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MONDAY'S RESULTS

• **Baseball**
Butler 4, Troy 2
 TROY — Troy came into Monday needing a series sweep to reclaim the Greater Western Ohio Conference North Division lead.

The Trojans left desperately needing to salvage a split merely to stay in the race.

The Butler Aviators (13-6, 6-1) knocked off the Trojans (12-6, 4-3) 4-2 Monday at Market Street Field, extending their lead in the standings to two full games and leaving Troy needing to not only win out in the league but also get some help.

Tippecanoe 8, Spr. Shawnee 0
 SPRINGFIELD — Tippecanoe pitcher Ben Hughes has been a one-man wrecking crew against the Central Buckeye Conference Kenton Trail Division.

He showed up again Monday. Hughes improved to 5-0 on the season, holding Shawnee to one hit and striking out 12 batters in a 8-0 Tipp win. He also went 2 for 4 at the plate.

"That's his third one-hitter of the year and in the league. He's also got that no-hitter. He's pretty much dominated our side of the league," Tippecanoe coach Bruce Cahill said.

Tippecanoe (17-3, 10-1) broke free against Shawnee, which was trailed Tipp in the CBC race by only one game entering the day, with a five-run sixth inning. Cole Quillen went 2 for 3 with three RBIs, Austin Hadden was 3 for 4, Carter Langdon went 2 for 4 and Zack Blair was also 2 for 4.

Covington 3, Ansonia 1
 COVINGTON — Covington's offense managed only six hits Monday against Ansonia, but Anthony Radar bailed out the Buccaneers by only giving up three hits and striking out one in a complete-game victory, 3-1.

Bryton Lear drove in a run for Covington (6-10) as the Buccs scratched together two runs in the fourth and added another insurance run in the sixth — and Radar did the rest.

• **Softball**
Troy 8, Butler 7
 TROY — The Troy Trojans

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SPORTS CALENDAR

TODAY

Baseball
 Madison at Milton-Union (5 p.m.)
 Newton at Bethel (5 p.m.)
 Franklin Monroe at Bradford (5 p.m.)

Softball
 Madison at Milton-Union (5 p.m.)
 Newton at Bethel (5 p.m.)
 Franklin Monroe at Bradford (5 p.m.)

Tennis
 Troy at Wayne (4:30 p.m.)
 Tippecanoe at Catholic Central (4:30 p.m.)

Kenton Ridge at Milton-Union (4:30 p.m.)
 Piqua at Northmont (4:30 p.m.)
 Lehman at Greenville (4:30 p.m.)

Track
 Lehman at Miami East quad (4:30 p.m.)

THURSDAY

Baseball
 Tippecanoe at Northwestern (5 p.m.)
 Bradford at Miami East (5 p.m.)
 Ansonia at Newton (5 p.m.)
 Troy Christian at Dayton Christian (5 p.m.)
 Franklin Monroe at Covington (5 p.m.)
 Lehman at New Bremen (5 p.m.)

Softball
 Tippecanoe at Northwestern (5 p.m.)
 Milton-Union at Brookville (5 p.m.)
 Bradford at Miami East (5 p.m.)
 Ansonia at Newton (5 p.m.)
 Troy Christian at Dayton Christian (5 p.m.)
 Franklin Monroe at Covington (5 p.m.)

Tennis
 Beavercreek at Troy (4:30 p.m.)
 Tippecanoe at Greenon (4:30 p.m.)
 Fairborn at Piqua (4:30 p.m.)

Track
 Troy, Tippecanoe, Miami East, Piqua at Wayne Invite (4 p.m.)
 Troy Christian, Bradford at Covington (4:30 p.m.)
 Lehman at Marion Local (4:30 p.m.)

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Raburn, Indians rip Phillies, 14-2

Ryan Raburn homered twice for the second straight game and the Cleveland Indians hit seven home runs in all, routing the Philadelphia Phillies 14-2 Tuesday night.

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Baseball



Troy starter Ben Langdon fires a pitch during Tuesday's game at Butler High School.

STAFF PHOTOS/ANTHONY WEBER

Trojans swept Aviators clinch GWOC North with win

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Blowout, close game — Troy coach Ty Welker doesn't think there's a debate between which is the worst way to lose.

"They're both equally disappointing," he said. "We don't like to or expect to lose any game. Every loss is disappointing."

Tuesday's was particularly costly, though.

