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## TODAY'S TIPS

- **BASEBALL:** Troy Post 43 American Legion baseball will be sponsoring its monthly All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner today. The dinner is at the Post 43 Legion Hall, 622 S. Market St. and runs from 3-7 p.m. 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 for children under 12 is \$4.
- **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. April 10 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.
- **GOLF:** The Miami Shores 18-hole Golf League is holding its opening meeting at 9 a.m. April 23. Everyone is invited. For more information, call Miami Shores Golf Course at (937) 335-4457.
- **HALL OF FAME:** The Trojan Athletics Hall of Fame is still accepting nominations for its 2013 inaugural class. Induction will be held in the fall. Entrance to the selection process is through public nomination. The deadline for nominations is today. Nomination forms are available at all home events or at the athletics office at Troy High School.
- **HALL OF FAME:** The Miami East athletic boosters will hold their annual dinner and auction on April 6. Social hour will begin at 5 p.m. and dinner will be served at 5:30. The Athletic Department will induct three new members into the Hall of Fame beginning at 6:30. New members will be Jim Martin, Barry Coomes and Jamie Long Coleman.
- **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.
- **COACHING SEARCH:** Lehman High School has the following coaching vacancies: head boys basketball, head girls basketball and head cross country. Candidates should send a resume and cover letter to Athletic Director Richard Roll or email them to r.roll@lehman-catholic.com.
- **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

**SUNDAY**  
No events scheduled

**MONDAY**  
**Baseball**  
Piqua at Troy (5 p.m.)  
Stebbins at Tippecanoe (5 p.m.)  
Preble Shawnee at Milton-Union (5 p.m.)  
Bradford at Newton (5 p.m.)  
Xenia Christian at Troy Christian (5 p.m.)  
Covington at Versailles (5 p.m.)  
Lehman at Marion Local (5 p.m.)  
**Softball**  
Piqua at Troy (5 p.m.)  
Stebbins at Tippecanoe (5 p.m.)  
Preble Shawnee at Milton-Union (5 p.m.)  
Newton at Lehman (5 p.m.)  
Minster at Covington (5 p.m.)  
**Tennis**  
Troy at Bellbrook (4 p.m.)  
Tippecanoe at Urbana (4:30 p.m.)  
Oakwood at Milton-Union (4:30 p.m.)  
Celina at Lehman (4:30 p.m.)

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## Nationals edge Reds in 11th inning

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. **See Page A8.**

## Baseball/Softball

# Trojans drop pair

## Tipp improves to 5-1 with 2 wins

Staff Reports

### MIAMI COUNTY

After beginning the season 4-1, this was not the way Troy wanted to enter Greater Western Ohio Conference North Division play. The Tippecanoe Red Devils plated five in the second inning against the Trojans to open up a tri-match on Saturday, and the Trojans couldn't complete a

comeback in a 12-8 loss. And against GWOC crossover opponent Miamisburg, Troy couldn't cash in on its opportunities in an 8-4 loss.

"We came out flat today, walked too many batters, and in the first game we had too many

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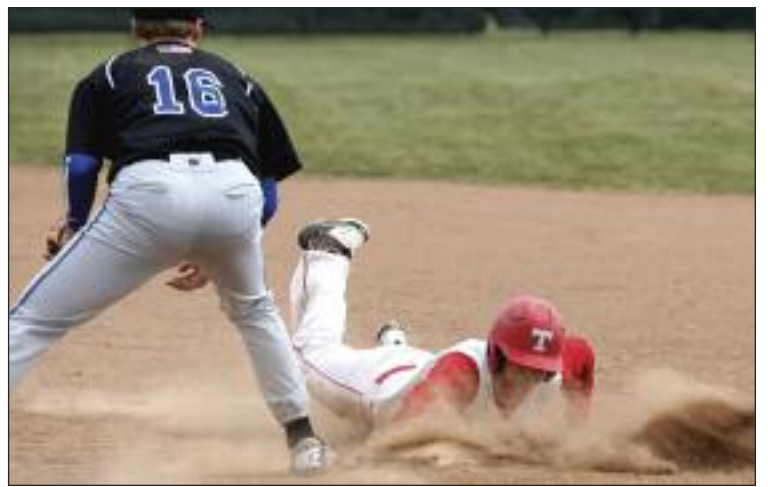


PHOTO COURTESY LEE WOOLERY/SPEEDSHOT PHOTO  
Troy's Dylan Cascaden slides into first base on a pickoff attempt during a game against Miamisburg Saturday in Tipp City.

