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MONDAY RESULTS

• **Baseball**
Troy 5, Tecumseh 2
 Dhaval Shah and Devon Alexander combined to strike out only three batters, but the defense behind them made good on nearly all of its chances, committing only one error in the Trojans' 5-2 victory over Tecumseh in the season opener at Market Street Field.
 Shah got the win and struck out two in five innings, giving up six hits and one earned run. Alexander got the save, striking out one and facing the minimum of six batters in two innings.
 Trey Barkett was 2 for 4 with two runs scored and an RBI. Nathan Helke had a double and Jared Fisher was 2 for 3 with a double.
Waynesville 9, Milton-Union 4
 Giving up five first-inning runs was not how the Bulldogs would have liked the season to begin.
 Once they settled down, though, they showed that they can hang.
 Waynesville made its big first inning stand up, though, hanging on to defeat Milton-Union 9-4 on opening day Monday.
 Cody Kress got the loss on the mound. Anthony Staas doubled and drove in two runs and Cole Jones had an RBI.
New Knoxville 6, Covington 1
 The Covington Buccaneers committed seven errors and struck out 13 times in a 6-1 loss to New Knoxville Monday to start the season.
 Steven Blei threw into the sixth innings and Austin Angle closed out the game on the mound for the Buccs. The duo only allowed five hits and walked two.
Lehman 11, Newton 0 (5)
 Lehman's Alex Smith struck out 11 in five innings, throwing a two-hit shutout in an 11-0 victory over the Newton Indians Monday.

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SPORTS CALENDAR

TODAY
Baseball
 Beavercreek at Troy (5 p.m.)
 Northridge at Milton-Union (5 p.m.)
 Miami East at Lehman (5 p.m.)
 Cedarville at Bethel (5 p.m.)
Softball
 Northridge at Milton-Union (5 p.m.)
 Miami East at Lehman (5 p.m.)
 Cedarville at Bethel (5 p.m.)
 Piqua at TBA (at Florida) (8 a.m.)
Tennis
 Troy at CJ (4:30 p.m.)

THURSDAY
Baseball
 Stebbins at Milton-Union (5 p.m.)
 Versailles at Miami East (5 p.m.)
 Covington at Graham (5 p.m.)
 Piqua at Fairborn (5 p.m.)
 Arcanum at Bradford (5 p.m.)
Softball
 Tippecanoe at Henderson, Tenn. (8 p.m.)
 Stebbins at Milton-Union (5 p.m.)
 Versailles at Miami East (5 p.m.)
 Covington at Graham (5 p.m.)
 Arcanum at Bradford (5 p.m.)
Tennis
 Tippecanoe at Urbana (4:30 p.m.)
Track
 Newton at Tri-County North (4:30 p.m.)

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Cavs beat James, get little revenge

In an unbearable season of losses, Cleveland got the win it wanted most.
 The Cavaliers took down LeBron James. Despite blowing a 23-point lead, the Cavs battled back and beat the Miami Heat 102-90 on Tuesday night, getting a dose of revenge against James, who was making his second homecoming visit to Cleveland since leaving last summer. See Page B4.

Softball

Indians up to challenge, rally for win

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The Newton Indians just needed a little reminder of how they won their state championship last year.

Once they were down 7-2 in the fourth inning, they got it.

"We were really flat after the top of the fourth, so I challenged them," Newton coach Kirk Kadel said. "I asked them if we should

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just go over (to New Bremen's bench) and tell them that we quit. They all looked at me and said no. They responded. After that, we battled to the end."

It was all over from there.

Newton scored four runs in the bottom of the fourth to get back in the game. Fawn King retired nine of the 10 batters she faced in the final three innings and Tiara Jackson drove in the

game-winning run with a two-out single in the bottom of the sixth to help the Indians rally for an 8-7 victory over New Bremen Monday in their home opener — the first official game on their home field as defending state champions.

But with three of their eight returning starters — catcher Lacey Jackson, pitcher Kirsten Burden and center fielder Andee Welbaum — unavailable this week, Newton (2-0) needed con-

tributions from odd places — and got them.

King pitched all seven innings, giving up 10 hits and one walk while striking out five. Nine of those hits came in the first four innings, and six of the seven runs came in the first two.

