

Softball/Baseball Roundup

CONTINUED FROM 13 were throwing outside and they adjusted and started hugging the plate. They got on a roll, had five or six hits in a row, but we were lucky enough to have some runs to cover the difference. Andrea never lost control on the mound.

"We probably left 11 on base, which is not acceptable. But overall, I feel like we were doing a good job."

Chloe Smith went 2 for 4 with two RBIs, while Cassie Hayworth and Chelsea Smith each went 2 for 3.

The Bulldogs play their first Southwestern Buckeye League game today at Northridge.

M-U.....100 511 0 — 8 9 3
Piqua.....000 105 1 — 7 9 6
Fetters and Booher. Cox and McCawley. WP — Fetters. LP — Cox.

Newton 4, New Bremen 1
NEW BREMEN —

After New Bremen scored a run in the first, Newton's defense tightened up, and so did pitcher Kirsten Burden — who struck out 11, allowed one walk and gave up only four hits — as the Indians went on to win the game by a count of 4-1 on Tuesday.

"Kirsten's doing well," Newton coach Kirk Kadel said. "Her locations still aren't quite there yet, but she's still recovering from an injury, so she's a little behind. I think she'll continue to get better as we go forward."

Marina Snipes bolstered the Newton offense with a double and two triples, Burden was 3 for 4 with a double, Megan Rutledge was 2 for 3 with a double and Taylor Steck went 1 for 3 with a double.

The Indians (2-0) play Versailles on Saturday.

New.....002 000 2 — 4 13 1
NB.....100 000 0 — 1 4 0
Kirsten Burden and Laura Burden. Straug and Jones. WP — Kirsten Burden. LP — Straug. 2B — K. Burden (N), Snipes (N), Steck (N), Rutledge (N). 3B — Snipes 2 (N). **Records:** Newton 2-0.

Baseball
Tippecanoe 7, Muscle Shoals 4

Tippecanoe baseball coach Bruce Cahill takes his team to Florida every year, knowing they will square off against some of the best high school teams around.

"If we can get a couple of wins down here, it's a successful trip," Cahill said.

And the Red Devils got their first win in Florida on Tuesday as Carter Langdon recorded three strikeouts and 16 ground-ball outs in six innings on the hill, then Cameron Johnson came on to get the save in a 7-4 victory over Muscle Shoals, AL.

Langdon helped himself at the plate, going 2

for 2 with two RBIs, Johnson went 2 for 4 and Austin Hadden went 3 for 4 with a triple.

The win made Tipp 1-1 on the season, after the Red Devils committed six errors on defense in a 5-0 loss to Fort Walton Beach, FL. on Monday night. Zach Robbins went 2 for 3 at the plate for Tipp.

"Ben Hughes started the and he pitched well," Cahill said of Monday's game. "We had those six errors on defense, which didn't help our cause. They pitched a guy that was unhittable. He struck us out 13 times, we managed to scatter four hits on him, but that was a tough guy to go against."

The Red Devils play Westminster today.
Tipp.....000 123 1 — 7 9 3
MS.....003 000 1 — 4 5 4
Langdon, Johnson (7) and Donathan. WP — Langdon. **Records:** Tipp 1-1. Muscle Shoals 11-12.

Bethel 8, Houston 2

BRANDT — In his first pitching effort of the year, Bethel's Luke Veldman was sensational, striking out 10 and allowing only one earned run in the Bees' 8-2 win over Houston on Tuesday.

"Luke pitched a great game in his first outing of the year," Bethel coach Brett Brookhart said. "His pitch count was low, so we left him in. He pitched a complete game, struck out 10 batters. It was a great effort. Other than the first inning, I thought we played great defense behind him."

Dustin Myers went 2 for 4 with two doubles for the Bees, while Jordan Elam had a double and Joe Zimmerman went 1 for 3 with three RBIs.

The Bees (2-0) play at home against Cedarville on Friday.

