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■ CONTINUED FROM B1 normally are in a lot of places," Welker said. "Our pitchers didn't hit locations, we made a couple of errors in the field — we didn't play as fundamental as we can."

Nick Antonides and Nathan Helke were both 3 for 4 with two RBIs and Devin Blakely doubled for the Trojans.

Troy travels to Sidney for the beginning of a home-and-away series Monday and Tuesday.

MBurg....102 000 3 — 6 9 2
Troy.....202 000 1 — 5 10 3
Dotson and Butcher, Antonides, Shah (5), Alexander (7) and Swigard. WP — Dotson. LP — Alexander. 2B — Stewart (M), Blakely (T). 3B — Dotson (M), Davidson (M), Butcher (M). **Records:** Miamisburg 1-2, Troy 2-2.

Milton-Union 6, Tri-County North 5

WEST MILTON — The Milton-Union Bulldogs scored twice in the bottom of the sixth inning, coming from behind to grab their first win of the season — and first win under first-year coach Jordan Kopp — beating Tri-County North 6-5 Friday at home.

"We started three freshmen, and we got our first win today," Kopp said. "I think some of the guys have been pressing a little too much to get that first one. But now we've got it out of the way."

One of those freshmen, Connor Jones, was 1 for 2 with an RBI as the Bulldogs (1-2) scored their runs on only five hits in the game.

"Five hits is not going to win us many games," Kopp said. "Defensively, we played pretty well, but we're still working on finding ways to get guys on and move them around."

Cody Hill got the win in relief of Cody Kress, giving up no hits and hitting a batter while striking out three in three innings of work.

"I can't say enough about Cody Hill. He came in and flat out pitched the ball," Kopp said. "They didn't put the ball in the outfield after he came in — lots of ground ball outs. If we can count on him to come in and do that, he's going to close out some games."

Milton-Union hosts



Troy's Jared Fisher throws to first as a Miamisburg player slides in to break up the double play Friday at Market Street Field.

Kenton Ridge for a double-header today.

TCN.....003 200 0 — 5 7 2
M-U.....004 002 x — 6 5 0
WP — Hill. **Records:** Milton-Union 1-2.

Troy Christian 6, Catholic Central 5

SPRINGFIELD — After going up 6-0 on Catholic Central, the Troy Christian Eagles had to fight to hold on — but did so, winning 6-5 Friday in Springfield.

Michael Seagraves — who pitched the final two innings for a save — Taylor Ryne and Taylor Patterson all doubled for Troy Christian, and David Diltz tripled.

Daniel McGillivary got his first varsity win, working the first five innings.

"He gave us some good innings. That's what we've been wanting to see out of him," Troy Christian coach

energy, they thought.

"It shows as coaches you can never read things," Saunders said.

Saunders, who has often been critical of Blatche and McGee, thinks they've been showing more maturity during the veterans' absence.

"It's tough to be patient at times," Saunders said. "It's frustrating."

Blatche's outstanding performance came in his second game back after missing 10 with a sprained right shoulder. He keyed a 14-0 run early in the third quarter that gave Washington a 68-61 lead.

By halftime, Blatche had 22 points and 12 rebounds 11 offensive as Cleveland held a 57-52 lead.

When he was informed that he had 16 offensive rebounds, Blatche smiled.

"That's impressive, man," he said. "It's going to be a little tougher. They're going to key on me."

It's hard to believe that a team that lost 18 of its previous 21 games, has a horrifying 2-35 record on the road and just 19 wins became the first NBA team since the 2003-04 Los Angeles Lakers with three players posting triple-doubles in a season.

"Would I like to have seen them earlier? We're seeing those results," Saunders said.

Crawford, who had 39 points in the fracas-marred game against the Heat, likes to defer credit to his teammates.



Troy's Trey Barkett (2) crosses the plate as teammate Nathan Helke (24) awaits his turn at bat Friday against Miamisburg.

Center, we almost blew a seven-run lead, and today it was a six-run one."

Troy Christian (2-1) hosts Stivers for a double-header today.

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CC.....000 004 1 — 5 5 3
McGillivary, Seagraves (6) and T. Patterson. WP — McGillivary. SV — Seagraves. 2B — Seagraves (T), Ryne (T), T. Patterson (T). 3B — Diltz (T). **Records:** Troy Christian 2-1.

Lehman 13, Miami East 7

SIDNEY — Miami East could do little to quiet Lehman's noisy bats Friday afternoon as the Cavaliers slugged their way to a 13-7 win at Lehman.

Ben Weber was 2 for 5 with a homer and Tyler Steinke was 2 for 4 as Lehman also capitalized on five Viking errors, taking a 6-2 lead by the third inning and not looking back.

But Miami East (1-1) had its chances. Brandon Lowe was 3 for 4 with two RBIs, Zach Denlinger was 2 for 4 and Luke Clark and Bradley Coomes both belted home runs, but the Vikings couldn't get the clutch hits.

"Five errors — that hurt," Miami East coach Barry Coomes said. "We didn't play very good defense. But we had chances to score in every inning except one — we just couldn't get that key hit when we needed it."

Miami East hosts Tri-Village to open Cross County Conference play Tuesday.

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Lehman224 320 x — 13 11 2
Durand, Bowling (4) and Fellers, Mitchell (5). Smith and Fridley. WP — Smith. LP — Durand. 2B — Schmitz (L), Gilardi (L). HR — Clark (M), Coomes (M), Weber (L). **Records:** Miami East 1-1.

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National Basketball Association

Wiz rookies make history against Cavs

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a forgettable season, the Washington Wizards made some unlikely history. Until Friday night, no team in NBA history featured two rookies with triple-doubles in the same season.

Jordan Crawford, who was buried on Atlanta's bench until late February, had 21 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds to lead the Wizards to a 115-107 win over the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Crawford's first triple-double follows that of fellow rookie John Wall, who had one in November in just his sixth NBA game. Wall was suspended for this game after he was ejected Wednesday against Miami for a skirmish in the second quarter.

Andray Blatche tied a career high with 36 points and had a career-best 19 rebounds to lead the Wizards. His 16 offensive rebounds were a franchise record and a league high this season. JaVale McGee, who also had a triple-double last month, added 25 points.

Without Wall, Crawford started at the point, and began slowly. Fifteen of his points and nine rebounds came in the second half.

Before the game, Washington coach Flip Saunders' assistants told him they were worried. The team, which was missing not only Wall but injured veterans Josh Howard, Rashard Lewis and Nick Young, lacked

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