

Major League Baseball

Reds

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Votto, who had doubled.

"I feel like we're still a good team and we're in a little funk right now," Phillips said. "Every team goes through it. A loss is a loss regardless of how many hits we got. It doesn't matter how many hits or how many runs we score, it's all about who scores the most runs. We

didn't do that (Saturday)." Haren (2-3) didn't quite

match Jordan Zimmermann's one-hitter and Gio Gonzalez's impressive eight innings of one-hit ball the previous two games, but he was sharp enough. Haren, who was roughed up by Cincinnati for six runs and nine hits in four innings of a 15-0 loss on April 5, lowered his

ERA from 7.36 to 6.29 in his longest outing of the year. Rafael Soriano pitched a scoreless ninth for his seventh save.

Reds starter Mike Leake (1-1) gave up four runs, three earned, in three innings. He gave up six hits and walked three.

"They had a good game plan and I wasn't attacking them completely,"

Leake said.

The Nationals scored twice in the second. Ian Desmond and Anthony Rendon drew one-out walks. Kurt Suzuki popped out, but Haren blooped a single into short right field scoring Desmond. Rendon went to third and scored when Span singled.

Harper and Werth opened the third with sin-

gles and, after Adam LaRoche flied out, Desmond singled, scoring Harper. Leake fanned Rendon, but Suzuki hit a grounder toward the hole between third and shortstop. Third baseman Jack Hannahan made a diving stop, but threw wide to second and Werth scored as the ball rolled into right field.

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Royals beat Indians

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Ervin Santana pitched seven scoreless innings, Salvador Perez hit a two-run homer and the Kansas City Royals held on to beat the Cleveland Indians 3-2 Saturday night.

Santana (3-1), who was acquired in an Oct. 31 trade with Anaheim for minor-league pitcher Brandon Sisk, allowed six singles, struck out five and walked none.

Greg Holland, who logged his sixth save in seven opportunities, gave up two unearned runs in the ninth on a Michael Brantley two-out triple, which scored Mark Reynolds, who had an infield single, and Lonnie Chisenhall, who reached on Eric Hosmer's error. Holland struck out Jason Kipnis to end the game.

The Indians have scored three runs or less in eight of their past 10 games and 13 times this season, going 3-10 in those games.

Scott Kazmir (0-1), who was making his second big league start in two years, was charged the loss. He gave up two runs on five hits, while striking out four and walking two. In his previous start, the Indians scored 19 runs and were ahead 14-0 going into the bottom of the second at Houston, but Kazmir failed to get out of the fourth inning, giving up six runs on eight hits, including two homers.

Kazmir, a two-time American League All-Star selection while with Tampa Bay, pitched last season with the Sugar Land Skeeters in the independent Atlantic League and signed a minor league contract with the Indians in January. He won a slot in the Cleveland rotation after a strong spring training.

Perez homered just inside the right-field foul pole in the second inning on an 0-1 pitch from Kazmir after he walked Jeff Francoeur.

The Indians had five base runners in the second and third innings, but failed to score.

Track and Field

Bulldogs

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in the long jump last year for us — was here today, and I think him being here was a big influence on Trevor. He's helping carry that tradition on.

"He didn't know if he wanted to keep jumping, then he comes out today and wins the Bulldog, beats his best by three feet. To win the Bulldog like that is special for him."

"It hasn't hit me yet," Klosterman said. "I came into today feeling pretty good. But then once I jumped my first jump, I knew it was going to be a really good day."

"My next goal is to get into the 20s and make it as far as I can go. I came out for track to have some fun, and good things just happen from there."

And like Klosterman, the young Bulldog team — minus many of the names that have been fixtures on the team for many, many years now — may have had its coming-of-age moment, too.

The Bulldogs, who have struggled for most of the season, finished fifth with 46 points — no small feat with powerhouses like Minster (first place, 195 points) at the meet.

"Today was the culmination of a lot of things," Meredith said. "All of our relay times are faster today, kids are running PRs all over the place. We didn't have any super-high expectations coming in, because we haven't really done that well. After today, we're back to where I expect this program to be."

Wes Martins (46-6.5) and Nick Fields (45-2.25) were second and third in the shot put, respectively. Josh Newman was fourth in the high jump (5-6) and sixth in the long jump (18-2.25).

