of his eight career races, posting four wins, two seconds and two thirds. He's among the best of five strong California-based horses in the expected 20-horse field. Of course, Baffert and Pletcher hold their usual strong

hand, with two Derby horses each.

Harrington has but one. "This is probably two derbies for me," he said Tuesday. "It's my first and my last."

He certainly has the pedigree to be here.

Harrington followed his father, grandfather and great-grandfather into the business, starting out training and racing quarter horses at bush tracks as

a teenager. Later, he became a veterinarian and worked the racetracks until returning to training full time nearly 20 years ago.

Creative Cause is the best horse he's ever had.

"Everybody grows up dreaming of going to the Kentucky Derby and most people realize they're probably never going to

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Baseball/Softball



STAFF PHOTOS/ANTHONY WEBER

Troy baseball players cover up the pitching mound at Market Street Field with a tarp Tuesday. The game was suspended until today.

Waiting game

Big league matchups forced to wait until today

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They've waited 20-plus years for a league title.

What's one more day? Troy's matchup with Piqua Tuesday — what amounts to the Greater Western Ohio Conference North Division championship game — got started despite an early afternoon storm, but another round of rain and lightning caused the teams to suspend the game until today.

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"Hopefully it will be worth the wait," said Troy coach Ty Welker, whose Trojans haven't won a league title since 1991, when it was the GMVC. "The boys were itching and ready to play. We tried. It was a tough decision. There were a lot of people there, both teams were wanting to play, but do you want a game like that to be decided on a wet field?"

Piqua, which hasn't won a league title since 1995, threatened in the first and second innings, but a slip by a baserunner and the resulting pickoff at second base ended the top of the

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Troy's Brooke Evans runs to first base during the first inning Tuesday against Piqua. The game was suspended until today due to rain.

Major League Baseball

History has to wait

Rainout puts Bruce's streak on hold

CINCINNATI (AP) — Jay Bruce, the National League's player of the week, had to sit and watch for another day this time, because of raindrops. His manager hopes he doesn't cool off.

The opener of a series between the Chicago Cubs and Cincinnati Reds was postponed on Tuesday because several lines of thunderstorms moved through the area. The game wasn't immediately rescheduled.

It meant that Bruce, who is one homer shy of matching a Reds record, had to limit himself to batting practice instead of trying to hit one out for the fifth game in a row something he wouldn't mind taking a swing at.

"Uh, sure, why not?" Bruce said.

"But I'm not trying to think about any of that kind of stuff. It's great. I'd like to extend this week for as long as I can and be consistent, really."

The rainout was more beneficial to the Cubs, who arrived in town early Tuesday after a 6-4 loss in Philadelphia. The unexpected day off gave their bullpen a chance to regroup and get healthier.

It was the first postponement for both teams this season and the sixth overall at Great American Ball Park, which opened in 2003. A storm moved in during batting practice, followed by another line of storms. The game was called 2 hours, 13 minutes after the originally scheduled start, with more rain expected.



AP PHOTO

The Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati Reds game was postponed due to rain Tuesday in Cincinnati.

MLB

Surprise guest

Pettite testifies in Clemens trial

WASHINGTON (AP) — Andy Pettitte and Roger Clemens sat some 20 feet apart, Pettitte on the witness stand and Clemens at the defense table trying to avoid going to jail. The topic: a remark about human growth hormone Pettitte recalled hearing from his longtime teammate, mentor and workout partner a dozen years ago.

"Roger had mentioned to me that he had taken HGH," Pettitte testified. "And that it could help with recovery, and that's really all I remember about the conversation."

The rest of the details are fuzzy. Pettitte went on to acknowledge that the words were said in passing during an intense workout.

It's a conversation that Clemens has famously claimed that Pettitte "misremembers."

The right-hander on trial who won 354 major league games and the lefty on the stand with 240 wins had an awkward reunion Tuesday, Day 8 in the retrial of charges that Clemens lied when he told Congress in 2008 that he never used steroids or HGH.

Pettitte's appearance enlivened the proceedings and came without warning. The government interrupted testimony from the trial's first witness to call Pettitte just before noon. Wearing a gray suit, he walked into court a day after allowing six runs and 10 hits with eight strikeouts over 5 2-3 innings in an extended spring training game in Clearwater, Fla., as part his comeback attempt at age 39 with the New York Yankees.

Pettitte testified mostly with his hands clasped in front of him and rarely looked at Clemens, even during the lengthy delays when lawyers held conferences at the judge's bench. Clemens frequently took notes. The two haven't spoken recently because of the trial, but Pettitte nevertheless said he found it difficult to testify because he still considers Clemens a good friend.

Pettitte is crucial to a government case that will otherwise rely heavily on the testimony of Brian McNamee, who worked as a strength coach for both Clemens and Pettitte and has

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