

## Baseball/Softball

# Roundup

■ CONTINUED FROM A7 errors," Troy coach Ty Welker said. "We just didn't execute."

Tippecanoe (5-1), meanwhile, finished the day strong by handing the Vikings (5-1) their first loss of the season with a 4-0 shutout.

A controversial play at the plate got the Devils rolling, and the Trojans (4-3) couldn't stem the tide until five runs had crossed and they were down 6-0. And though Troy fought back with three in the third and fifth innings, Tippecanoe was able to keep pace by scoring five more runs over the course of the fourth, fifth and sixth.

Eight walks and five errors just proved too much for Troy to overcome.

"We hit the ball well and kept battling back," Welker said. "We didn't quit, and we were in the game offensively. We just didn't execute defensively or with pitching."

Ben Hughes was 3 for 4 with a triple and two RBIs for Tippecanoe, while Carter Langdon was 2 for 3 with a three RBIs. Reid Ferrell got the win, while Zack Blair pitched the final two innings for a save.

Ian Nadolny was 2 for 3 with two RBIs and two runs for Troy, Alex Magoteaux was 2 for 4 with two RBIs and two runs and Greg Johnson was 2 for 4 with an RBI.

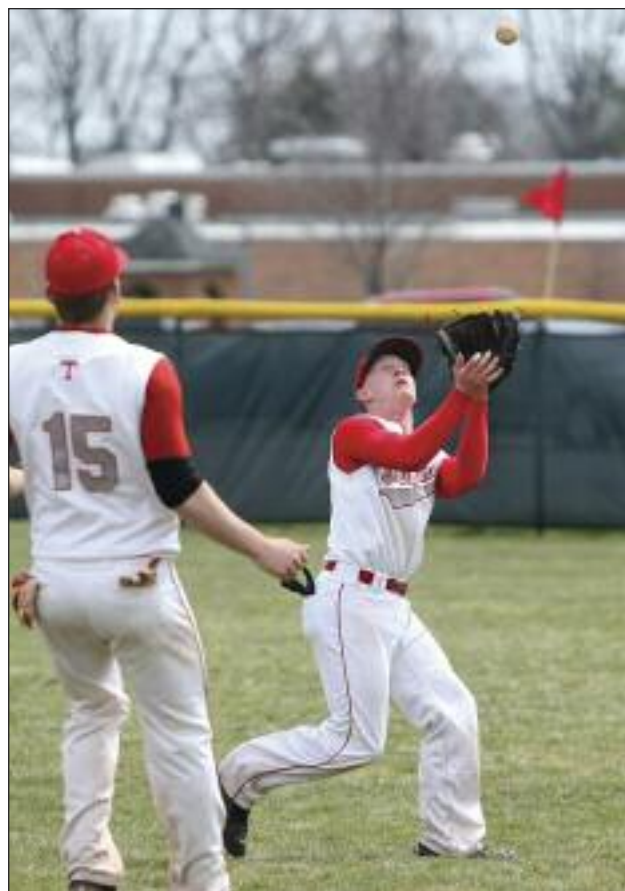
In the second game, Troy bounced back from an early deficit to take a 2-1 lead after the first. But Miamisburg scored a pair in the third and fourth innings to take control and closed it out with three more in the seventh.

Kevin McGraw was 2 for 4 with a double and three RBIs, while Nick Sanders was 2 for 3 with an RBI.

"We left 12 guys on base in that game," Welker said. "We had the bases loaded in the fourth and fifth, two on in the sixth. We just didn't get guys in when we needed to."

Troy — the defending GWOC North champion — opens divisional play Monday against rival Piqua.

Tippecanoe — which also opens up Central Buckeye Conference Kenton Trail Division play Monday against Stebbins — utilized



Troy Jay Swigard makes a catch Saturday in Tipp City.

smallball to devastating effect against Miamisburg, with five sacrifice bunts and two squeeze bunts, one by Steven Calhoun and the other by Evan Gilliam, for runs.

"We had four runs on three hits, and we spread those three hits out. But we bunted more than we have in a long time," Cahill said. "The kids did a great job of getting the ball down, and we pecked them to death."

With sophomore Austin Clack turning in an absolute gem in his first varsity start, the Devils didn't need anything but smallball.

Clack didn't strike out anyone and walked one, giving up five hits in a complete game — while throwing a mere 59 pitches.

