

## Tennis

# Troy takes care of Trotwood

Staff Reports

Troy got more of a fight than it expected.

In the end, the result was the same.

The Trojans (7-3, 1-1 Greater Western Ohio Conference North Division) took care of business Tuesday at Trotwood, picking up its first division win

## Baseball/Softball

# Roundup

■ CONTINUED FROM 15 Central Buckeye Conference Kenton Trail Division play.

Pitcher Bri Eichbaum recorded her 12th win of the season. Jordynn Kostyal doubled and added an RBI, Hannah Beck, Megan Rittenhouse and Kristin Mace all had two hits and a double, Ali Muse had three hits, a double and two RBIs and Rachel Rusk finished with a pair of hits, a double and an RBI.

The Red Devils are now 15-4, 9-0 CBC Kenton Trail.

**Milton-Union 15, Preble Shawnee 8**

CAMDEN — Ashley Smith went 4 for 4 with a pair of home runs and seven RBIs in Milton-Union's 15-8 win over Preble Shawnee Tuesday.

The Bulldogs (8-9, 4-4 Southwestern Buckeye League) got big contributions all around on offense. Chloe Smith went 3 for 5 with a double, Christine Heisey doubled and finished 2 for 5, Brittany Courtright went 3 for 5, Claire Fetters was 2 for 4 and Haley Martens added two RBIs.

Milton scored eight runs in the first three innings of the game, but led just 8-7 after the bottom of three. The Bulldogs piled on four insurance runs in the top of the seventh for good measure.

**TV South 7, Bethel 3**

BRANDT — Twin Valley South scored three runs in the sixth and seventh innings, rallying to defeat Bethel 7-3 Tuesday.

Briana Anthony doubled and was 2 for 4 for Bethel, while Mandy Shoopman also went 2 for 4.

Bethel travels to Mississinawa Valley today.

**FM 8, Newton 6**

PLEASANT HILL — Franklin Monroe scored three runs in the sixth inning to emerge with an 8-6 victory over Newton Tuesday in Cross County Conference play.

Tiara Jackson led the Indians at the plate, going 2 for 3 with two runs scored. Kasey Thompson went 2 for 4, while Rose Studebaker and Kirsten Burden both doubled.

Newton (6-7, 3-3) plays against Mississinawa Valley on Thursday.

**Miami East 6, National Trail 0**

CASSTOWN — The Miami East defense put together another solid effort behind pitcher Sam Denlinger and the Vikings rolled to a 6-0 victory against National Trail Tuesday in Cross County Conference play.

Madison Linn pounded

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of the season with a 4-1 victory.

At first singles, Luke Oaks defeated Hank Grinner 6-1, 6-1. At second singles, Chris Schmitt defeated Lamane Seck 6-4, 7-5. At first doubles, Matt Alexander and Ian Stutz

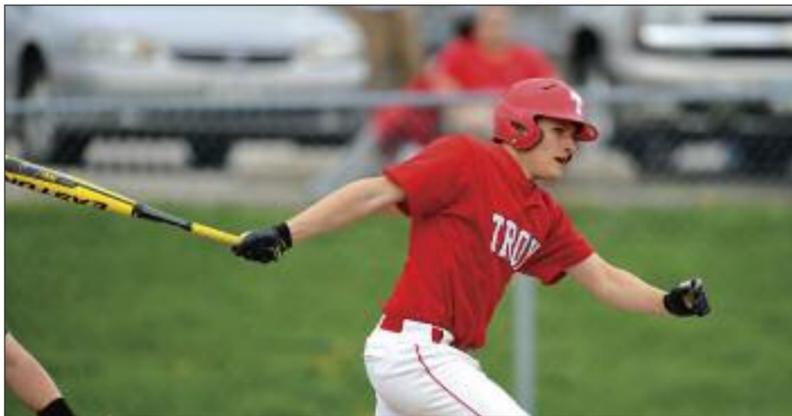
defeated Desere Powell and Emit Moore 6-0, 6-0. At second doubles, Hidekazu Asami and Matt Schmitt defeated Mario Rodgerses and Joel Kelly 6-1, 6-1.

