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**TODAY'S TIPS**

- **HOLE-IN-ONE:** Ted Dooley hit a hole-in-one at Homestead Golf Course Friday. The ace came on the 150-yard 13th hole using an 8-iron.
- **COACHING SEARCH:** Tippecanoe High School is seeking to fill the position of varsity boys basketball coach. A letter of interest, resume and support material may be submitted to Matt Shomper, Athletic Director, 615 E. Kessler-Cowlesville Road, Tipp City, Ohio 45371. Phone: (937) 669-6364, Fax: (937) 667-0912, email: mshomper@tippcity.k12.oh.us. The deadline for application is May 11.
- **BASEBALL:** Troy Post 43 American Legion baseball will be sponsoring an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner from 3-7 p.m. today 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 tonight 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 Trimmons 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	
<b>Baseball</b>	Graham at Miami East (DH) (11 a.m.) Cincinnati Trailblazers at Troy Christian (DH) (11 a.m.) Lehman at Fairlawn (11 a.m.)
<b>Softball</b>	Graham at Miami East (DH) (11 a.m.) Bethel at Catholic Central (11 a.m.) Troy Christian at Bradford (DH) (11 a.m.) Lehman at Fairlawn (11 a.m.)
<b>Tennis</b>	Troy at GWOC (at Centerville) (8 a.m.)
SUNDAY	
	No events scheduled

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**Cueto shuts down Pirates**

Johnny Cueto remained unbeaten, giving up seven hits in his first complete game of the season as the Cincinnati Reds beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 6-1 on Friday night.

The right-hander struck out three without a walk to improve to 4-0 and lower his ERA to 1.32.

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**Dragons Lair**

DAYTON — Lake County starting pitcher Joe Colon and reliever Francisco Valera combined on a four-hit shutout as the Captains defeated the Dayton Dragons 5-0 Friday night.

The Captains completed a sweep of the three-game series before a crowd of 8,647 at Fifth Third Field.

■ **Track and Field**

## Trojans girls crush Firebird competition

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The Troy Trojan girls had one last regular-season hurrah before next week's Greater Western Ohio Conference meet, while the boys have one more week to get healthy and prepare for what it will face there.

The girls obliterated the com-

petition at the two-day Fairmont Firebird Invitational, winning with 115.5 points even though the meet was rained out with three events left. The boys, on the other hand, were fourth with 56 points, a mere nine behind GWOC North rival and runner-

up Butler.

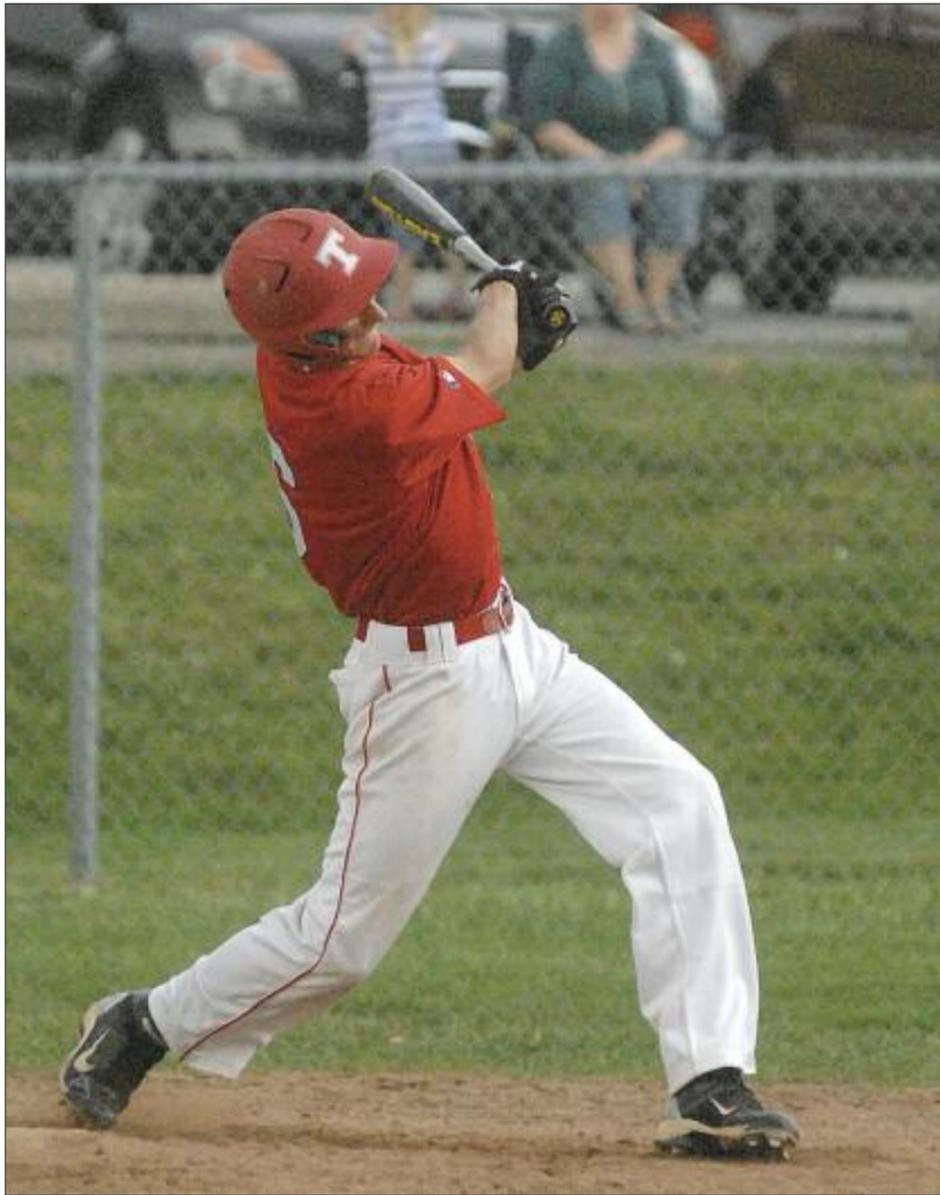
The girls dominated the field events. Bri Jumper (114-10) and Jessica Blakes (97-6) went one-two in the discus — and the duo completed a sweep by pulling the same feat in the shot put, with Jumper winning (33-3) and Blakes taking second (31-8.25). Ashley Rector won the long jump