"With those three girls missing, that meant we had to move other people around," Kadel said. "Fawn had those two bad

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Softball



Troy's Shelby Schultz crosses the plate ahead of the throw Tuesday against Tecumseh in the Trojans' victory at Market Street Diamond.

STAFF PHOTOS/ANTHONY WEBER

Seniors clutch in win

Troy posts 3 in 7th, beats Tecumseh

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When you put the ball in play, good things happen.

With two outs and the score knotted at 5-5 in the bottom of the seventh, Troy senior Iris Lawrence delivered the game-winning RBI, scoring Haley Gwin from third to give the Trojans a 6-5 come-from-behind victory over Tecumseh at Market Street Diamond.

TROY

"Iris has done nothing but show maturity this year," Troy coach Scott Herman said. "She went 3 for 4 yesterday, and today she really stepped up for us and gave us great senior leadership, getting us the game-winning hit."

Troy's leadership and experience was a huge factor in the game, as the Trojans entered the bottom of the seventh down 5-3. Jennifer Lehman led off the seventh with a single and

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Troy's Amber Smith fires to the plate Tuesday against Tecumseh.

Baseball/Softball

Errors cost Trojans in 3-1 loss to Elks

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CENTERVILLE — Trey Barkett threw a gem for the Trojans Tuesday.

The Centerville Elks just were able to cash in on Troy's rare mistakes.

A pair of errors led to three Elk runs in the bottom of the sixth inning, dooming Troy (1-1) in a 3-1 loss Tuesday in Centerville.

Barkett surrendered only four hits — all singles — striking out four and walking two in six

innings. But a leadoff error, a suicide squeeze and a passed ball on which two runs scored in the sixth undid all of that work.

"None of that takes away from what he did. Troy pitched outstanding today," Troy coach Ty Welker said. "Our defense cost us in that last inning, but that last play was a crazy play — it was a fluke."

"We put the ball in play, but what hurt us was when we get guys on, we've got to knock them

in. We had runners on second and third with no outs in the top of the fourth, but we didn't score."

Barkett also helped his own cause at the plate, going 2 for 3 and driving in the Trojans' only run. Jordan Guilozet also doubled for Troy.

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Barkett and Swigard. Sullivan, Stafford (7) and Griffith. WP — Sullivan. LP — Barkett. SV — Stafford. 2B — Guilozet (T). Records: Troy 1-1, Centerville 2-0.

Troy Christian 10, Jackson Center 9

JACKSON CENTER —Troy Christian rebounded from a rough outing in its season opener, riding a seven-run third inning to a 10-9 victory Tuesday at Jackson Center.

"It feels really good to go up and get a win here after yesterday," Troy Christian coach Bill Campbell said.

Taylor Patterson was 2 for 3 with a double, Daniel

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Track and Field

Troy boys cruise at Sidney

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The Troy Trojan boys dominated the field at the Sidney Invitational Tuesday night, piling up more than double runner-up Russia's points and taking first with 163.

"We just ran away with this meet," Troy boys coach Deon Metz said. "We had great efforts by all, five or six PRs. Despite the cold and this being our first regular meet, not a relay meet, the kids came out and performed. They stepped up to the challenge."

SIDNEY

The Troy girls were missing a number of key runners and finished sixth with 42.33 points.

The boys claimed first and second in a number of events. Joe Winner and Tyler Burton swept the throwing events, with Winner winning the discus (145-0) and the shot (46-0.25) and Burton taking second in the discus (138-8) and shot (43-1.25). In the 200, Blake Williams was first (23.34 seconds) and Nick James

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Tennis

Red Devils open with sweep

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TIPP CITY — The Tippecanoe Red Devils opened the season the best way possible, sweeping Central Buckeye Conference rival Bellefontaine 5-0 Tuesday.

At first singles, James Trevino defeated Aaron Figley 6-0, 6-0. At second singles, Sam Bollinger defeated Mike Shoffner 6-1, 6-0. At third singles, Jon Lin defeated Mark Hess 6-0, 6-1.

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At first doubles, Tyler Heint and Nick Denuzzo won 6-1, 6-1. At second doubles, Joe Coughlin and Blake Sowry won 6-3, 6-3.

"The guys played really well tonight, and overall we were pleased with their results on a per-match basis," Tippecanoe coach Von Clendenen said. "We have some work to do still, but we're looking forward to our next

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