"That's pretty amazing for seven innings," Cahill said of the pitch count. "He got 15 ground ball outs, and we committed no errors. That was big."

**Bulldogs Swept**  
XENIA — The Milton-Union Bulldogs struggled to get runs across the plate at Xenia Saturday, falling 9-2 and 6-4 in a doubleheader.

Brian Beeler was 2 for 3 in the first game, while Sam Morgan doubled. In the second game, Matt Bracci was

2 for 4.

Milton-Union (1-6) hosts Bradford Monday.

• **Softball**  
**Miami East Sweeps Milton-Union**

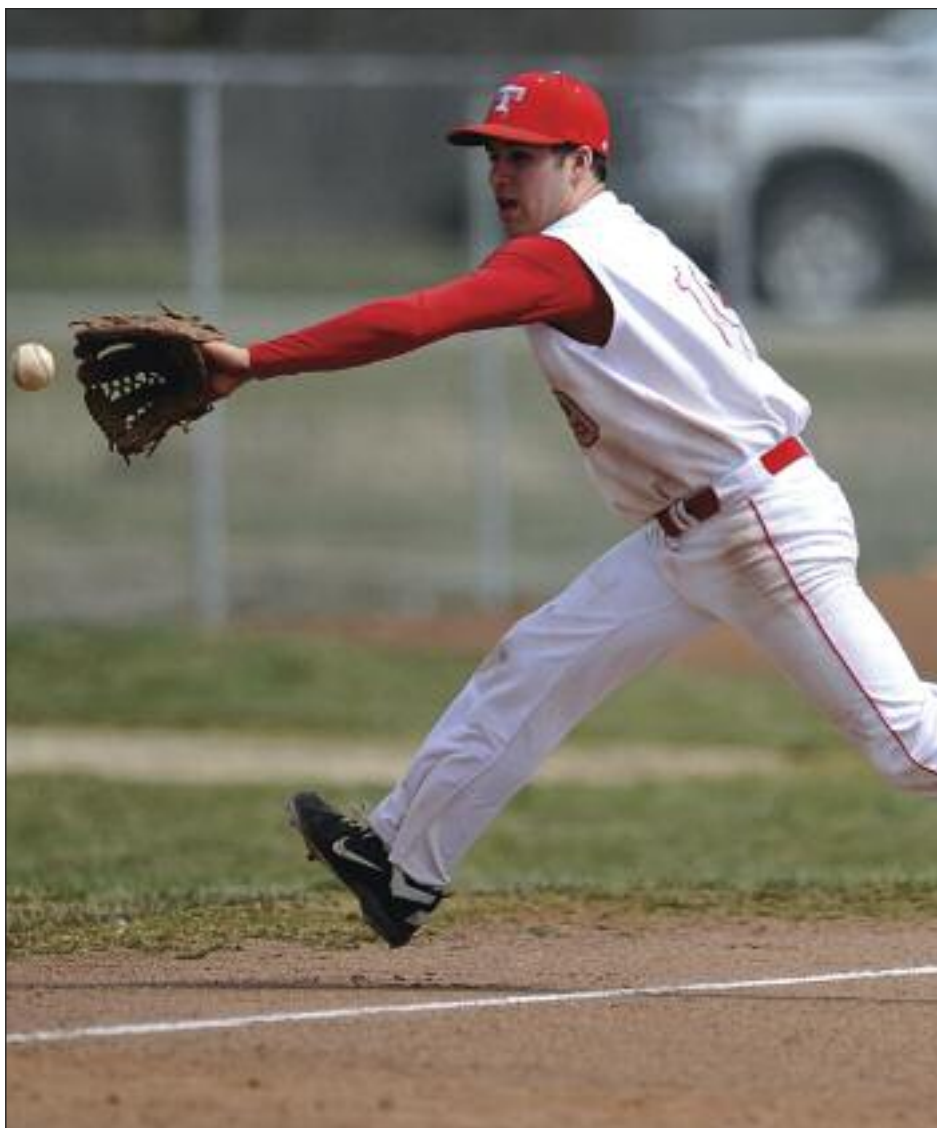
WEST MILTON — Milton-Union's defense struggled on Saturday, and the Miami East offense continuously put pressure on it in a pair of Viking victories, 9-6 and 16-6.

