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## TODAY'S TIPS

- **HOLE-IN-ONE:** On Saturday, April 27 at Miami Shores, Dick Long had a hole-in-one on the 135-yard hole No. 2 using a 6-iron. It was witnessed by Bobby Rohr, Kevin Monroe, and Bruce Morrett.
- **BASEBALL:** Troy Post 43 American Legion baseball will be sponsoring its monthly all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner from 3-7 p.m. Saturday at the Post 43 Legion Hall, 622 S. Market St. It features all the spaghetti you can eat, plus a fresh salad bar, bread, soft drinks, coffee and desert. The cost for adults is \$6.75 and children under 12 is \$4.
- **COACHING SEARCH:** Milton-Union High School has varsity football assistant coaching positions available, including offensive and defensive coordinator. Please send a letter of interest and resume with coaching experience via e-mail to head coach Mark Lane at lane.ma@milton-union.k12.oh.us. The application deadline is May 10.
- **GOLF:** Troy Post 43 American Legion baseball is hosting a golf scramble May 19 at Cliffside Golf Course. Check-in is at noon with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. The cost is \$65 per person, with teams of four. Registration is limited to the first 30 teams. For more information, call Frosty Brown at (937) 339-4383 or 474-9093.
- **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.
- **HALL OF FAME:** Covington High School is accepting nominations for its Hall of Fame induction ceremony, which will be on Sept. 13. Anyone wishing to submit a nomination should do so with a letter to the athletic director detailing as much information as possible about the potential inductee. Nominations are due by May 24. For more information, call the athletic department at (937) 473-2552.
- **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**  
 Lebanon at Troy (5 p.m.)  
 Milton-Union at Indian Lake (5 p.m.)  
 Miami East at Franklin Monroe (5 p.m.)  
 Covington at Mississinawa Valley (5 p.m.)  
 Centerville at Piqua (5 p.m.)  
 National Trail at Bradford (5 p.m.)  
 Jackson Center at Lehman (5 p.m.)  
**Softball**  
 Lebanon at Troy (5 p.m.)  
 Carlisle at Milton-Union (5 p.m.)  
 Miami East at Franklin Monroe (5 p.m.)  
 Covington at Mississinawa Valley (5 p.m.)  
 Centerville at Piqua (5 p.m.)  
 Bradford at National Trail (5 p.m.)  
 Jackson Center at Lehman (5 p.m.)  
**Tennis**  
 Alter at Milton-Union (4:30 p.m.)  
 Beaver Creek at Lehman (4:30 p.m.)  
**Track**  
 Troy, Tippecanoe, Miami East, Piqua at Wayne Invite (4 p.m.)

**SATURDAY**  
**Baseball**  
 Kenton Ridge at Troy (11 a.m.)  
 Fort Loramie at Tippecanoe (DH) (10:30 a.m.)  
 Northwestern at Miami East (DH) (10 a.m.)  
 Newton, Middletown Christian at Tri-County North (10 a.m.)  
 Troy Christian at Fairlawn (11 a.m.)  
 Troy Christian vs. Dayton Christian at Fifth Third Field (7 p.m.)  
 Covington at Bradford (at Fifth Third Field) (1 p.m.)  
 Cedarville at Lehman (4 p.m.)  
**Softball**  
 Miamisburg at Troy (1 p.m.)  
 Miami East at Gahanna Quad (11 a.m.)  
 Stivers at Troy Christian (DH) (11 a.m.)  
 Celina at Covington (DH) (11 a.m.)  
**Tennis**  
 Lehman at Fenwick (11 a.m.)  
**Track**  
 Troy Christian at Milton-Union Kenny Beard Invitational (9:30 a.m.)  
 Newton, Bradford at Arcanum (9 a.m.)  
 Lehman at New Bremen Invite (9 a.m.)

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## AP poll: Redskins should keep name

It's been a rough offseason for the Washington Redskins, and not just because of the knee injury to star quarterback Robert Griffin III. The team's nickname has faced a new barrage of criticism for being offensive to Native Americans. Local leaders and pundits have called for a name change. **See Page 18.**

## Softball

# Trojans (finally) run-rule Wayne in makeup

Staff Reports

## MIAMI COUNTY

TROY —It was a long time coming.

Amber Smith was masterful for five innings and the Troy offense unloaded, putting pressure on Wayne constantly and never letting up in a 10-0 run-rule victory Thursday in a twice-delayed makeup game at Market Street Diamond.

Alex Wilt was 2 for 3 with two stolen bases and two RBIs, Smith was 1 for 2 with a stolen base and Jessica Snay was 1 for 1 with a steal as the Trojans (8-12) stole six bases on the day.

"At this point in the season, you've got to have bunt-and-

runs, doubles steals, and it was time to start working on those," Troy coach Megan Campbell said. "We had heads-up baserunning today. The moment Wayne held onto the ball a little too long, the girls took off."

Meanwhile, Smith struck out seven and walked none, giving up only two hits in the game as the defense helped her post the shutout.

"In the first inning, they had a girl on third. Later on, they had second and third — and we didn't let them score," Campbell said. "The defense held it down tonight. It's all coming together."

Troy gets to put itself to the test today, hosting 18-2 Lebanon.

**Wayne** .....000 00 — 0 2 3  
**Troy** .....033 13 — 10 7 2  
 Williams, Wills (5) and Cahill. Smith and Je. Snay. WP — Smith. LP — Williams. **Records:** Wayne 5-11, Troy 8-12.