## Softball



PHOTOS COURTESY LEE WOOLERY/SPEEDSHOT PHOTO  
Troy's Jamie Snay hits a three-run triple during a game against Milford Saturday at the Tippecanoe Strike Out Cancer Tournament at Kyle Park in Tipp City.

# The up and downs

Troy, Tipp, Newton all searching for consistency

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Megan Campbell couldn't get over the way her Trojans' final game of Tippecanoe's Strike Out Cancer Tournament went.

Charles Tackett, though happy with his team's finish, was still bothered by the way his Red Devils' first two games went.

Kirk Kadel and the Indians instantaneously missed the Florida weather.

One thing all three coaches have in common? They're all searching for consistency.

Troy won its first game of the day on Saturday, getting solid pitching and defense in a 4-1 victory over Newton, but mistakes on defense in the final two innings cost the Trojans in its finale as they gave up a four-run lead in an 8-7 loss to Milford.

"When you lose the second game of a doubleheader, what you did in the second game always overshadows what happened in the first," Campbell, the first-year coach of the Trojans, said.

Tippecanoe would seem to like that idea after a 13-3 run-rule loss to a talented McAuley team in its opener. The Red Devils fell behind early against Newton but rallied with a four-run fifth inning to finish the day at Kyle Park with a 5-2 victory.

McAuley — which beat Troy 11-2 on Friday to open the tournament — proved to be too much for the Red Devils, who also struggled on Friday in a 9-5 loss to Milton-Union. The Mohawks put up six in the first inning and just kept piling on, finishing the

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Newton's Erin Hixon delivers a pitch during a game against Tippecanoe Saturday at Kyle Park.

## Track and Field

# Troy girls win Northmont Invitational

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CLAYTON — The Troy girls won the Northmont Invitational in landslide fashion Saturday, tallying 136 points at the 12-team venue.

And the scary part about that is the Trojans aren't even at full strength yet, with people still filtering back from spring break.

"We were solid all the way

around," Troy girls coach Kurt Snyder said. "With having kids on spring break, we're deep enough to win that meet. It will be nice to get everybody back."

Starting off the day, Caitlyn McMinn got a chance to relive cross country season, running in the 5,000, one of the rare occasions the event is ran in track.

McMinn (20:12.75) won the 5,000 by a 28-second gap.

"Caitlyn McMinn got us started off right," Snyder said. "She won it going away. She won it by over 100 meters. Twelve-and-a-half laps on a track is a pretty difficult task, she had to have a lot of mental toughness. She was able to pull away from the group midway through and hold on by a big margin."

Catelyn Schmiedebusch finished second in the 100 hurdles (17.42 seconds) and second in the 300 hurdles (49.32). Ashley Rector won the triple jump (31-0) and was runner-up in the 400 (1:02.14). Gracie Huffman had a breakout day as an individual, winning the 200 (27.37) and finishing second in the 100 (13.33).

"She had an outstanding day,"

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## College Basketball



AP PHOTO  
Louisville's Gorgui Dieng stuffs Wichita State's Fred Van Vleet during the second half of the NCAA Final Four Saturday in Atlanta.

# Cardinals rally past Shockers

Louisville bench key in 72-68 win

ATLANTA (AP) — The deficit was getting bigger, the clock becoming an enemy and Louisville's options were dwindling.

"I just kept telling the guys ... 'We're going to make a run. It's about defense,'" coach Rick Pitino said. "The tempo is not ours. Give them their credit, but the bench won the game for us tonight. Unbelievable display."

Impressive comeback, too. Luke Hancock came off the bench to score 20 points, walk-on Tim Henderson sparked a second-half rally with a pair of monster 3s and Louisville advanced to the NCAA title game Saturday night, escaping with a 72-68 victory over Wichita State.

Now the Cardinals (34-5) will try and win it all for their emotional leader on the bench, injured Kevin Ware. As the final buzzer sounded, Ware stood up, grinning as he thrust his arms above his head.

It is the Cardinals' first trip to the title game since they won it all in 1986.

"We just played super hard," said Russ Smith, who led the Cardinals with 21 points. "Nobody wanted to go home."

Cleathony Early had 24 for the ninth-seeded Shockers (30-9), who nearly pulled off their biggest upset of all.

Wichita State had knocked off No. 1 seed Gonzaga and Ohio State on its way to its first Final Four since 1965, and the Shockers had a 12-point lead on Louisville with 13:35 to play. It was the largest deficit all tournament for the Cardinals, who seemed out of sorts after an emotional week following Ware's gruesome injury; he

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