Miami East (5-2) took a 7-1 lead with a five-run third inning in the first game, only to see the Bulldogs put up four in the bottom of the third to close the gap. But Paige Kiesewetter and Sam Denlinger combined to only allow one run from there, and the Vikings held on.

"The first game was back and forth, and both teams responded with runs whenever the other scored," Miami East coach Brian Kadel said. "I think we just made a few more plays on defense to work out of some jams and finished off the game strong."

Olivia Edgell had three hits, including a three-run homer, for the Vikings, Kiesewetter added a two-run shot and Kris Bigelow doubled.

Christine Heisey and



Troy's Nick Sanders fields a ball during a game against Miamisburg Saturday in Tipp City.

Brittany Courtright both went deep for the Bulldogs.

The second game, though, was all Vikings — beginning with the leadoff spot as Christine Bowling was 5 for 5 with five runs.

"It's good for your leadoff hitter to get on every time and make something happen," Kadel said. "Our girls have the potential to hit one-through-nine, and if we continue to hit like this, we're going to be tough to beat."

Lindsey Brookhart was 4 for 5 with a double and three RBIs, Paige Mullen homered and drove in four runs, Madison Linn was 3 for 4 and Kiesewetter and Ellie Gearhart both doubled.

Ashley Smith doubled for the Bulldogs, who hot Preble Shawnee Monday.

The Vikings, meanwhile, have their annual rivalry game against Cross County Conference foe Newton on Tuesday at Newton.

• **Covington Sweeps Centerville**

COVINGTON — The Covington Buccaneers got a pair of stellar pitching performances against Centerville Saturday, handing the Elks their first two losses of the season while staying undefeated themselves with a pair of victories, 8-1 and 4-0.

Casey Yingst struck out five in the opener and gave up only one hit — and she also went 2 for 3 with three RBIs to lead the offense. Jessie Shilt and Morgan Arbogast both went 2 for 3 and Haley Adams doubled.

"The girls just played well," Covington coach Dean Denlinger said. "We probably hit the ball better (Friday) against New Bremen, but we executed better today with runners in scoring position."

Arbogast also struck out five in the second game, giving up four hits in the

shutout. Heidi Snipes was 3 for 3 with two RBIs and two stolen bases, Connor Schaffer was 2 for 2 and Adams was 1 for 3.

Covington (7-0) — which has split with Centerville over the past two years — will face their regional final opponent from last year in Minster on Monday.

"Centerville is favored to win its division in the GWOC this year and has three nice pitchers," Denlinger said. "This is the third year in a row we've played them and the first they've come here. This was a good day for the girls."

• **Bradford, Lehman Split**

BRADFORD — Bradford won the first game of a doubleheader against Lehman Saturday 6-1, but the Cavaliers battled back to earn a split with an 11-1 win in the second game.

Bradford (3-3) hosts St. Henry Monday.

## Track

# Track

■ CONTINUED FROM A7 said Snyder of Huffman. "Last year, she did more relays, but we are throwing her more into open events this year. She's really improved from last year. To be able to take first in the 200 and second in the 100 is great for her. Even with the strong wind, she still posted strong times."

Troy's 4x200 relay team (Rector, Huffman, Shanelle Byrd and Todda Norris) won (1:46.87). In the 4x100 relay, Byrd, Sharice Hibbler, Huffman and Norris placed first (50.20 seconds). McKenna Poling, Courtney Mazzulla, Sarah Adkins and Mariah Sano placed second in the 4x800 relay (11:08.25).

"It was nice to have Todda (Norris) back," Snyder said. "She anchored in 4x200 and 4x100. We dropped almost three seconds in 4x200 and almost broke 50 (seconds) in 4x100."

Jessica Blakes placed second in the discus (97-5), while Abby Brinkman (9-6) and Mariah Sano (9-0) went two-three in the pole vault.

Miamisburg finished the day runner-up (91 points) and Kings was third (77.50).

The Troy boys dominated the field events and had high placers in distance, relay and sprint events, leading to a second-place finish at the Northmont Invitational. The Trojans scored 97 compared to Northmont's 127. Kings was third overall with 87.5.

Seth Overla won the discus handily, hurling a 129-7

for the win — the next closest thrower was Fairborn's Anthony Fries (123-7). Nathan Fleischer won the pole vault for the second week in a row. Fleischer, who won the event at the Tipp Relays last weekend, once again cleared 13-6 for the victory. Miles Hibbler won the 100 (11.60 seconds) and tied for second in the high jump (5-9).