Troy's lone loss came at third singles, where Trotwood's Mama Seck defeated Jesse Wright 6-2, 6-4.

"It was a good win

against a surprisingly-good Trotwood team," Troy coach Mark Goldner said. "Luke continues to play well and Chris pulled out a close match. Jesse settled down and played a good second set. Both doubles teams dominated play in their respective matches."

Troy hosts Greenville today.



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Ryan Lavy drives in Troy's first run against Greenville Tuesday at Market Street Field.



Troy's Zach Kendall pitches Tuesday against Greenville.

two doubles and had a pair of two RBIs, Paige Kiesewetter had a two-run homer and three RBIs for the game.

The Vikings are at West Liberty-Salem Thursday.

• **Baseball**

**Greenville 5, Troy 4**

TROY — After routing Greenville — and seeing the division's top team fall — on Monday, the Trojans came into Tuesday's game against the Wave looking to protect their first-place tie.

But Greenville plated five in the top of the second inning and Troy (9-5, 4-2) struggled to get clutch hits, leaving nine on base in a 5-4 loss Tuesday at Market Street Field.

"It's disappointing," Troy coach Ty Welker said. "You go out and score runs one day, to the point where it seems like you can't not score runs, and then you have a game like this ... it was like we were going through the motions. Like we thought they were going to give us runs."

Dylan Cascaden was 2 for 2 with two stolen bases and a run scored as Troy managed only five singles in the game and saw its two-through-five hitters go 0 for

the day.

Zach Kendall got the loss, striking out six and walking five — all five in the first two innings. Five of Greenville's six hits also came in the top of the second.

Troy looks to bounce back Friday at home against Springfield.

**Milton-Union 7, Preble Shawnee 4**

CAMDEN — Flipping the script from Monday's loss, the Milton-Union Bulldogs piled up five runs in the top of the fourth inning and held on from there, defeating Preble Shawnee 7-4 in Southwestern Buckeye League Buckeye Division play.

Matt Bracci led the Bulldog offense, going 3 for 4 with a double. Cody Beeler got the win on the mound.

The Bulldogs host Waynesville today.

**Tippecanoe 8, Bellefontaine 0**

BELLEFONTAINE — Pitcher Steven Calhoun improved to 4-1 as the Tippecanoe Red Devils shut out Bellefontaine for the second straight time Tuesday, winning by a score of 8-0.

Ben Hughes went 2 for 3

with a double and a pair of RBIs, Austin Hadden went 2 for 4, Cameron Johnson went 3 for 4, Carter Langdon had a homer and three RBIs and Zack Blair added a triple.

**Miami East 10, National Trail 0**

CASSTOWN — Miami East's Garrett Mitchell had a three-run triple in the second inning that jump-started a 10-0 thumping of National Trail Tuesday in Cross County Conference play.

Pitcher Brandon Kirk went the distance for the victory and only gave up three hits. Kirk was also 3 for 4 at the plate. Evan Bowling and Michael Fellers went 2 for 3, Braxton Donaldson finished 2 for 2.

"Kirk pitched a good game," Miami East coach Barry Coomes said. "That was his second win of the year. That was a big shot by Mitchell to give us a jump in the second inning."

The Vikings travel to West Liberty-Salem Thursday.

**Bethel 7, TV South 2**

BRANDT — The Bethel Bees moved to 9-6 on the season and 2-3 in Cross County Conference play with a 7-2 victory over Twin Valley South Tuesday.

Luke Veldman was the winning pitcher, Jimmy Pelphrey went 2 for 3 and Nate Reese finished 2 for 2 with three RBIs. Jordan Elam added a double.

Bethel plays at Mississinawa Valley today.