(17-2). Mariah Sano was third in the pole vault (9-0) and Abby Brinkman was sixth (9-0).

"Jumper and Blake went one-two in both throwing events," Troy girls coach Kurt Snyder said. "So they scored 36 points between them. That's a big

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■ **Baseball**



Troy's Jordan Price drives the ball Friday against Xenia in the Trojans' regular season finale at Market Street Field.

STAFF PHOTOS/ANTHONY WEBER

## Sock it to 'em

### Newssock hits 3 HRs, Xenia tops Troy, 9-5

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Xenia's Zack Newssock had one home run, 15 RBIs and a batting average of .292 entering Friday's game against Troy at Market Street Field.

But Newssock was the difference-maker on Friday night, hitting three home runs — including a grand slam in the fourth

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inning which put Xenia up 7-5 — and tallying six RBIs to lift the Buccaneers past the Trojans 9-5 in a six-inning rain-shortened win.

"That was a nice performance by him," Troy coach Ty Welker said. "He hit the ball well, but the ball was carrying for both teams. We kind of served it to

■ See TROJANS on 18 Troy's Zach Kendall throws a pitch Friday against Xenia.



■ **Baseball/Softball**

## East clinches 2nd straight share of CCC

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**MIAMI COUNTY**

UNION CITY — Miami East suffered a middle-of-the-season Cross County Conference loss to rival Bethel.

After that, they were untouchable in the conference. The Vikings (16-3, 10-1 CCC)

still have a chance to win it outright.

"The kids have really pulled together," Miami East coach Barry Coomes said. "This is a good group, they've got a lot of athletic talent and they back each other up. They don't fault each other — and that makes

you feel good as a coach."

Garrett Mitchell blanked the Blackhawks, striking out 10 and allowing only two hits. Bradley Coomes had two hits and a double, and Mitchell, Luke Clark and Brandon Kirk each had two

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■ **Boys Basketball**

## Pond leaving Tipp boys

BY JOSH BROWN  
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In a surprise move, varsity boys basketball coach Matt Pond stepped away from his post at Tippecanoe High School, leaving as one of the most prolific coaches in Red Devil history.

"It's a time in my career where I think the program is in good shape," Pond said Friday night. "There's a lot of young talent there. Whoever comes into that job is coming into a great position. The facilities are top-notch, hopefully the staff will remain intact.

"If I thought there was something left to fix, I wouldn't have left."

"He came into my office yesterday to let me know he was resigning," Tippecanoe athletic director Matt Shomper said. "It caught us completely by surprise."

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Pond, who did not resign from his teaching position with Tippecanoe Middle School, cited a desire to "spend more time with his family and to have the ability to pursue other opportunities," according to Shomper.

He leaves Tippecanoe as one of the most successful coaches in the school's history. During the 2006-07 season, he guided the Devils to the Division II Regional semifinal round, where they fell to eventual state champion Dunbar, 60-53. Tippecanoe finished 21-1 that season.

"I was there for 20 years total — three as an eighth-grade coach, five as JV and 12 as varsity," Pond said. "And I had a lot of great kids there. That's why I know whoever gets that job will have nothing but success. There's a lot of great kids in that community that will do anything it takes. I'll always have a lot of great memories there."

"He's the winningest coach in our boys basketball history," Shomper said. "We'll certainly miss him and wish him nothing but the best wherever he goes."

Now the Devils begin their search for a new coach — and must complete it in a hurry.

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