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TODAY'S TIPS

• **GOLF:** The Miami Shores 18-hole Golf League is holding its opening meeting at 9 a.m. April 23. Everyone is invited. For more information, call Miami Shores Golf Course at (937) 335-4457.

• **HALL OF FAME:** The Trojan Athletics Hall of Fame is still accepting nominations for its 2013 inaugural class. Induction will be held in the fall. Entrance to the selection process is through public nomination. The deadline for nominations is April 1. Nomination forms are available at all home events or at the athletics office at Troy High School.

• **HALL OF FAME:** The Miami East athletic boosters will hold their annual dinner and auction on April 6. Social hour will begin at 5 p.m. and dinner will be served at 5:30. The Athletic Department will induct three new members into the Hall of Fame beginning at 6:30. New members will be Jim Martin, Barry Coomes and Jamie Long Coleman.

• **BASEBALL:** Spots are still available for the Locos Express Super Power Slam 13U, 14U, 15U baseball tournament June 14-16 in Lima. There is a four-game guarantee. Contact locosexpress@gmail.com for additional information.

SPORTS CALENDAR

TODAY
 No events scheduled

MONDAY
Baseball
 Piqua at Tippecanoe (5 p.m.)
 Tri-County North at Milton-Union (5 p.m.)
 Newton at Lehman (5 p.m.)
 New Knoxville at Covington (5 p.m.)
 Bradford at New Bremen (5 p.m.)
Softball
 Beavercreek at Troy (5 p.m.)
 Tippecanoe at West Carrollton (5:30 p.m.)
 Tecumseh at Miami East (5 p.m.)
 Newton at TBA (at Florida) (TBA)
 Piqua at Miamisburg (5 p.m.)
 New Bremen at Bradford (5 p.m.)
Tennis
 Tippecanoe at Stebbins (4:30 p.m.)
 Milton-Union at Franklin (4:30 p.m.)
 St. Marys Memorial at Lehman (4:30 p.m.)
Track
 Newton, Bradford at Arcanum (4:30 p.m.)

TUESDAY
Baseball
 Tecumseh at Troy (5 p.m.)
 Tippecanoe at Urbana (5 p.m.)
 Oakwood at Milton-Union (5 p.m.)
 Newton at Troy Christian (5 p.m.)
 Anna at Covington (5 p.m.)
 Bradford at Riverside (5 p.m.)
 Lehman at Botkins (5 p.m.)
Softball
 Troy at Milton-Union (5 p.m.)
 Tippecanoe at Urbana (5 p.m.)
 Newton at TBA (at Florida) (TBA)
 Emmanuel Christian at Troy Christian (5 p.m.)
 Anna at Covington (5 p.m.)
 Houston at Piqua (5 p.m.)
 Lehman at Botkins (5 p.m.)
Tennis
 CJ at Troy (4:30 p.m.)
 Lehman at Piqua (4:30 p.m.)
Track
 Covington at Milton-Union quad (4:30 p.m.)
 Miami East at Arcanum (4:30 p.m.)
 Piqua at Greenville (4:30 p.m.)
 Lehman at Sidney Invite (4:45 p.m.)

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Reds hope to go deep in playoffs

Same starting five in the rotation. Same back end of the bullpen. Same starting lineup, except for one spot.

On the surface, not much has changed with the Cincinnati Reds, and that's exactly how they wanted it. The NL Central division champions have brought their team back virtually intact for another run at their elusive goal. See Page A9.

Track and Field



Troy's Ashley Rector — a returning state qualifier — runs a relay race at the season-opening Tippecanoe Relays Saturday at Tippecanoe Middle School.

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Picking back up

Season kicks off at Tippecanoe Relays

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Saturday's Tippecanoe Relays, the first official track meet of the season, provided the perfect platform for the Troy girls team to pick up right where it left off last year.

Last year was a record-breaking year for the Trojan girls relay teams, and many of those same people returned this year.

But Troy girls coach Kurt Snyder wants them to understand, returning to form will be a process.

"It might be difficult to repeat the season we had last year, but we have the horses to do it," Snyder said. "As long as they're patient and continue to work hard in practice, we'll get there."

