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MONDAY RESULTS

• **Softball**
Troy 9,
Beavercreek 8
 TROY — Beavercreek rattled off three runs in the top of the seventh inning to tie the game, but all sins by the Troy defense were erased in the bottom half of the inning. Allison Pierce scored the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh as the Trojans (2-1) overcame six errors for the 9-8 win Monday night at Market Street Diamond.

Pierce led off the seventh with a base hit then was moved all the way to third on grounders by Brittney Sowers and Megan Schreiber — who each had two doubles in the game. Finally, Pierce scored on a hard-hit ball in the infield by Shay Emerick that was booted. Amber Smith went the distance on the hill and had no walks on her way to becoming the winning pitcher.

Tecumseh 3
Miami East 1
CASSTOWN — The Miami East offense couldn't produce in key situations in a 3-1 loss to Tecumseh Monday in Casstown.

Madi Linn had two doubles and Sam Denlinger added two hits. Paige Kiesewetter took the loss on the hill for the Vikings.

The Vikings play Wednesday at Lehman.

Tippecanoe 17,
West Carrollton 4

WEST CARROLLTON — Bri Eichbaum went the distance on the hill and Tippecanoe got mammoth performances across the board on offense as it rolled past West Carrollton 17-4 Monday night.

Cassie Gingerich had three hits and an RBI, Eichbaum had two hits, two runs and three batted in, Kristin Mace added two hits and scored four runs, Jordan Kostyal added two hits, two runs a double, Hannah Beck had a huge game with three hits, a homer, double, two runs and seven runs batted in, Steph Kraska added two hits and two RBIs, Ali Muse contributed two hits and scored twice.

Eichbaum lasted all six innings and had a strikeout-to-walk ratio of five to zero. Tippecanoe improved to 2-1.

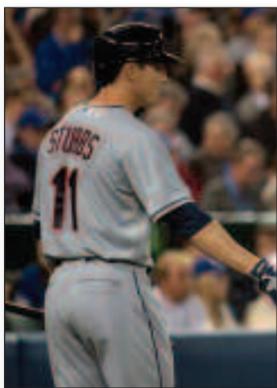
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SPORTS CALENDAR

TODAY
Baseball
 Troy at Spr. Shawnee (5 p.m.)
 Tippecanoe at Butler (5 p.m.)
 Milton-Union at Madison (5 p.m.)
 Miami East at Lehman (5 p.m.)
 Piqua at Beavercreek (5 p.m.)
Softball
 Milton-Union at Madison (5 p.m.)
 Miami East at Lehman (5 p.m.)
 Newton at TBA (at Florida) (TBA)
Tennis
 Wayne at Piqua (4:30 p.m.)
 Lehman at Wapakoneta (4:30 p.m.)
Track
 Miami East at Arcanum (5 p.m.)

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Indians beat Blue Jays 4-1 in opener

Cy Young winner R.A. Dickey and the overhauled Toronto Blue Jays struggled in their opener and lost to Asdrubal Cabrera, Justin Masterson and the Cleveland Indians 4-1 Tuesday night.

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Baseball/Softball

Bulldogs top Trojans in close game

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WEST MILTON — By the time the top of the third was over, Troy held a 7-2 lead.

But Milton-Union just kept chipping away.

The Bulldogs (2-1) scored at least one run in every inning, including the game-winning one in the bottom of the sixth to break up a tie game and defeat the Trojans 9-8 Tuesday at Milton-Union.

Both teams committed four errors in the game, though, and both teams know they have things to iron out.

"We're going to hit. That's not a concern," Milton-Union coach Curt Schaefer said. "Our defense just isn't up to par yet, and our pitching could have been better today. But it's still early in the season, and we'll get better."

"We have some work to do," Troy coach Megan Campbell said. "We had a lot of errors yesterday, a lot of errors today, and we lost a game on Saturday because of errors. The coaches know we have work to do, the players know they have work to

do. But one thing about this team? Not one of us is scared of hard work."

And it's something that others are noticing already.

"We scrimmaged Troy about a week ago, and they've improved 100 percent from that game to now," Schaefer said. "Their coaches have done an excellent job so far, and they've got that team going in the right direction."

Chloe Smith was 2 for 4 with three RBIs for the Bulldogs, Christine Heisey was 2 for 5 with two RBIs, Ashley Smith — in addition to coming on to pitch

in the third and eventually earning the win — doubled and had two RBIs, Haley Martens was 2 for 4 with a double, Kayla Smith was 3 for 4 and Chelsey Smith tripled.

Shay Emerick was 3 for 4 with a triple to pace Troy (2-2), Megan Schreiber was 3 for 4 and Allison Pierce was 2 for 4.