In the 4x100 relay, Devante Bush, Hibbler, Nick Zimmer and Blake Williams combined for a first-place finish (44.14 seconds). Troy's 4x200 relay team (Bush, Zimmer, Josh Williams and Brandon Lee) placed third (1:35.75).

A pair of Trojans placed in the top four in the 5,000 meter run as Jon Osman placed second (16:02.21) and Brandon Nosker took fourth (16:25.24). Troy Schultz returned to form with a second-place result in the 800 (2:05.25).

• **Tippecanoe Invitational**  
TIPP CITY — The Tippecanoe Invitational turned into a gold old-fashioned Cross County Conference duel between the Covington and Miami East girls Saturday.

But in the end, the Buccs won the battle, scoring 94 points to win the meet. The Vikings were runner-up with 81 points. Tippecanoe placed fifth (55 points) and Lehman took 11th (22).

And it was once again a big day by Jackie Siefring that helped pave the way for the team title.

Siefring had first-place finishes in the 100 hurdles

(15.87 seconds), 300 hurdles (45.91), 200 (26.92) and long jump (15-10). Also doing well individually for the Buccs was Tara Snipes, winner of the 800 (2:35.20), and Carly Shell, who coasted to victory in the 3,200 (11:56.82).

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Miami East's 4x200 team (Lindsey Roeth, Kylie Brown, Renee DeFord and Corrine Melvin) placed second (1:54.69) and Tipp's team (Erica Comer, Allison Rawlins, Sarah Janosik and Sammie Rowland) took third (1:55.18). Miami East's 4x100 team — Roeth, Brown, Allie Millhouse and Melvin — placed second (54.05 seconds).

Leah Dunivan won the high jump (5-0) and shot put (33-3.50), along with taking second in the 100 hurdles (17.28 seconds). Melvin picked up points for the Vikings by finishing third in the 100 (13.66 seconds). Katrina Sutherly scored eight points for East, placing second in the pole vault (8-0).

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Slater placed third in the 300 hurdles (43.68). Brad Montgomery also placed second in the shot put (45-6) and Ben Montgomery took third (43-4).

• **Versailles Invitational**

VERSAILLES — The Covington boys team won the black division title at the Versailles Invitational with a score of 137 points Saturday.

The Covington boys 4x800 team placed second to Versailles (8:46.45), but the Buccs got redemption in the 4x100, winning in a time of 46.34. Covington's 4x400 team also combined for the win (3:35.62).

Covington's A.J. Ouellette won the 100 (11.71 seconds) and took first in the 200 (23.88), Lane White cruised to victory in the 400 (50.26), Troy Cron finished runner-up in the 110 hurdles black division (15.84) and second in the 300 hurdles (41.61).

Also for the Buccs, Dustin Fickert placed second in the 800 (2:04.37), Alex Schilling placed third in the 1,600 (4:46.56) and Trent Tobias was second in the pole vault (11-6).

In the orange division, Newton (23 points) placed eighth and Bradford (18) finished ninth. Newton's Brady McBride and David Brauer picked up some points for the Indians in the 3,200. McBride was third overall (10:59.06) and Brauer got fifth (11:11.52). Bradford's Corey Rench shined, placing third in the orange division 110 hurdles (17.85 seconds).

## MLB

# Reds fall in 11th

CINCINNATI (AP) — The Reds' wild opening week includes another extra-inning loss.

Cincinnati sent the game to extra innings with the help of Ian Desmond's two errors, but the shortstop led off the 11th with his first homer of the season, leading the Washington Nationals to a 7-6 victory on Saturday.

It went down to the last strike.

Wilson Ramos also homered in the 11th off J.J. Hoover for a 7-5 advantage. Brandon Phillips doubled home a run with two outs in the bottom of the inning before Craig Stammen (1-0) fanned Jay Bruce to end it.

The Reds went 4 for 17 with runners in scoring position, stranding 11.

"We had a chance to win that game several times," manager Dusty Baker said. "We've got to come up with the big hit. I guess turnabout's fair play."

Extra-inning games have been the norm between the NL's top two teams from last season. Washington won a league-best 98 games, Cincinnati 97. They've gone to extra innings in five of their last 10 meetings.