As a team, the Trojans finished runner-up to Wayne. Troy scored 80.5 compared to Wayne's 105.5. Host Tippecanoe placed sixth with 34 points.

"I'm pleased with what I've seen the first day," Snyder said. "It's funny — the girls are kind of disappointed because they remember how well they finished last year, and they expect to be at that level already, and they have to understand it's a process and we'll get there eventually. They forget the steps they have to take during the season to get to that point."

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Softball

Troy, East split pair

Opening doubleheader ends in draw

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TROY

Troy showed just how contagious hitting can be in its home opener.

In the second game of the doubleheader, Miami East caught on, too.

The young Trojans capitalized on all of their chances in a five-run fifth inning to break a scoreless tie and Amber Smith did the rest on the mound, giving first-year coach Megan Campbell a win in her first game at the helm with a 5-2 victory over the Vikings at Market Street Diamond. But Miami East

flipped the script in the second game, scoring three times in the first inning and riding an outstanding pitching performance by Sam Denlinger to a 5-1 win as the teams split a season-opening twin bill.

"It feels good," Campbell said of getting the first win. "The girls have a vision board, and the first goal on it was to win our first game. Another was to push through the fifth, sixth, seventh innings of games, because last year a lot of games were lost late. The progress they've made from

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College Basketball



AP PHOTO

Ohio State forward Deshaun Thomas, left, and Wichita State forward Carl Hall vie for possession of the ball during the first half of the West Regional final in the NCAA tournament Saturday in Los Angeles.

Shockers fight off Buckeyes

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Wichita State is headed to the Final Four, and these Shockers should be no surprise to anybody.

Not after the way they held off mighty Ohio State in the West Regional final.

Malcolm Armstead scored 14 points, Fred Van Vleet bounced in a big basket with 1 minute left, and ninth-seeded Wichita State earned its first trip to the Final Four since 1965 with a 70-66 victory over the Buckeyes on Saturday.

Van Vleet scored 12 points as the Shockers (30-8) followed up last week's win over top-ranked Gonzaga with a nail-biting victory over the second-seeded Buckeyes (29-8), whose 11-game winning streak ended one game short of their second straight Final Four.

Wichita State is just the fifth

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Baseball/Softball

Trojans sweep

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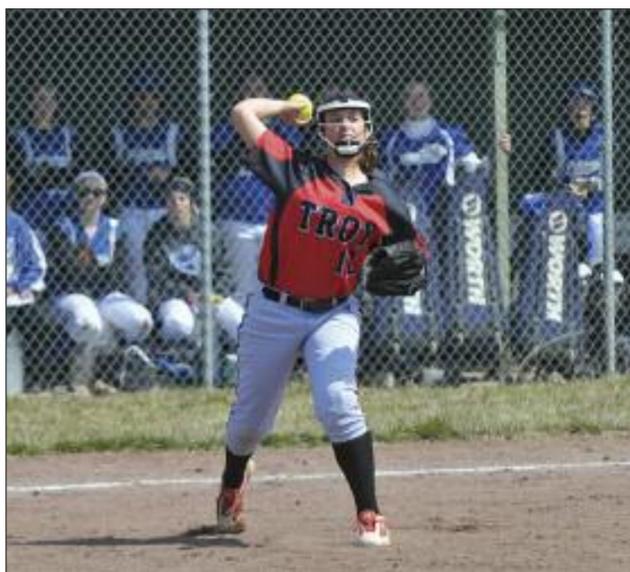
HUBER HEIGHTS — Coming into the season, Troy coach Ty Welker's biggest concern was whether or not his team could find ways to score runs. Yeah, about that ...

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The Trojans (2-0) exploded for 28 hits and 25 runs in an opening-day doubleheader sweep on the road at Wayne, pummeling the Warriors 12-7 and 13-0 to kick off the 2013 season.

"In the first game, we could tell that we could hit and score runs anytime we wanted at any point in the order," Welker said. "I can't think of a whole week last year when we had 28 hits total, and here we do that in one

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STAFF PHOTO/JOSH BROWN

Troy third baseman Allison Pierce fields a bunt Saturday during a doubleheader against Miami East at Troy.