Milton-Union begins Southwestern Buckeye League Buckeye Division play today at Madison, while Troy returns to action Friday against McAuley in Tippecanoe's Strike Out

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Baseball



STAFF PHOTOS/ANTHONY WEBER

Troy's Ian Nadolny tries to avoid a tag at home plate during a game against Tecumseh Tuesday at Market Street Field in Troy.

Out of control

11-run fifth propels Tecumseh past Troy

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Six walks. Four runs scoring on wild pitches. A three-run inside-the-park home run.

And that was just one inning. On a frigid Tuesday afternoon at Market Street Field, the Troy Trojans found out just how hard it is to put the wheels back on once they fall off completely.

The Tecumseh Arrows took advantage of Troy's control problems, coming back from an early 2-0 deficit to tie the game — and then exploding for 11 runs in the top of the fifth inning to turn a tight ballgame into a 13-2 run-rule victory in non-league play.

The first 11 Tecumseh batters in the top of the fifth all reached base and scored, with Tony Evans' three-run inside-the-parker making it a 12-2 game. To add insult to injury, Bubba Cantrell reached



Troy's Devin Blakely watches a pop fly against Tecumseh Tuesday in Troy.

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Major League Baseball

Reds' Ludwick needs shoulder surgery

CINCINNATI (AP) — Reds outfielder Ryan Ludwick tore cartilage in his right shoulder while sliding into third base during the season opener and will need surgery, leaving the defending NL Central champions without one of their main run producers for an uncertain period.

The team didn't project how long Ludwick will be out.

Ludwick dislocated his right shoulder on a headfirst slide in the third inning of Cincinnati's 3-1, 13-inning loss to the Los Angeles Angels on Monday. He said the shoulder popped out when his hand caught on the dirt.

An MRI on Tuesday the team's day off found the torn car-

tilage. He'll have surgery on Wednesday. The Reds plan to put him on the 15-day disabled list and replace him on the roster before the second game of their series against the Angels.

It's a significant setback for the Reds, who relied on Ludwick's right-handed hitting to balance left-handers Joey Votto and Jay Bruce in the middle of the lineup. Ludwick batted cleanup, between Votto and Bruce.

His value to the team was evident when they gave him a two-year, \$15 million dollar deal to stay last December, one of several moves to keep the defending division champions intact for another playoff run.



LUDWICK

games, Ludwick became the Reds' top run producer. He batted .340 with 12 homers and 36 RBIs while Votto recuperated.

Ludwick also led the team with three homers during a five-game series loss to San Francisco in the opening round of the play-

offs. Overall, he batted .275 with 26 homers and 80 RBIs in 125 games last season, including 107 starts in left field.

Chris Heisey took over for Ludwick after he got hurt on Monday. Heisey started 80 games in the outfield last season and batted .265 with seven homers and 31 RBIs.

Manager Dusty Baker was noncommittal after the game when asked if Heisey would take over the starting job in left field. Baker will have to juggle his lineup to try to make up for the loss of Ludwick's right-handed production.

"There's quite a few things that go into that equation," Baker said. "We'll see."

Tennis

Trojans hammer Eagles

Staff Reports

TROY — It may not have felt like spring yet, but the Troy Trojans didn't let the cold air bother them.

Winning helps warm everyone up.

Troy opened up the new season Tuesday at home in dominant fashion, defeating a traditionally-tough Chaminade-Julienne squad 4-1.

At first singles, Luke Oaks defeated Carlos Estrada-Sanchez 6-2, 6-0. At second singles, Chris Schmitt defeated Will Bonner 6-1, 6-2. At third singles, Matt Schmitt defeated Anlhmy Geravesi 6-2, 7-5.

At first doubles, Matt Alexander and Ian Stutz defeated Robert Smith and Thomas Cox 6-2, 6-0. The Trojans' lone loss came at second doubles, where CJ's Aarm Talib and Warren Reynolds defeated Aaron Coon and Jesse Wright 6-4, 6-3.

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"It was good to get to play outside and come up with a team victory," Troy coach Mark Goldner said. "Luke, Chris and Matt Schmitt played well in singles with Matt Alexander and Ian Stutz playing aggressive tennis at first doubles. Aaron and Jesse are still learning how to play doubles and will improve as the season goes along."

Troy (1-0) hosts Springfield Thursday.

Lehman 5, Piqua 0

PIQUA — The Lehman Cavaliers had no problems at Piqua Tuesday, cruising to a 5-0 victory.

At first singles, Lehman's Pierce Bennett defeated Andrew Lamphor 6-0, 6-0. At second singles, Sam Dean defeated Joye Hisong 6-2, 6-1. At third singles, Josh West defeated Tyler Lavey 6-2, 6-0.

At first doubles, Mitchell Shroyer and Noah Dunn defeated Luke Hanes and Joling Hisong 6-0, 6-1. At second doubles, Riley Pickrel and Louis Gaier defeated Devon Parshall and Jared Haney 6-0, 6-0.