Houston 100 010 0 — 2 3 2
Bethel...030 212 x — 8 6 2
Clark, Riffle (5) and Mullen. Veldman and Hoke. WP — Veldman. LP — Clark. 2B — Myers (B), Elam (B). **Records:** Houston 0-2. Bethel 2-0.

T-C North 3, Milton-Union 2
LEWISBURG —

Milton-Union traveled to Tri-County North on Tuesday night and led for five innings before surrendering to the Panthers 3-2.

The Bulldogs scored two in the first but were held scoreless the final six frames. Dylan Smith had two hits including a double and Tyler Maiden also had a multi-hit game for the Bulldogs.

Wes Biser pitched five innings of six-hit baseball for Milton, which returns to action tonight at Northridge.

M-U.....200 000 0 — 2-7-5
TCN.....001 010 1 — 3 5 1
WP — Gleadel. LP — Overla. 2B — Smith (M), Balen (TCN), Hutchins (TCN). **Records:** MU 2-1, TCN 1-2.

Baseball Trojans



Troy's Kevin McGraw breaks for first base Tuesday against Carroll.

CONTINUED FROM 13 James Wheeler, an RBI single by Nate Hemmert and an RBI double by Andrew Raiffe to put Troy down 2-0.

But that just seemed to wake the Trojans up.

Devon Alexander kicked off a two-out rally in the bottom of the inning with a walk and Dylan Cascaden was hit by a pitch, bringing up last year's leading hitter, Helke — who promptly doubled over the center fielder's head and brought in both runners, tying the game.

"We've just struggled offensively so far this year," Welker said. "Running the bases, getting timely hits — and today we hit the ball harder than we have been, just right at people. But once they got those two runs, we didn't give up. We switched the lineup around a bit today, having (Nick) Antonides bat behind Helke to give him some protection, so they couldn't just walk him every time."

"And we may have to do that more ..." he added with a chuckle.

Fuller then sat the Patriots down one-two-three in the fourth, leaving the game tied before giving way to Helke on the mound.

"We didn't know what Cody's role would be, but with three games in four days and some injuries on our staff, he had to be that third starter," Welker said. "He struggled a little in the third, but the best thing he did was coming back and pitching that



Troy's Devon Alexander runs to first base Tuesday during the Trojans' 3-2 victory over Carroll at Market Street Field.

fourth inning. After giving up those runs, he could have folded — and he didn't."

Helke took care of the rest, giving up only one single and striking out five in three innings for the win.

"Their dugout kind of deflated when they saw him come in throwing hard," Welker said. "I thought he threw well. He did exactly what he needed to do."

And with runners on first and third and two outs in the fifth, Nadolny — who had stung the ball right at defenders his first two times up — did just what the team needed him

to. Nadolny pulled a shot down the line in left, dropping it in fair territory by inches. It hooked beyond the fence for a ground-rule double, bringing in what proved to be the winning run.

"That was clutch," Welker said. "We've been getting guys on but not getting the big hit. And he did that for us today. That hit was a big one. And Helke's shot that tied the game came on an offspeed pitch. He hit a really nice ball."

"Hitting isn't the question for us. I'm not worried about that. I know we'll hit. We've just got to get

offensive. It's our pitching staff that's kind of day-to-day."

But one question that need not be asked is how the team will play each day.

"These guys always come to play, they do what we ask and they work hard," Welker said. "And we're 3-0 because of it."

Troy puts its unbeaten record on the line on the road for the first time this season at Tecumseh Thursday.

Carroll.....002 000 0 — 2 4 1
Troy.....002 010 x — 3 5 0
Uzzel, O'Meara (5) and Quatman. Fuller, Helke (5) and Nadolny. WP — Helke. LP — Uzzel. 2B — Raiffe (C), Helke (T), Nadolny (T). **Records:** Troy 3-0.

Women's College Basketball

Hayes leads UConn to Final Four

KINGSTON, R.I. (AP) — Tiffany Hayes scored 22 points and top-seed Connecticut beat Kentucky 80-65 on Tuesday night to advance to the Final Four for the fifth straight season.

Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis added 18 for UConn (33-4), which will play the winner of Notre Dame and Maryland on Sunday in Denver. The Huskies matched their own school

mark of five straight trips to the national semifinals. LSU and Stanford have also accomplished the feat.

Unlike their previous four trips to the regional finals, which were quick blowouts, the Huskies had to work hard to pull away from the Wildcats.

UConn led 48-47 early in the second half before turning up its defense. The Huskies used a 21-4 spurt to take command. Hayes,

the lone senior on the team, was the catalyst, scoring seven points during the run. She got it started with a lay-in. Then the Huskies started a parade to the free throw line, with whistle after whistle. The Huskies converted 12 free throws during the game-changing run.

Hayes was selected most outstanding player of the regional.

While the Huskies were scoring points, their vaunted defense was stymieing the Wildcats. Kentucky torched UConn for 39 points, the most allowed in a first half this season by the Huskies.

The Wildcats found it much tougher to score in the second half. During UConn's burst, Kentucky could only get two field goals over a span of nine minutes.

Major League Baseball

Latos injured in Reds loss to Cubs

GOODYEAR, Ariz. (AP) — Right-hander Mat Latos threw a pitch and pulled up awkwardly. Just like that, the Cincinnati Reds had another pitching concern.

Latos strained his left calf while throwing a pitch during the fifth inning of a 7-4 loss to the Chicago Cubs on Tuesday, forcing him from the game. He was listed as day to day.

The Reds' No. 2 starter got hurt three days after they learned that closer Ryan Madson needs reconstructive elbow surgery, ending his season.

"It's better than (hurting) his knee," manager Dusty Baker said. "The ground is hard. He kept hitting a hole out there. You could tell when he walked the pitcher that something's not right. He

wanted to finish, but we said now's not the time. We have too many guys going down. We thought caution was the best."

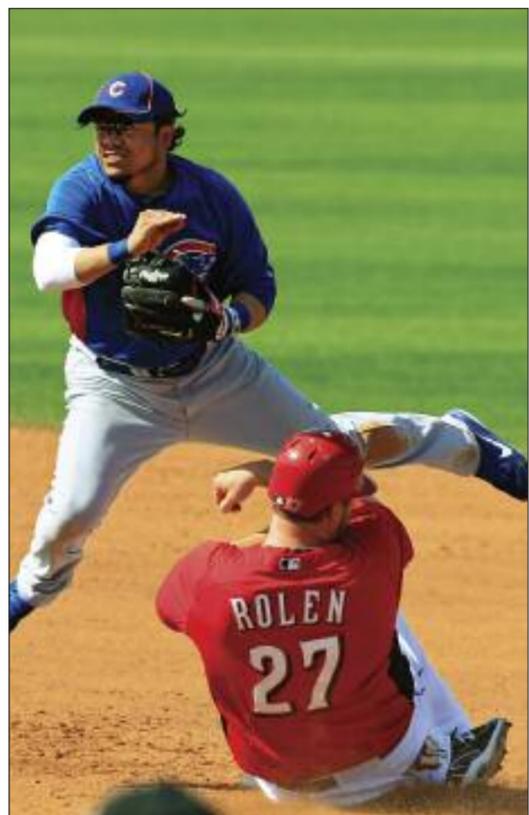
Latos walked opposing pitcher Matt Garza, who was trying to bunt a runner to second. Latos then left in the middle of an at-bat by Alfonso Soriano.

White Sox 7, Indians 1
GLENDAL, Ariz. — As poorly as Ubaldo

Jimenez has pitched this spring, even a performance in which he gave up a bunch of hits looked pretty good.

Jimenez threw plenty of strikes in five innings for the Cleveland Indians in a 7-1 loss to the Chicago White Sox on Tuesday.

Jimenez allowed two earned runs and seven hits, walking none and striking out three.



Chicago Cubs shortstop Alfredo Amezaga leaps over Cincinnati Reds' Scott Rolen but can't complete a double play on the Reds' Jay Bruce in the fifth inning of a spring training game Tuesday in Goodyear, Ariz. The Cubs won 7-4.

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