

# SPORTS

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## TODAY'S TIPS

• **COACHING SEARCH:** Milton-Union High School has an opening for head varsity boys basketball coach. Interested candidates may submit a cover letter and detailed resume via email to Tom A. Koogler, Athletic Director at koogler@milton-union.k12.oh.us or by mail to MUHS, C/O Tom A. Koogler, 221 South Jefferson Street, West Milton, Ohio 45383. Available teaching positions in the high school for 2012-2013 are English, Art and RAP. Application deadline is today.

• **BASEBALL:** Troy Post 43 American Legion baseball will be sponsoring an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner from 3-7 p.m. Saturday at the Legion Hall on S. Market Street. Meals include salad bar, spaghetti, bread and beverage/coffee for \$6.75 for adults and \$4 for children.

• **WRESTLING:** Shockwave Impact Wrestling is bringing in four-time National Wrestling Alliance (NWA) champion "Scrap Iron" Adam Pearce for its show scheduled for Saturday night at the Shelby County Fairgrounds. "Scrap Iron" will be taking on Matt Conard in the main event Saturday. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the bell will ring for the first match at 7:30. Also on the card, Damien Daniels will wrestle a mystery opponent, Zac Vincent will meet Kozzmitude, Mr. Fitness Slim Trimmings will meet The Great Akuma, and Jerry O'Keefe will take on Eric Fallen. Scrap Iron is being flown in from California for the event. He's expected to arrive Saturday at 3:30 p.m., and he will be putting on a clinic for all the workers, people already in the business, and the fans, showing how to perform different holds and maneuvers. Admission to the event is \$8, with kids 5-and-under free.

• **BENEFIT:** Mike Miller is a Bradford Board of Education member, Bradford Athletic Booster member, president of Youth Baseball and Softball — and most importantly, a Bradford community member. Miller recently became ill, and as a school district and a community, the Bradford School District will be holding a benefit for Miller Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. at the Bradford Community Club. Adult dinners will be \$6 and children's dinners will be \$4. There also will be a 50/50 drawing and auctions. Make any donations to the Mike Miller Benefit, Attn: Dusty Yingst, 750 Railroad Ave., Bradford, OH 45308.

## SPORTS CALENDAR

**TODAY**  
**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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## DRAGONS LAIR

DAYTON — Lake County got the better of Dayton on Wednesday, winning 5-3.

Justice French was the losing pitcher, allowing 10 hits and four earned runs in five innings of work.

## Seau, 43, found dead Wednesday

Former NFL star Junior Seau was found shot to death at his home Wednesday morning in what police said appeared to be a suicide. He was 43.

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## Softball

# Not good enough

Troy strands 10 baserunners in 3-1 loss

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Troy's defense was good. Amber Smith's pitching performance was solid.

But when it came to scoring runs, the Trojans did not succeed, stranding 10 baserunners in a 3-1 loss to Piqua on Wednesday's Senior Night at Market Street Diamond in Troy.

"We had runners on second and third with one out three times, but didn't put a run

across," Troy coach Scott Herman said. "I don't understand. I'm mystified now. I'm very mystified. I don't understand how we can't push the runners across."

"We talk about putting everything together. I mean, we had great defense. We had great pitching. Amber (Smith) was on for the most part. But you've got to hit the ball. That's the bottom

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STAFF PHOTOS/ANTHONY WEBER  
Troy's Mackenzie Dankworth catches the ball as a Piqua runner steals second base Wednesday at Market Street Diamond.

## Baseball



STAFF PHOTOS/ANTHONY WEBER  
The Troy Trojans pile up near the pitcher's mound after defeating Piqua 7-3 Wednesday to win the team's first league championship since 1991.

# Worth the wait

Troy wins first title since 1991, beats Piqua

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Twenty-one years. And one extra day.

The last time Troy's baseball team had accomplished the feat, in fact, none of its current players had been born.

After all of that time, the Troy Trojans found out some things are worth waiting for.

## TROY

Troy completed its sweep of rival Piqua the day after the Greater Western Ohio Conference North Division championship game began, getting clutch performances from everyone that saw the field, jumping ahead of the Indians with a three-run third inning and holding off a rally Wednesday for a 7-3 victory — and the Trojans' first league title since 1991.

"Back in the beginning of spring when we were conditioning and getting ready for the season, all we talked about was winning the GWOC. Win GWOC. Win GWOC," Troy's Devin Blakely said. "To actually

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## Softball/Baseball

# Tipp clinches CBC with win over KR

Buccs top Indians in key CCC game

## MIAMI COUNTY

**Staff Reports**  
TIPP CITY — Winning a league title never really gets old. Just ask the Tippecanoe Red Devils.

Tippecanoe (17-5, 12-2 Central Buckeye Conference Kenton Trail Division) clinched at least a share of the division title for the fifth straight year — and eighth time in

10 seasons — finishing what they started on Tuesday and blanking Kenton Ridge 6-0 Wednesday in the continuation of a suspended game.

"We've been very fortunate to have a lot of great kids come through here throughout the years," Tippecanoe coach Charles Tackett said. "It's always exciting

to win the league."

But for the Devils, it's only the first step.

"We set a number of goals before the season. Win the league, get to district, get to regional, get to state. We get to mark one of those things off the list now," Tackett said.

CC Alvarez was dominant on

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## Tennis

# Trojans blank Jackets

Staff Reports

The Troy Trojans routed Greater Western Ohio Conference North Division rival Sidney Wednesday, not dropping a set and winning 5-0.

At first singles, Luke Oaks defeated Dan Temple in a tough match, 7-5, 6-3. At second singles, Reid Wynkoop defeated Frank Enyart 6-0, 6-0. At third singles, Sean Cothran defeated Jacob Colley 6-0, 6-0.

## SIDNEY

At first doubles, Chris Schmitt and Ben Thompson defeated Tyler Olson and Hunter Davis 6-1, 6-1. At second doubles, Matt Alexander and Ian Stutz defeated Sean Brown and Oakk Wynn 6-0, 6-2.

Troy improved to 15-5 and 3-1 in the GWOC North. The Trojans host the Piqua Indians today in the regular-season finale.

## MLB

# Cubs top Reds, 3-1

CINCINNATI (AP) — Jeff Samardzija didn't have a problem breaking a sweat.

Samardzija pitched into the eighth inning on a warm, humid night that was to his liking Wednesday, keeping his fastball around 96 mph the whole way, and the power-challenged Chicago Cubs hit a pair of homers for a 3-1 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

A warm front moved through the area on Tuesday night, setting off rounds of thunderstorms that forced postponement for the opening game of the series. When Samardzija took the mound a day later, it was 87 degrees for the first pitch.

Perfect for Samardzija (3-1), who grew up in Indiana and is used to heat and humidity.

"It feels nice to have warm weather, I'll tell you that much," he said. "Late in the game, it keeps your arm going. It's amazing what a difference it makes."

The right-hander allowed only three hits in 7 2-3 innings, leaving after giving up a two-out

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