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TODAY'S TIPS

• **SOCCER:** For all students in grades 8-11 who are interested in playing soccer at Troy High School next fall, Meet the Coaches night is at 6:30 p.m. tonight in the Troy High School Cafeteria. For those interested in trying out for soccer, each student and a parent must attend this meeting. For more information, send an e-mail to cjc7@woh.rr.com or call 570-3685.

MONDAY'S RESULTS

• **Baseball**
Troy 3, Piqua 2
 TROY — On Monday night, it was a pitcher's duel on the Market Street Field when Troy and Piqua opened GWOC North play.

And in the end, one swing of Dylan Cascaden's bat proved to be the difference in Troy's 3-2 victory.

With Troy's Ben Langdon and Piqua's Colin Lavey both throwing four-hitters, there was little in the way of scoring opportunities, but Piqua broke the ice in the top of third by taking a 2-0 lead.

With two outs and two on in the bottom of the fifth, Cascaden sent a 3-1 pitch over the left-field fence for what would be the winning runs.

Langdon had eight strikeouts, a walk and hit a batter, while the Piqua pitchers combined to strike-out five and walk four.

Milton-Union 11, Preble Shawnee 8
 WEST MILTON — Sam Morgan was 4 for 4 with a double, Alex Gunston was 3 for 4 with a triple and the Milton-Union Bulldogs (2-6, 1-0) scored 10 runs over the fifth and sixth innings to rally for an 11-8 victory over Preble Shawnee Monday night to kick off Southwestern Buckeye League Buckeye Division play.

Zac Greenwald and Brian Beller both tripled and Jesse Simpson doubled in the game, while Beeler got credit for the victory.

Troy Christian 7, Xenia Christian 6
 TROY — Troy Christian defeated Xenia Christian 7-6 in Metro Buckeye Conference play Monday night.

Nathan Kirkpatrick was 2 for 4 with a double and Spencer Thomas went 2 for 2 and grazed the basepaths for seven steals.

Bradford 10, Newton 7
 PLEASANT HILL — Bradford scored six in the top of the first and

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SPORTS CALENDAR

TODAY
Baseball
 Indian Lake at Tippecanoe (5 p.m.)
 Milton-Union at Dixie (5 p.m.)
 Upper Scioto Valley at Lehman (5 p.m.)
Softball
 Indian Lake at Tippecanoe (5 p.m.)
 Milton-Union at Dixie (5 p.m.)
 Upper Scioto Valley at Lehman (5 p.m.)
Tennis
 West Carrollton at Troy (4:30 p.m.)
 Tippecanoe at Bellbrook (4:30 p.m.)
 Piqua at Bellefontaine (4:30 p.m.)
 Alter at Lehman (5 p.m.)

THURSDAY
Baseball
 Tri-Village at Miami East (5 p.m.)
 Newton at National Trail (5 p.m.)
 Troy Christian at Lehman (5 p.m.)
 Ansonia at Covington (5 p.m.)
 Bradford at Arcanum (5 p.m.)
Softball
 Troy at Centerville (5 p.m.)
 Bethel at Milton-Union (5 p.m.)
 Tri-Village at Miami East (5 p.m.)
 Newton at National Trail (5 p.m.)
 Yellow Springs at Troy Christian (5 p.m.)
 Ansonia at Covington (5 p.m.)
 Piqua at St. Marys Memorial (5 p.m.)
 Arcanum at Bradford (5 p.m.)
Tennis
 Fairborn at Troy (4:30 p.m.)
 Greenon at Tippecanoe (4:30 p.m.)
 Milton-Union at Northridge (4 p.m.)
 Piqua at Springfield (4:30 p.m.)
Track
 Lehman at Riverside (4:30 p.m.)

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Louisville prevails in NCAA title game

The national championship game began as a series of storybook moments for a kid from a small town in Indiana.

It became a shooting gallery of sorts for a bearded swingman from the Appalachian foothills of Virginia.

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Softball

Vikings beat Indians to open CCC play

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Miami East's Paige Kiesewetter pitched a gem, her defense backed her up and the offense rolled.

It was a total team effort for the Vikings as they opened up Cross Country Conference play with a convincing 9-0 victory over Newton Tuesday in

PLEASANT HILL

Pleasant Hill.

Kiesewetter had three straight one-two-three innings to open the game and took a no-hitter into the fourth before Newton's Madison Mollette broke it up with a base hit to start the inning. The Indians had runners on second and third in the fourth, but Kiesewetter struck out Kasey Thompson and

forced a pop up to keep Newton off the board.

That was just the way the day went for the Indians.

Two rare Miami East errors helped Newton load the bases in the fifth with one out, but Kiesewetter and the Miami East defense once again held their ground and got out of the inning unscathed. Only two Newton players grazed the basepaths following that.

Kiesewetter finished the game with nine strikeouts compared to one walk.