The 4x200 team of Ryan Nichols, Skyler Deeter, Zach Pricer and Joe Thoele was



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Milton-Union's Nick Fields competes in the shot put during the Bulldog Classic Saturday in West Milton.

third (1:36.68). The 4x100 team of Klosterman, Andrew Lynn, Austin Dickison and Davontee Fugate was fourth (46.93 seconds), the 4x400 team of Thoele, Pricer, Deeter and Kyle Swartz was fourth (3:37.1) and the 4x800 team of Swartz, Connor Lunsford, Josh Booher and Chris Johannes was fourth (8:46.16).

Thoele was sixth in the 800 (2:13.62), Swartz was seventh in the 1,600 (4:51.11), Pricer was eighth in the 400 (54.19 seconds) and Colt Hildebrand was eighth in the 110 hurdles (17.9 seconds).

"We've lost some awful good track athletes these last few years," Meredith said. "But this sophomore

class has blossomed and is filling in that gap, and we've got good leadership, too, in Zach Pricer, the only guy left from last year's state 4x400 team. He's stepped up big.

"I'm real confident in future years. We've got some great young boys and girls coming up."

And as for the expectations this year?

"We're going to win the league again," Meredith said. "I was hesitant before today to say that. But after what I've seen today, now with these guys, it's going to be an expectation."

Kinsey Douglas led the Bulldog girls to a ninth-place finish (13 points). She was fourth in the high jump (4-6), sixth in the long jump

(13-11.75) and seventh in the 100 (14.23 seconds). The 4x400 relay team of Haily Bohse, Katie Litton, Melissa Schlecht and Sarah Motz was seventh (4:51.03) and Motz was eighth in the pole vault (7-6).

• **Edwin C. Moses Relays**

DAYTON — The Troy Trojans got a look at the regional site Friday night, and they liked what they saw.

Troy's girls were fourth (53 points) and the boys were 11th (24) at the Edwin C. Moses Relays Friday at Welcome Stadium, both teams bettering their overall finish by one place from last year at the meet.

For the girls, Ashley Rector (5-0) and Jenna

Baseball/Softball

Roundup

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Troy.

In the second game alone, Johnson was 4 for 5 at the plate with four runs batted in. Cam Weaver went 3 for 4 with three runs and two RBIs, Alex Magoteaux and Ian Nadolny both finished 2 for 4 with two RBIs, Cascaden and Moeller each added doubles. Ryan Lavay was the winning pitcher.

The Trojans (12-5, 4-2 Greater Western Ohio Conference North Division) host league-leader Butler on Monday before traveling to Butler on Tuesday. A pair of wins against the Aviators would give the Trojans the GWOC North lead.

ME 1, Cedarville 0; ME 5, Cedarville 2

CASSTOWN — The Miami East Vikings got complete games from both of their starters Saturday in a doubleheader against Cedarville, and their bats did just enough to make good on those pitching performances in a 1-0, 5-2 sweep of the Indians at home.

Michael Fellers struck out nine and scattered four hits to post a shutout in the opener, leaving six Cedarville baserunners stranded. The Vikings only had three hits themselves, though, but Fellers and Garrett Mitchell both doubled and Brady Smalnbarger was 1 for 2

and Miami East was able to scratch one run home.

Dylan Kinnison gave up five hits and one earned run in the second game, striking out four. Fellers was 2 for 3 and Bryan Miller, Braxton Donaldson and Brandon Kirk each had a hit as the Vikings (12-2) scored the go-ahead run and a pair of insurance runs in their final two trips to the plate.

Miami East hosts Tri-County North Monday.

Tipp 7, OL 6; Olentangy 6, Tipp 5

LEWIS CENTER — Faced with a pair of tough teams on the road Saturday, Tippecanoe split a pair of one-run games.

In the opener against Olentangy Liberty, the Red Devils found ways to score runs and did just enough to hold on for a 7-6 victory. But in the second game against host Olentangy, Tippecanoe rallied from a five-run deficit to force extras, only to commit an error on the game's final play and fall 6-5 in nine innings.

Cole Quillen got the win against Olentangy Liberty (12-6), striking out five in five innings, while Ben Hughes struck out two in the seventh and got a save.

Hughes was also 2 for 3 at the plate, Cameron Johnson, Austin Hadden and Austin Clack were all 2 for 4 and Zach Robbins and Zack Blair both doubled.

