

Baseball

Trojans



Troy's Cody Fuller fires a strike Tuesday in Troy.

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 on a two-base error, then took third on a wild pitch and scored on another — all before the Trojans had even recorded an out.

And Troy coach Ty Welker found that once the momentum swung that sharply, it was impossible to turn around.

"I've never been part of an inning like that, where the first 11 guys up all score," he said. "We got into a situation where we couldn't throw strikes, and as a pitcher, you're not in control of what's happening anymore. You've got to be ready to mentally battle. You just hope that the guys revert back to what they've been doing all year."

"Tecumseh is a good team. That team hits the ball. You have to get ahead in the count against them, because you don't want to throw fastballs to them when they're ahead in the count. We were either walking them or giving up doubles."

The Trojan pitchers couldn't find the strike zone — or even the catcher's glove, after a while — giving up a total of 10 walks and seven wild pitches, six of which scored runs.

The game didn't start that way, though.

Troy starter Cody Fuller got out of a bases-loaded, one-out jam in the top of the first, then Collin Moeller hit a two-run single with two outs in the bottom of the inning to put the Trojans (2-1) up 2-0.

But Arrow (3-0) starter Alex High took over from



Nick Sanders slides into third base during a game against Tecumseh Tuesday.

there, only allowing two baserunners after the first inning. He pitched all five, striking out seven, walking three and giving up two hits, the other being a fifth-inning double by Dylan Cascaden.

"There were a lot of things offensively that we struggled on, too," Welker said. "Their pitcher took control of the game. He was in command, and we batted defensively."

Tecumseh cut the lead in half in the top of the second when High came in to score from third on a wild pitch, then Derrick Cain walked,

advanced to second on a groundout, took third on a wild pitch and home on yet another to tie the score 2-2 in the top of the fourth.

Tony Evans and Bubba Cantrell both scored on wild pitches to start the fifth, then Christian Evans hit a two-run double. A pair of walks loaded the bases, then two more walks brought in runs. Jimmy Rowland scored on a wild pitch, then Tony Evans cleared the bases with a shot to the right-center gap, coming all the way around to score to make it 12-2 before Cantrell's score on a wild

pitch made it 13-2. A pop-out and a pair of strikeouts put a merciful end to the inning.

It was a stark contrast to Troy's opening-day doubleheader sweep at Wayne on Saturday, where the Trojans scored 25 runs on 28 hits.

Troy will look to rebound today on the road at Springfield Shawnee before returning home Thursday to face Beaver Creek.

Tec010 1(11) — 13 6 1
 Troy200 00 — 2 2 2
 High and C. Evans. Fuller, Wood (5), Croft (5) and Nadolny. WP — High. LP — Wood. 2B — High (Te), Nicewaner (Te), C. Evans (Te), Cascaden (Tr). HR — T. Evans (Te).
 Records: Tecumseh 3-0, Troy 2-1.

Baseball/Softball

Roundup

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Cancer Tournament.
 Troy...052 010 0 — 8 13 4
 M-U.....111 321 x — 9 10 4
 Smith and Emerick. Feters, A. Smith and B. Courtright. WP — A. Smith. LP — Smith. 2B — A. Smith (M), Martens (M). 3B — Che. Smith (M), Emerick (T).
 Records: Troy 2-2, Milton-Union 2-1.

Tippecanoe 9, Urbana 3
 URBANA —

Tippecanoe rose to the occasion when the moment presented itself Tuesday, piling on four runs in the seventh inning to take down Urbana, 9-3.

Bri Eichbaum got another win for the Red Devils, striking out five batters in the process. She also had three hits. Kristin Mace added a triple and two RBIs, Cassie Gingerich contributed three hits and Jordynn Kostyal a good all-around day with two hits, two RBIs and three runs scored. Steph Kraska had two doubles and two RBIs.

Tippecanoe plays Milton-Union Friday at the Strike Out Cancer Tournament.

Tipp...400 010 4 — 9 13 2
 Urb...002 000 1 — 3 10 3
 Eichbaum and Goodall. Shank and Hendrix. WP — Eichbaum. LP — Shank. 2B — Kraska (2) (Tipp). 3B — Mace.

Newton Sweeps Pair FLORIDA — The Newton Indians kicked off their trip to Florida Tuesday with a doubleheader against Wallington, N.J., sweeping both games 9-2 and 8-3.

Kristen Burden struck out six and walked one in the opener to wrap up the win. Madison Mollette was 2 for 4 with a triple and Kasey Thompson was 2 for 4 with a double to lead the Indians' offense.

Erin Hixon struck out 11 in the second game for the win. Laura Oaks was 2 for 4 with a double and McKell Deaton tripled in the game.

"The kids played well today," Newton coach Kirk Kadel said. "They made some errors and we took advantage, and we hit the ball well."

Newton plays another doubleheader on Thursday.

Covington 12, Anna 0
 COVINGTON —

Covington got going with a five-run fourth inning and rolled to a 12-0 run-rule victory Tuesday.

Casey Yingst pitched all six and struck out 11 batters. She was also 2 for 3 with two RBIs. Jessie Shilt went 2 for 3, Heidi Snipes was 2 for 3 and two RBIs, Haley Adams had two hits, a double and two RBIs.

