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TODAY'S TIPS

- **GOLF:** The Miami Shores 18-hole Golf League will hold its opening meeting at 9 a.m. April 23. Everyone is invited. For more information, call Miami Shores Golf Course at (937) 335-4457.
- **GOLF:** Anyone interested in joining the Miami Shores Nine-hole Ladies Golf League should come to the Organizational Meeting at 10 a.m. April 30. The meeting will be held at the Miami Shores Clubhouse in Troy. League play begins May 7. For more information call Gail Florence at 332-7467.
- **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.
- **COACHING SEARCH:** Lehman High School has the following coaching vacancies: head boys basketball, head girls basketball and head cross country. Candidates should send a resume and cover letter to Athletic Director Richard Roll or email them to r.roll@lehman-catholic.com.
- **SOFTBALL:** Summer slow-pitch softball leagues to be played at Mote Park in Piqua are now forming. Games will be Thursdays for men's leagues and Fridays for co-ed leagues. Contact Dan Hathaway at (937) 418-8585 for more information.
- **SUBMIT-A-TIP:** To submit an item to the *Troy Daily News* sports section, please contact Josh Brown at jbrown@civitasmedia.com or Colin Foster at colinfoster@civitasmedia.com.

SPORTS CALENDAR

TODAY	
Baseball	
	Tippecanoe at Ben Logan (5 p.m.)
	Milton-Union at Troy Christian (5 p.m.)
	Miami East at Covington (5 p.m.)
	Arcanum at Newton (5 p.m.)
Softball	
	Wayne at Troy (5 p.m.)
	Tippecanoe at Ben Logan (5 p.m.)
	Miami East at Covington (5 p.m.)
	Arcanum at Newton (5 p.m.)
	Troy Christian at Emmanuel Christian (5 p.m.)
	Fairborn at Piqua (5 p.m.)
Tennis	
	Troy at Butler (4:30 p.m.)
	Tecumseh at Tippecanoe (4:30 p.m.)
	Madison at Milton-Union (4 p.m.)
	Piqua at Sidney (4:30 p.m.)

FRIDAY	
Baseball	
	Troy at Centerville (5 p.m.)
	Milton-Union at Preble Shawnee (5 p.m.)
	Miami East at Anna (5 p.m.)
	Newton at Bradford (5 p.m.)
	Troy Christian at Jackson Center (5 p.m.)
	Covington at National Trail (5 p.m.)
	Piqua at Fairborn (5 p.m.)
Softball	
	Tippecanoe at Gahanna Tourney (5 p.m.)
	Milton-Union at Preble Shawnee (5 p.m.)
	Newton at Bradford (5 p.m.)
	Covington at National Trail (5 p.m.)
	Versailles at Lehman (5 p.m.)
Tennis	
	Tippecanoe at Spr. Shawnee (4:30 p.m.)
	Milton-Union at Sidney (4:30 p.m.)
	Lehman at Eaton (5 p.m.)
Track	
	Troy at Lebanon (4:30 p.m.)
	Miami East, Bradford at Graham Invite (4:30 p.m.)
	Covington at Fred Durkle Invite (4:30 p.m.)
	Lehman at Fairlawn (4:30 p.m.)

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Walker's 24 leads 'Cats past Cavs

Kemba Walker had 24 points and seven assists, and the Charlotte Bobcats defeated the Cleveland Cavaliers 105-98 Wednesday to avoid finishing in the NBA cellar for a second consecutive season. See Page 18.

Softball/Baseball

Troy finishes off sweep of Sidney, 10-2

Staff Reports

TROY — Troy started Wednesday in a bad spot. The Trojans turned things around quickly, though. After Sidney scored two runs on the first pitch of Wednesday's action — thanks to starting with runners on second and third when Tuesday's game was suspended — Troy's Mackenzie

MIAMI COUNTY

Vernon settled down, struck out nine in a complete game and shut down the Yellowjackets the rest of the way, and the Trojan offense did the rest in a 10-2 Greater Western Ohio Conference North Division victory at Market Street Diamond. "It's nice to see the growth already," first-year Troy coach

Megan Campbell said. "We really preach 'team' and picking up your teammates when they're down. And this is a pivotal part of the season — the girls can either explode on the field or implode on each other. And it's great to see them picking each other up." "Mackenzie settled in, hit her spots and threw a nice game. She's only a sophomore, but she's

smart with her pitches and knows how to read batters." Maggie McClurg finished the game 3 for 3 while Jamie Snay and Brittany Sowers were each 2 for 4 as the Trojans (5-6, 2-2) scored five in the bottom of the second to take control and never let go. "It's nice to see everybody contributing," Campbell said. "We're

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Baseball



PHOTOS COURTESY LEE WOOLERY/SPEEDSHOT PHOTO
 Troy third baseman Alex Magoteaux takes a throw while a Sidney player slides into the bag Wednesday night at Fifth Third Field in Dayton.