**Tippecanoe 6, Northwestern 1**  
**SPRINGFIELD** — After rallying from a four-run deficit on Tuesday, Thursday seemed like a walk in the park for the Tippecanoe Red Devils.

Northwestern got one in the bottom of the first, but the Devils answered in the third and were never challenged again in a 6-1 victory Thursday on the road, keeping Tippecanoe unbeaten in

the Central Buckeye Conference.

"The girls know we're going to hit," Tippecanoe coach Charles Tackett said. "It's what we've been relying on lately. We got down by one in the first, and the girls were like 'this is no big thing' after the other night. It's a good feeling."

Jordynn Kostyal homered, had two hits and scored twice for the Devils (19-4, 13-0), Kristin Mace doubled and had two RBIs, Bri Eichbaum had a pair of hits, Cassie Gingerich scored two runs and Megan Rittenhouse singled and had an RBI.

Eichbaum also got the win,

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## Baseball



STAFF PHOTOS/ANTHONY WEBER

Miami East's Damien Mackesy pitches to Bradford's Eric Swabb Thursday at Miami East. The freshman struck out eight for the Vikings in a 4-3 victory.

## Baseball

# Elks hold off Trojans

## Devils explode in 8th in 7-0 win

Staff Reports

"Moral victory" is probably not a term the Troy Trojans care to use.

But Thursday's loss to state-ranked Centerville is as close as it gets.

Trenton Wood pitched a solid game against a potent lineup and Troy rallied from a big deficit to make it a ballgame, but the 19-1 Elks still had enough to hang on for a 5-3 victory at home in a makeup game Thursday.

"We're never happy with a loss. But we can take some good things out of this game and move forward," Troy coach Ty Welker said. "We saw a really good baseball team today, and that's our goal — we want to be a really good baseball team. We can be a really good baseball team. And we need to compete with teams like this to get there."

In fact, Troy is taking a tour of the best the Greater Western Ohio Conference has to offer this week.

## MIAMI COUNTY

Troy was swept by GWOC North leader Butler earlier this week — including a 14-3 run-rule loss on Tuesday. Now after losing to the GWOC Central-leading Elks, Troy (12-8) faces Lebanon today, which leads the GWOC South.

"We need to play teams like this because right now our focus has to be on the playoffs," Welker said.

Wood gave up seven hits, four earned runs and walked one while striking out five against the Elks in a complete game.

"I can't compliment Wood enough with how well he threw today," Welker said. "They were hitting .398 as a team. He's only a sophomore, and this was great experience and a great game for him."

Nick Sanders hit a two-run double in the seventh inning, Greg Johnson was 2 for 3 with an RBI and Alex Magoteaux was 2 for 4 as Troy actually outthit Centerville 8-7 in the game.

"We were down 5-0 after the fifth, and we didn't put our heads

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# Clutch Colton

## McKinney gives Vikings win on game's final play

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Sliding, standing up ... only one "S" word mattered to Miami East's Colton McKinney.

Safe. McKinney scored from third on a close bang-bang play, a one-out grounder by Garrett Mitchell, giving the Vikings a thrilling come-from-behind walk-off victory over a talented Bradford Railroaders team Thursday at home in Cross County Conference play, 4-3.

## CASSTOWN

"I was just running as hard as I could. I don't really remember what I was thinking," McKinney said.

The Viking fans in attendance and coach Barry Coomes were all thinking the same thing.

"I always want my guys to slide in that situation," Coomes said. "If he slides, he's in there easy. It's not even a close play."

McKinney's wheels got him on base in the first place. After the Vikings (14-4, 7-1) had tied

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Miami East second baseman Garrett Mitchell fields a grounder as Bradford's Aaron Yohey runs for third Thursday at Miami East.

## Tennis

# Oaks wins marathon match, Troy falls

Staff Reports

## MIAMI COUNTY

TROY — Three hours later, all the work paid off for Luke Oaks.

The Troy sophomore won a three-hour, three-set war with Beaver Creek's Trunt Hayden at first singles Thursday, battling his way to a 2-6, 6-3, 7-6 (8-6) victory for the Trojans' only win in a 4-1 loss to the Beavers.

"This was another big win for Luke. Hayden's another one of the better players in the area," Troy coach Mark Goldner said.

And it was a back-and-forth match the whole way.

as well, but couldn't get over the hump.

At second singles, Chris Schmitt lost to Peter Xue 4-6, 6-2, 6-2. At third singles, Jesse Wright lose to Eric Carmona 6-4, 6-4.

At first doubles, Matt Alexander and Ian Stutz lost to Matt Almazan and Kieran Zankat 6-1, 6-2. At second doubles, Hidekazu Asami and Matt Schmitt lost to Brandon Chong and Damennick Henry 6-2, 6-0.

Troy (12-4), which had won eight straight matches entering the day, takes on Xenia Monday.

**Tippecanoe 5, Greenon 0**  
**ENON** — Tippecanoe remained

undefeated in Central Buckeye Conference play after another easy win on Thursday, shutting out Greenon 5-0.

At first singles, Sam Bollinger won 6-0, 6-0. At second singles, Jacob Belcher won 6-1, 6-0. At third singles, Phillip Bullard won 6-1, 6-2.

At first doubles, Adam Southers and Michael Keller won 6-1, 6-0. At second doubles, Jon Lin and Travis Rook — playing in his first varsity match — won 6-1, 7-6.

Tippecanoe, now 15-1 overall and 14-0 in the CBC, travels to Kenton Ridge Tuesday.