The Buccs play at Coldwater Thursday.
 Anna.....000 000 — 0 2 2
 Cov.....111 513 — 12 17 0
 Egbert and Keener. Yingst and Schaffer. WP — Yingst. LP — Egbert. 2B — Snipes (C), Adams (C).

Bradford 14, Riverside 9
 BRADFORD —

Haley Patty was 3 for 4 at the plate and had seven strikeouts on the mound, leading Bradford to a 14-9

victory over Riverside. Lindsey Rose and Erika Hart were both 2 for 4 and Brooke Dunlevy was 3 for 5 as the Railroaders cashed in on 11 hits and eight Riverside errors.

Bradford (1-1) travels to Botkins Thursday.

Baseball
 Troy Christian 7, Newton 5

TROY — The Troy Christian Eagles got off to a flying start Tuesday, opening the season with a 7-5 victory over Newton.

Alec Patterson came on late in the fourth inning to become the winning pitcher. He also led the Eagles at the plate, going 2 for 2 with a double. Spencer Thomas also went 2 for 4.

Newton trailed 6-0 before scoring four in the top of the fourth to make it a ballgame.

Cody Alexander pitched a complete game in the loss, giving up seven hits.

"We just had too many baserunning mistakes, and it cost us," Newton coach Gregg Carnes said. "The kids kept competing and made it interesting in the seventh, loading the bases. We'll correct things in practice and keep striving to get better."

The Eagles are back in action Monday, hosting Metro Buckeye Conference foe Xenia Christian. Newton hosts Ponitz on Thursday.

New.....000 400 1 — 5 3 3
 TC.....300 301x — 7 7 4
 Alexander and Schwartz. Morrow, Patterson (4) and Kolker. WP — Patterson. LP — Alexander. 2B — Patterson (TC).
 Records: Newton 0-2, Troy Christian 1-0.

Tippecanoe 3, Urbana 0
 URBANA —

Dominance on the mound has been the key to success so far for Tippecanoe.

On Monday, Steven Calhoun and Cameron Johnson combined to strikeout 14 batters in Tippecanoe's 9-5 win over Piqua. Then on Tuesday, pitcher Ben Hughes sizzled on the hill against, striking out 14 hitters and having his no-hit bid broken up with two outs in the sixth, as the Red Devils won by a score of 3-0.

Tippecanoe's pitching staff has struck out 31 batters in two games.

Hughes also had a good day at the plate, going 3 for 4 with a double and three stolen bases. Johnson added an RBI single.

In the Monday game, Hughes and B.J. Donathan each had two hits and a double. Zach Robbins had a homer and a single.

The Red Devils (2-0) play Butler tonight.

Tipp.....011 000 1 — 3 5 2
 Urbana..000 000 0 — 0 1 3
 Hughes, Johnson (7) and Donathan. Powell and Fain. WP — Hughes. LP — Powell. Save — Johnson. 2B — Hughes (T).

Covington 6, Anna 3
 COVINGTON — The Covington Buccaneers kept their early-season hot streak rolling with an impressive 6-3 win over Anna on Tuesday to improve to 3-0.

Kyler Deeter came up with a two-run double, while Bryton Lear doubled in a run and Cole Owens recorded an RBI single. Austin Angle got the win, his second straight complete game.

Covington travels to Milton-Union Thursday.

Oakwood 11, Milton-Union 0

WEST MILTON — Oakwood put away Tuesday's Southwestern Buckeye League crossover game at Milton-Union with a nine-run second inning, while the Bulldogs still couldn't find any offense in an 11-0 loss.

Milton-Union (0-2), which managed one hit in the game, travels to Madison today to kick off Buckeye Division play.

College Football

Miller takes shot to ribs at OSU practice

COLUMBUS (AP)—Quarterback Braxton Miller took a shot to the ribs for the second time in a week but Ohio State's Heisman Trophy candidate finished practice Tuesday and Buckeyes coach Urban Meyer said the junior was fine.

The Big Ten's player of the year in 2012 was hit on an option pitch by defensive end Noah Spence even

though Miller was wearing a black (for no contact) jersey.

Miller stayed down for several minutes. As backup Kenny Guiton replaced him, Miller confronted some defensive players on the sideline before being restrained by teammates.

Miller was held out of three series before returning to practice in preparation for the spring game on

April 13.

It will be held at Cincinnati's Paul Brown Stadium because of concrete work being done to Ohio Stadium.

Afterward, Meyer was unfazed, noting that Miller was already nursing a sore rib from a hit last week but that the tackle by Spence was in no way malicious.

"It's football," Meyer said. "We ran option.

(Miller) got hit in the same spot."

Neither was he displeased that Miller got up and went after the defensive players.

"I like quarterbacks that want to go get in a street fight and go after it," Meyer said. "That's not probably the time to do it, but he's a competitor. So you're asking what kind of reaction would I want out of a quarterback? I didn't really see what happened, but Braxton's a competitor."

"I guess that's better than the opposite, just lay on the ground and curl up and, 'Why did he hit me?' So, he's a tough kid."

Miller, a 6-foot-2, 215 pound junior, was fifth in Heisman voting last season as the Buckeyes went 12-0 in Meyer's first season in Columbus but were ineligible for the conference championship and a bowl game because of NCAA sanctions.

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