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Masters

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closed since 1971. A waiting list for the four-day tickets was established but closed in 1978 then opened briefly in 2000.

Each allocation will have its own random selection process, and all applicants will be notified by e-mail within several weeks after the respective application deadlines — June 30 for daily tickets, July 30 for practice rounds.

Remember, it's all e-mail driven. All the information is on www.masters.com.

The yearly application process for the series badge holders (the four days of the tournament) will also transition to the Internet and be communicated to those patrons later this year. Series badge holders are not eligible to apply for the daily tickets.

• **On the Menu**

The menu for the Tuesday night champion's dinner is selected by the previous year's winner and served in his honor.

There's been some odd fare over the years, especially when there's a foreign winner. But Phil Mickelson's selections were pretty traditional western American — mescler greens, seafood paella, prime beef tenderloin with asparagus and tortilla espanola and all topped off with Spanish apple pie, vanilla ice cream and chocolate cinnamon ganache.

And the wines ... 2007 Aalto and 2008 Ossian.

• **High (Temps) and Dry**

The weather forecast for the tournament itself calls for hot temperatures and dry conditions, just the way the members like it.

Add some wind, expected to be about 15 mph out of the southwest, and the game is on.

Heavy rain last week and Tuesday night left the course wet and long, but with no heavy rain in the forecast, the drying will likely take place. For what seems like a rarity, there have been no design changes or alterations to the course over the last year. The 11th and 14th greens were rebuilt to install heating and cooling systems.

The fairways are being mowed at 3/8 inch, the second cut (the rough) is being cut at 1 3/8 inch, the tees at 5/16, the collars at 1/4 on the greens at 1/8.

• **Back for More**

The winners of all past major championships, including the U.S. and British amateurs, are invited to the Masters as "honorary, non-competing

invitees."

They can play the tournament course during the practice rounds, compete in the Par-3 Contest, hit balls on the new and best-anywhere practice range and have access to the clubhouse and dining areas.

One "new" face at the club this year is Jack Fleck, the unlikely winner of the 1955 U. S. Open. He's the "villain" who beat Ben Hogan in a playoff — maybe the biggest upset in the sport's history.

He played in 10 Masters but rarely has returned as a U.S. Open champ. He's here with his wife and will play in the Par-3 Contest today.

• **Play On, Player**

Gary Player became the first international winner in 1961, 50 years ago. He played an exhibition at Miami Shores in 1964.

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Buccs get 1st win

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MIAMI COUNTY

COVINGTON — Covington coach Mitch Hirsch has kept his team focused through an 0-5 start, and his team was rewarded Tuesday evening with its first win on the season — a come-from-behind 4-3 win over Ansonia.

"The kids are glad to get their first win," Hirsch said. "Things haven't been going our way, but these kids have continued to work hard."

Andrew DeHart went 2 for 3 at the plate with an RBI double in the sixth, while Steven Blei went 2 for 4 with the game-winning RBI.

Covington (1-5, 1-0 Cross County Conference) travels to Bethel Thursday. **Ans.....011 100 0 — 3 6 0**
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WP — Angle. 2B — Stewart (C), Wilson (C). **Records:** Covington 1-5, 1-0.

Tecumseh 5, Tippecanoe 3
TIPPECANOE — A three-run fifth inning by the Arrows spelled the end as Tippecanoe fell to Tecumseh 5-3 Tuesday to open Central Buckeye Conference Kenton Trail Division play.

Tippecanoe — a team that experienced no shortage of offensive fire-power in Florida — simply couldn't find the same magic Tuesday, as the team was held to just six hits.

"We had nine flyouts, and we just didn't hit the ball well tonight," Tippecanoe coach Bruce Cahill said. "I really can't explain it. We hit so well down in Florida, and we just lost it today."

"We just didn't put any pressure on them to make plays. We came out flat tonight." Cody Gingerich and Cameron Daniel each had a doubles for the Devils. Nick Muse pitched six solid innings in a losing effort.

The Devils play at Tecumseh today in a make-up from a rainout on Monday.

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Dixon and Pearson. Muse, Hughes (7) and Putnam. WP — Dixon. LP — Muse. 2B — Mead (Tec), Evans (Tec), Gingerich (Tipp), Daniel (Tipp). **Record:** Tippecanoe 4-2, 0-1.

Tri-Village 3, Miami East 2 (10)
TROY — Miami East got the effort it needed out of pitchers Luke Clark and Alex Henry.

The Vikings simply couldn't get the one hit they

needed most. After fighting back to tie the game at 2-2, the Vikings (1-2, 0-1 Cross County Conference) couldn't scratch another run across the plate, and Tri-Village finally broke through in the top of the 10th to win 3-2 Tuesday at Duke Park.

Clark struck out six and gave up one earned run in seven innings of work, and Henry did his part in holding the Patriots in check in his three innings.

"Luke and Henry pitched outstanding baseball for us," Miami East coach Barry Coomes said. "I'm real pleased with the way the kids are playing. We're just not getting the key hits."