"This is probably the best game she thrown all year," Miami East coach Brian Kadel said. "The ball was really moving for her, and I think she's trusting her teammates more and letting her ball spin and do the work, and then knowing her defense is going to make plays for her. We

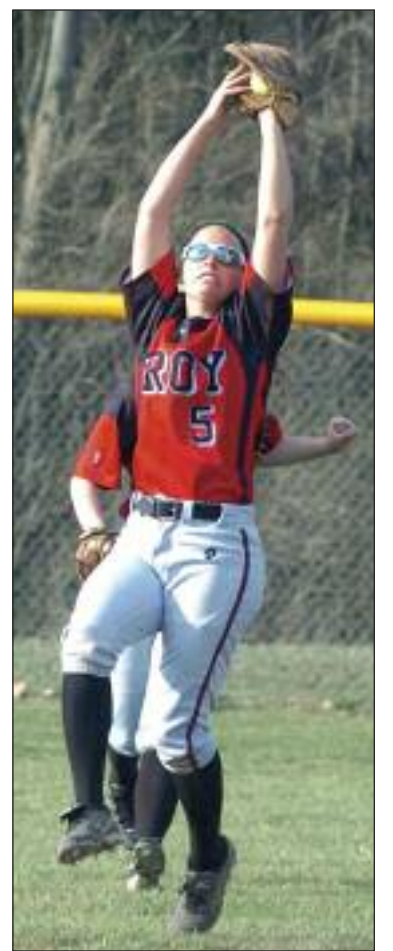
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Baseball



PHOTOS COURTESY LEE WOOLERY/SPEEDSHOT PHOTO
 Troy's Zach Kendall went the distance for the win during a game against Piqua Tuesday at Hardman Field in Piqua.

Softball



CIVITAS MEDIA PHOTO/AMANDA ULLERY
 Troy's Maggie McClurg hauls in a catch during a game against Piqua Tuesday in Piqua.

Missed chances

Trojans fall to Indians, 9-5

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One step out of the car Tuesday at the Piqua High School softball field, located behind the junior, let you know this was going to be a very different game than Monday's nine-inning marathon won by Piqua 2-0.

With the wind blowing out at more than 20 miles per hour, there were going to be plenty of scoring opportunities — know matter how well Troy ace Amber

PIQUA

Smith and Piqua ace Haley Dotson threw.

And in the end it was another game where Troy had its opportunities, but just couldn't quite finish in a 9-5 Piqua win.

The Trojans left 10 runners on, including six in the final three at bats.

"We had our chances," Troy coach Megan Campbell said. "Piqua's pitcher (Haley Dotson) is a great pitcher. She got some big outs, but we definitely came out and hit the ball today."

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Sealing the deal

Troy beats GWOC rival Piqua, 5-2

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PIQUA

Troy missed its chances to put away the game early.

Piqua saw a few opportunities to get back into it slip past.

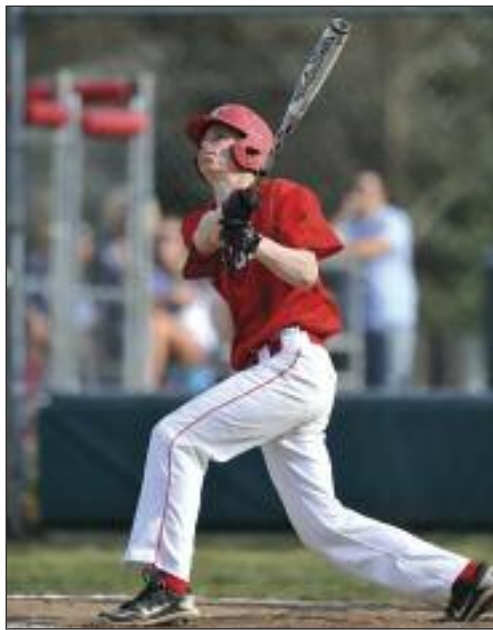
In the end, it took the Indians fighting back to get the Trojans going.

Piqua rallied from an early 2-0 deficit — which could have been much worse — to tie the score in the bottom of the fifth inning, only for the Trojans to retake the lead in the top of the sixth and tack on two insurance runs in the seventh to seal a 5-2 victory over the rival Indians Tuesday at

Hardman Field as the defending Greater Western Ohio Conference North champs began division play with a pair of hard-fought victories.

Troy (6-3, 2-0) got back-to-back doubles by Dylan Cascaden and Nick Sanders to start the game and take a one-run lead, and a Collin Moeller solo blast leading off the second made it 2-0. But the Trojans also had runners on second and third with one out in the first and failed to cash in, and a botched double steal with runners on first and third and two out in the second

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Troy's Collin Moeller leads off the second inning with a homer.

Golf

Woods the focus at upcoming Masters

BY JOEL WALKER
 For the Troy Daily News

AUGUSTA

AUGUSTA — Okay, he's proven he's back.

Now can he really prove it by winning the Masters, which begins Thursday?

The pre-tournament buzz is all about Tiger Woods, his three victories already this year and

his continued pursuit of Jack Nicklaus' 18 major professional victories. Woods has 14.

"If he breaks par in the first round he'll win for sure," said one veteran golf writer.

But he doesn't necessarily have to break par Thursday.

While the tournament may be the most prestigious of the four majors (add the British Open, the U.S. Open and the PGA to the list) the limited field here (90-plus) gives the edge to the quality players like Woods. Okay, so Bubba Watson is the defender. It happens.

While Woods has been stuck on 14 majors since winning the

2008 U.S. Open at Torrey Pines, the record-holder himself thinks Woods will surpass 18.

"I still think he will break my record," Nicklaus said before attending the traditional champions' dinner Tuesday. Jack has won the Masters a record six times, Tiger four.

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