**Covington 10, TC North 9**

LEWISBURG — Covington rallied past Tri-County North Tuesday, winning 10-9 to snap a seven-game losing streak.

Dain Peters hit the go-ahead RBI single in the top of the eighth inning, and Austin Angle struck out the final batter of the game to seal the win.

Covington (5-10) hosts Twin Valley South today.

## High School Football

# Lane

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and it was the most fun I've had playing football in my whole life," Lane said. "Bret really focused on building fundamentals and teaching and coaching playing football the right way. He really changed the culture of football at the school. He's a mentor of mine, and I think the world of him."

After 13 years at Milton-Union, Pearce finished with a 77-63 record — 75-45 after those first two seasons. The Bulldogs also won five postseason games during his tenure, reaching the regional championship game and finishing as regional runners-up in 2006 and 2012.

And if anyone knows how Pearce was able to turn things around and how to stay on that path, it's Lane. After all, he was there in the beginning.

"I want to uphold the tradition of Milton-Union football," Lane said. "I want to maximize every players potential. We've got a great bunch of hard workers — some of the hardest workers I've ever seen. I just want to pull every ounce of effort and greatness out of every one of these guys."

"As a team, we want to let the community know that this isn't about individuals. It's not even about the team. It's about this entire community."

A community that has been a huge part of Lane throughout his entire life.

"I've been gone for a little more than 10 years now, but my whole family still lives in the Milton-Union area. It's great to be back around family," Lane said.

Like a dream come true.

## National Football League

# Harrison joins Cincinnati

CINCINNATI (AP) — James Harrison is bringing a healed body and his old No. 92 with him down the Ohio River. Next goal: Get a Bengals ring to go with all that Steelers bling.

The former Pittsburgh linebacker signed a two-year contract Tuesday, completing the deal he agreed to four days earlier. He's already got his uniform No. 92 reserved defensive end Jamaal Anderson agreed to give it up and his plans set. He'll continue to live in football-crazed Pittsburgh while trying to get the rival Bengals deep into the playoffs.

He's not sure how that's going to feel.

"I wouldn't say it feels strange," Harrison said Tuesday on a conference call from Arizona. "I guess when that time comes, I'll have a better understand-

ing or feeling of exactly what it will be then. I'm just happy to be able to continue playing."

The five-time Pro Bowl player had to find a new team when he couldn't agree on a restructured contract with the Steelers, who needed to get under the salary cap. The 2008 Defensive Player of the Year wound up going downriver to play for an AFC North rival, one that knocked Pittsburgh out of the playoff chase in a head-to-head game last December at Heinz Field.

"There was no significance in staying in the AFC North," Harrison said. "My thing was I wanted to play with a team that was competitive and had a chance of winning a Super Bowl. I felt like (defending champion) Baltimore and Cincinnati were those teams."

## National Football League

# Browns set for vital NFL draft

CLEVELAND (AP) — Browns owner Jimmy Haslam's first draft will be unlike any in team history. There's no guarantee it won't be his only one.

The endless speculation over what Cleveland might do with the No. 6 overall pick, whether they'll select another quarterback maybe one to replace Brandon Weeden in the first round or trade defensive linemen Jabaal Sheard or Ahtyba Rubin seems pretty trivial all of a sudden.

This year, "being on the clock" has new meaning for the Browns.

With Haslam embroiled in a deepening FBI investigation for fraud at his Pilot

Flying J truck-stop chain empire, the team's revamped front office, new coach Rob Chudzinski along with his staff and newly signed high-priced free agents, enter this year's NFL draft facing more uncertainty.

Haslam, who bought the team last year from Randy Lerner, insists he has done nothing wrong. He has no plans to step aside as CEO of his family's business or as head of the Browns while federal authorities ascertain how much he knew about a widespread scheme by sales executives in his Knoxville, Tenn.-based company to defraud customers.