VANDALIA

After Monday's narrow 4-2 defeat at the hands of Butler, the Trojans found themselves needing a win to stay mathematically alive in the Greater Western Ohio Conference North Division race. But everything that could go wrong for the defending champion did as Troy fell 14-3 in five innings at Butler.

Troy (12-7, 4-4) entered the two-game series only one game behind with four division games left in the season, giving the Trojans a chance to take a one-game lead. And even after Monday's loss, the Trojans



■ See TROJANS on 16 Troy's Kevin McGraw makes contact Tuesday against Butler.

Softball/Baseball

Troy beats Butler for 2nd time in a row

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VANDALIA — Troy has put together a winning streak in the last two days.

A day after outlasting Greater Western Ohio Conference North Division foe Butler in extra innings, the Trojans did it again Tuesday.

Troy's Amber Smith hit a three-run homer in the top of the eighth to lift the Trojans to a win 5-2 Tuesday night in Vandalia.

"She rocked it," Troy coach Megan Campbell said about Smith's homer. "It was awesome."

Mackenzie Vernon pitched into the seventh for the Trojans, striking out four and allowing just two runs. Those runs, however, came in the bottom of the seventh to tie the game. Amber Smith came on to finish and get

the win.

"Mackenzie pitched a great game," Campbell said. "I was able to watch the movement on her pitches, and they were really moving. She pitched a really, really good game."

Smith finished the game 2 for 4, Rainey Rohlf's went 2 for 3, Allison Pearce was 2 for 4 with a double and Alex Wilt ended 1 for 3 with three runs scored.

Vernon and Smith combined to allow just six hits. After the homer in the eighth, Smith and the Troy defense forced Butler to a one-two-three inning.

"We've been working real hard on defense," Campbell said. "It was nice to see us improve. I think the girls are starting to learn how to shift, they're learning how to read hitters and

beginning to think like ballplayers and finding ways to win games."

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 Vernon, Smith (7) and Jess Snay, Wilson and Martin. WP — Smith. LP — Wilson. 2B — Pearce (T). HR — Smith (T).

Tippecanoe 6, Spr. Shawnee 5
 TIPP CITY — Down 5-1 after the top of the sixth, Tippecanoe found out just what kind of team it is.

The Red Devils rallied to tie the score with four runs in the bottom of the sixth inning, then Kristin Mace connected on a walk-off hit in the bottom of the seventh to claim a come-from-behind 6-5 victory over Springfield Shawnee Tuesday at home.

"For us to be down by as many as we were, the girls did things

Tennis

Trojans handle Indians

Staff Reports

TROY — The Troy Trojans had little trouble with Piqua on Tuesday, routing the Indians 4-1 in Greater Western Ohio Conference North Division play.

At first singles, Luke Oaks defeated Andrew Lamper 6-0, 6-0. At second singles, Chris Schmitt defeated Johe Hzang 6-0, 6-0.

At first doubles, Matt Alexander and Ian Stutz defeated Luke Hanes and Josh Hanes 6-0, 6-1. At second doubles, Hidekazu Asami and Matt Schmitt defeated Laney Patrizio and Jared Haney 6-0, 6-1.

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Troy's loss came at third singles, where Devon Parshall defeated Aaron Coon 7-5, 6-4.

Troy (11-3, 4-1) travels to Wayne today.

Tippecanoe 5, Kenton Ridge 0
 TIPP CITY — Many Central Buckeye Conference Kenton Trail Division teams have tried to beat Tippecanoe, but none have succeeded thus far.

The Red Devils (13-1, 11-0) defeated Kenton Ridge 5-0 Tuesday to stay unbeaten in league play.

At first singles, Sam Bollinger won 6-0, 6-0. At second singles, Michael Keller cruised to victory by a count of 6-3, 6-0 and at third singles, Phillip Bullard won 6-4, 6-1.

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

Tippecanoe travels to Springfield Central Catholic today.

MLB

Reds lose to Cardinals

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Matt Holliday hit a two-run homer, Jaime Garcia continued his mastery of Cincinnati with eight strong innings and the St. Louis Cardinals snapped a three-game losing streak with a 2-1 win over the Reds on Tuesday night.

Garcia (3-1) gave up one run on seven hits, struck out three and did not walk a batter. The left-hander improved to 7-0 in eight starts against Cincinnati at Busch Stadium and is 9-2 overall against them. He retired the last seven batters he faced and recorded 18 ground ball outs.

Edward Mujica struck out the side in the ninth for his fifth save in as many chances.

Bronson Arroyo (2-3) allowed two runs on six hits over seven innings for the Reds, whose win

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