Disappointing day

Yellowjackets shut down Trojans, 2-0

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It takes a certain mentality to win a division championship. "We've got to go into it thinking we're going to win every game," Ty Welker, coach of the defending Greater Western Ohio Conference North Division champion Troy Trojans said. "Anything less is a disappointment."

Which is why the Trojans were so upset after Wednesday's game.

DAYTON

Sidney got a pair of clutch hits in the first inning to take a two-run lead, and Connor Echols did the rest in a complete game shutout as Troy left nine runners on base — including the bases loaded in the bottom of the seventh inning — in a 2-0 loss Wednesday at Fifth Third Field in Dayton.

It was technically the first GWOC North loss for Troy (8-4, 3-1) since 2011. The Trojans lost twice to Greenville last season,

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Troy starting pitcher Zach Kendall deals to the first batter of Wednesday's game against Sidney at Fifth Third Field in Dayton.

Major League Baseball

Two-for Wednesday

Reds beat Phillies twice in one day

CINCINNATI (AP) — Quite a turnaround for the Reds, who went from dropping five in a row to winning two games in one day. A little well-timed hitting will do that.

Jay Bruce hit a pair of bases-loaded singles that sent Cincinnati to a couple of wins on Wednesday, 1-0 over the Philadelphia Phillies in the conclusion of a suspended game and 11-2 in the later one.

The Reds completed their first sweep of the Phillies since 1996, taking advantage of Philadelphia's struggles on offense to pull out of a five-game slide. It reminded manager Dusty Baker of an acquaintance's favorite saying.

"Like Gary Matthews said, the only thing better than hits are more hits," Baker said. "It was a beautiful thing tonight. It's

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AP PHOTO
 Cincinnati Reds' Derrick Robinson bats against the Philadelphia Phillies Wednesday in Cincinnati.

Tennis

Red Devils roll, 5-0

Staff Reports

The Tippecanoe Red Devils kept rolling Wednesday, dropping a grand total of three games in a 5-0 blowout win over Eaton.

At first singles, Sam Bollinger won 6-1, 6-0. At second singles, Michael Keller won 6-0, 6-0. At third singles, Hailey Winblad won 6-1, 6-0.

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At first doubles, Jacob Belcher and Adam Southers won 6-0, 6-0. At second doubles, Jon Lin and Doug Lehnkuhl won 6-1, 6-0.

Tippecanoe is now 7-1 on the season, and the JV team also improved to 8-0 on the year. The Devils look to defend their perfect Central Buckeye Conference record when they host Tecumseh today.

MLB

Sox top Tribe's ace

CLEVELAND (AP) — Converted closer Alfredo Aceves coasted through five innings, Mike Napoli and Daniel Nava drove in two runs apiece and the Red Sox, bonded by the tragedy in Boston, struck quickly against Justin Masterson and beat the Cleveland Indians 6-3 on Wednesday night for their fifth straight win.

Aceves (1-0), who began the season in Boston's bullpen, took a shutout into the sixth before giving up three runs. Andrew Bailey, filling for injured closer Joel Hanrahan, worked the ninth for his first save.

Napoli had an RBI single in the first when the Red Sox scored three off Masterson (3-1), who has already beaten two Cy Young winners this season and came in without allowing a run in 19 straight innings.

Nick Swisher and Jason Giambi homered for the Indians, who dropped their third in a row. The Red Sox hung a gray "617 Boston Strong" jersey in their dugout, just as they did for Tuesday's emotional series opener one day after the deadly marathon bombings back home. The jersey has become a symbol of unity for the club, which will be back at Fenway Park on Friday to open a 10-game homestand.

Shane Victorino, Jacoby Ellsbury and Mike Carp had three hits apiece as the Red Sox built Aceves a 5-0 lead.

Boston's bullpen did its job,

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