# Monday

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**Tippecanoe 7, Bellefontaine 0**

TIPP CITY — The Tippecanoe Red Devils knocked down one of the Central Buckeye Conference Kenton Trail Division contenders on Monday, shutting out Bellefontaine 7-0.

At the time, both teams only had one loss in league play. The Red Devils improved to 13-2 overall and 7-1 in the CBC, while Bellefontaine fell to 4-2 in league play, 9-2 overall.

**Miami East 17, Bethel 3**

CASSTOWN — The Miami East bats belted out 17 runs on 11 hits in the first three innings en route to a 17-3 run rule of Bethel Monday in Cross County Conference play.

Alex Brewer went 2 for

3 with a double, Franco Villella and Colton McKinney each went 2 for 3. Damian Mackesey was the winning pitcher and was 2 for 2 at the plate.

**Newton 13, TV South 8**

WEST ALEXANDRIA — Newton scored eight in the top of the second inning and put together just enough insurance to make that lead hold up, shutting down Twin Valley South 13-8 Monday in Cross County Conference play.

Cody Alexander had two hits and three RBIs for Newton (7-8, 2-3), Logan Welbaum doubled and scored twice, Gavin Alexander was 3 for 4, Bryan Delcamp was 2 for 3 with two runs and Dusty Coate and Brandon Delcamp each scored two runs in the game. Chase

Courtney got the win on the mound.

"We took a 12-2 lead into the fourth inning and hung on for a big conference win," Newton coach Gregg Carnes said.

**Dixie 4, Milton-Union 3**

WEST MILTON — Dixie scored three in the top of the fifth to tie the game and picked up the game-winner in the seventh, rallying past Milton-Union 4-3 Monday.

Zac Greenwald was 3 for 3 with a double to lead the Bulldogs, who scored three runs over the first two innings but couldn't hang on.

• **Softball**

**Greenville 8, Troy 1**

GREENVILLE — The Troy Trojans dropped their third straight Monday, falling to perennial power-

house Greenville 8-1 in Greater Western Ohio Conference North Division play.

Greenville stayed undefeated at 5-0 in league play to remain atop the conference, while Troy fell to 2-3.

**Miami East 16, Bethel 0**

CASSTOWN — Paige Kiesewetter shined on the mound and did work at the plate for Miami East Monday night against Bethel.

Kiesewetter hurled a no-hitter and belted out two doubles against the Bees as the Vikings won the Cross County Conference clash by a 16-0 run rule. She finished with 10 strikeouts compared to three walks.

"Paige threw a really good game," Miami East coach Brian Kadel said. "Other than walking three

people, she was in control."

Kris Bigelow went 2 for 3 and doubled, while Paige Mullen was 4 for 4 with three doubles.

**Milton-Union 10, Dixie 0**

WEST MILTON — Milton-Union came out hot and finished strong in a 10-0 win over Dixie Monday, improving to 7-9 and 3-4 in the Southwestern Buckeye Conference Buckeye Division.

Jesse Bowman had a huge game at the plate, going 3 for 3 with a double and triple. Brittany Courtright finished 2 for 3, Christine Heisey was 2 for 4, Kayla Smith had two RBIs and Haley Martens added a double.

Chloe Smith was the winning pitcher.

**Tippecanoe 9, Bellefontaine 4**

TIPP CITY — Bri Eichbaum got her 11th win of the season as Tippecanoe defeated Bellefontaine 9-4 Monday.

Tippecanoe stayed unbeaten in Central Buckeye Conference play at 8-0, 14-4 overall.

**Newton 1, TV South 0**

WEST ALEXANDRIA — Megan Rutledge hit a triple and scored on a wild pitch in the first inning, and that run held up for the rest of the game as the Newton Indians topped Twin Valley South 1-0 Monday in Cross County Conference play.

Kirsten Burden was good as usual, striking out 10 and walking just one batter to get the victory. Rutledge finished the game 2 for 4, McKell Deaton and Burden were each 2 for 3 and Laura Oaks added a double for Newton.