"That was the best hitting team we've faced all year. They had three doubles and a lot of long fly balls for outs," Tippecanoe coach Bruce Cahill said. "We struck out eight total, but as far as hitting the ball on the button, that was the best team we've seen."

"We scored a couple on sac flies, one on a wild pitch, one on an error by their catcher. We made some mistakes ourselves, but we scored enough with some smallball to win. This was a good win against a good team."

Olentangy (15-2) took a 5-0 lead into the sixth inning before the Devils (16-3) answered with five of their own. They couldn't find ways to plate any more despite a few chances, though, and a pair of wild pitches on third strikes and an errant throw on the basepaths gave Olentangy the game-winning run in the bottom of the ninth.

Steven Calhoun took the loss in relief despite not giving up a hit and striking out eight in three-plus innings of work. B.J. Donathan also had the big hit for Tippecanoe with a bases-clearing three-run double that tied the game up in the sixth.

Tippecanoe travels to Springfield Shawnee Monday to kick off two key Central Buckeye

Conference Kenton Trail Division games against a team that is only one game back in the standings at the moment.

Newton 19, Houston 2; Lehman 13, Newton 2

HOUSTON — Newton split a pair of games Saturday, hammering 19 hits against Houston in a 19-2 five-inning win, before falling to Lehman 13-2 in Game 2.

Pitcher Mitchell Hussong improved to 4-0 on the season with the victory against Houston and went 2 for 3 with two runs and two RBIs. Also for the Indians, Brandon Delcamp went 2 for 3 with two runs, Chase Courtney had a pair of RBIs and two runs, Gavin Alexander scored three runs, Cody Alexander went 3 for 3 with two runs, Logan Welbaum was 2 for 3 with two runs and a pair of RBIs, Wade Ferrell finished 2 for 4 and Tyler Denlinger went 3 for 3 with two runs scored.

In the second game, Newton tried to keep up, but three big innings by the Cavaliers made all the difference. Lehman put up four runs in the first, followed by five more in the fourth and four in the seventh. At the plate, the Indians were led by Delcamp and Ferrell, who each went 2 for 3. Tyler Denlinger was 2 for 4 and Courtney took the loss on

the mound.

With nine wins on the season, the Indians have already surpassed their win total from last season of seven. Newton (9-10) returns to Cross County Conference play at Bradford.

M-U 6, Miami Trace 3; Urbana 3, M-U 0

URBANA — Milton-Union upset Miami Trace, Division II's tenth-ranked team, handing them their second loss of the season with a 6-3 decision Saturday. Pitcher Wes Biser got the win in the game.

The Bulldogs, however, were shutout in the final game against Urbana, losing 3-0.

Milton-Union hosts Madison Wednesday.

• **Softball**

M-U 8, IL 7;

IL 8, M-U 3

LEWISTOWN — Milton-Union rallied with three runs in the top of the seventh to come from behind and win the first game of a doubleheader at Indian Lake Saturday, 8-7. In the second game, though, errors on defense proved costly in an 8-3 loss.

Ashley Smith, who also was the winning pitcher, was 3 for 4 with two doubles and three RBIs in the opener, Claire Fetters had a double and two RBIs, Chelsey Smith was 3 for 4 with a double and Christine Heisey

was 3 for 5 with two RBIs.

Ashley Smith was 2 for 4 with two RBIs in the second game, while Chelsey Smith and Heisey were both 2 for 4.

"We hit the ball well in both games, but we just didn't get the timely hits in the second one and left too many on base," Milton-Union coach Curt Schaefer said. "Claire pitched a decent game, good enough to win, but we just didn't do the job at the plate."

"We had five errors that gave them six runs in the second game, too. Every error we commit is a killer, while every time an opponent commits an error, we can't capitalize. We found a way to win the first one, but we just couldn't put it together in the second one."

Milton-Union (10-10) hosts Waynesville Tuesday.

Newton Wins Pair At Challenge

LOUDONVILLE — After dropping a tight game to host Loudonville to kick off the Champions' Challenge on Friday night, the Newton Indians swept a pair on Saturday to finish off the tournament, beating Colonel Crawford 5-3 and Cambridge 4-1.

Megan Rutledge drove in two runs in the opener, Madison Mollette was 2 for 3 with a double, Kasey Thompson doubled and Rose Studebaker tripled.