Tri-Village's defense didn't help matters. The Vikings had runners on first and second in the bottom of the seventh with the score still 2-2, but the Pats' shortstop made a diving catch on a line drive and doubled off a baserunner to end the threat.

Bradley Coomes was 2 for 5 for the Vikings, Clark tripled and Kevin McMaken doubled.

Miami East travels to Ansonia Thursday.

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Brubaker and Slade. Clark, Henry (8) and Fellers. WP — Brubaker. LP — Henry. 2B — Schlechty (T), McMaken (M). 3B — Clark (M). **Records:** Miami East 1-2, 0-1.

Houston 4, Newton 0
HOUSTON — Newton coach Gregg Carnes saw plenty of positives Tuesday, even in a 4-0 shutout at the hands of Houston.

"We played better. We outthit them, our pitching improved — they just outfielded us today," Carnes said.

The Indians (0-5), with seven freshmen and five sophomores playing in the game, committed four errors as Houston scored its runs on only four hits — with none of them earned.

Cody Alexander and Conner Lavy both went 2 for 3 as the Indians outthit Houston 7-4.

"I'm proud of their effort today," Carnes said. "We were battling."

Newton travels to National Trail today.

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C. Alexander, Lavy (3), Maxwell (4) and Lavy, Schwartz (3), Lavy (4), Holthaus and Mullen. WP — Holthaus. LP — C. Alexander. **Records:** Newton 0-5, Houston 1-0.

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Dhaval Shah led off the bottom of the seventh with a double past a diving center fielder, then Devin Blakely bunted for a hit to put runners on the corners with no out. Sidney (4-2, 0-1 GWOC North) then elected to load the bases to put a force on at the plate — and brought in one of its outfielders for a five-man infield for extra help.

But it didn't help.

"It kind of worked against them," Antonides said. "I like to put the ball in the gaps. It kind of surprised me, but it all worked out in the end."

Antonides did what the Yellow Jackets wanted and put it on the ground — but he placed it perfectly between first and second, forcing the first baseman to dive to his right to make the stop. He couldn't get to his feet to get the speedy Shah at the plate, and the Trojans (3-2, 1-0 GWOC North) celebrated the win.

"We make it interesting. We make them worth the price of admission," Troy coach Ty Welker said with a laugh.

Sidney appeared to claim all of the momentum in the top of the sixth, getting to starter Trey Barkett — who had another great outing, going 5 1-3 innings, striking out seven and giving up only three hits, a walk and two hit-batters — for two runs to take a 3-2 lead after Troy had led the whole game.

But Helke changed all that.

The Troy first baseman — who finished the game 2 for 3 with a double and a homer — crushed a 1-2 offering from Sidney's Jack Van Horn to the deepest part of the field, tying the game by sending the ball sailing over the fence in center.

"I knew he wasn't going to throw me a fastball down the middle or anything. He just made a mistake," Helke said. "He threw me a slider that didn't slide. It had been his out pitch the whole game, so I knew it was coming."

"And he hit that with two strikes, too. That was big," Welker said. "In the past, we've had teams that would have hung their heads in that situation. But that's not what this team did today."

Still, Welker would have liked for the game to have been a little less interest-



Troy's Kalob Caudill runs to first base during Tuesday's 4-3 win over Sidney at Market Street Field.

ing.

Antonides put Troy up 1-0 in the bottom of the first by blasting a homer the other way to right. And in the bottom of the second, Mike Swigard struck out but reach second base after the ball got away from the Sidney catcher, moved to third on a wild pitch and scored on a Jared Fisher groundout to make it 2-0.

But Van Horn hit an RBI double in the top of the fourth to make it 2-1 — Sidney's first hit of the game off of Barkett — and Colin Beer and Van Horn had back-to-back RBI singles in the top of the sixth to give Sidney a 3-2 lead.

"We still have a little bit to work on. We got up, and then we kind of sat in neutral," Welker said. "We've got to put the throttle down. We had a couple of chances with guys in scoring position — and we've got to get those guys in in those situations, take the pressure off our pitchers."

But Devon Alexander

came on in relief, walking two and giving up one hit in 1 2-3 innings — but giving up no runs and earning the win.

"Trey felt like it wasn't his best stuff, but he still pitched well," Welker said. "And Devon came in and battled with guys in scoring position. He's filled that role for us so far."

The pitchers also got help from Swigard, who picked a pair of Sidney baserunners off of first base, once in the top of the third and again in the fifth, keeping the Jackets from scoring in either inning.

Troy now must prepare to face the Jackets again today after Monday's scheduled game in Sidney was rained out.

Knowing a little better what to expect.

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Van Horn, Louth (6) and Gray. Barkett, Alexander (6) and Swigard. WP — Alexander. LP — Louth. 2B — Van Horn (S), Helke (T), Shah (T). HR — Antonides (T), Helke (T). **Records:** Sidney 4-2, 0-1, Troy 3-2, 1-0.

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