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TODAY'S TIPS

- **GOLF:** All girls currently in grades 8-11 who plan to participate in the Troy High School girls golf program next school year and their parents should plan to attend a very important meeting at 6:30 p.m. May 21 in the Troy High School Commons Area, which is located next to the gymnasium. For more information, contact coach Tom Mercer at 308-2591.
- **GOLF:** Troy Post 43 American Legion baseball is hosting a golf scramble Sunday at Cliffside Golf Course. Check-in is at noon with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. The cost is \$65 per person, with teams of four. Registration is limited to the first 30 teams. For more information, call Frosty Brown at (937) 339-4383 or 474-9093.
- **GOLF:** Miami Shores Golf Course will host a two-man best ball event at 9 a.m. May 25. The cost is \$50 per team, and the deadline to register is May 22. For more information, call Miami Shores at 335-4457.
- **BASKETBALL:** The Troy Boys Basketball Camp will run from June 4-7 at the Trojan Activities Center. Times will be 9 a.m.-noon for grades 1-4 and 1-4 p.m. for grades 5-8. The cost is \$55, with checks payable to Troy Basketball Parents Association. Camp forms are available at all Troy City Schools, or you can sign up on the first day of camp. For more information, contact coach Tim Miller at 332-6710 or 339-6576.
- **BASKETBALL:** Troy High School girls basketball will be hosting a two-day girls basketball camp on June 3-4 for girls entering grades 1-8 at Troy High School's new gymnasium. The camp will be held from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., and lunch will be provided. The cost of the camp is \$55, and arrangements can be made. Girls from anywhere are welcome. If interested email coach Nathan Kopp at kopp-n@troy.k12.oh.us or call him at (937) 469-2531.
- **HALL OF FAME:** Covington High School is accepting nominations for its Hall of Fame induction ceremony, which will be on Sept. 13. Anyone wishing to submit a nomination should do so with a letter to the athletic director detailing as much information as possible about the potential inductee. Nominations are due by May 24. For more information, call the athletic department at (937) 473-2552.
- **FOOTBALL:** The 20th annual Matt Light Football Camp will be held June 10-11 at Harmon Field in Greenville. It is a free two-day camp for boys and girls ages 8-14. The registration deadline is June 3.

SPORTS CALENDAR

TODAY
Track
Troy, Piqua at GWOC (at Centerville) (5:30 p.m.)
Tippecanoe at CBC (at Bellefontaine) (4:30 p.m.)
Sidney Christian at Lehman (4:30 p.m.)
SATURDAY
Tennis
Division I Sectional Final at Troy
Troy, Tippecanoe, Piqua (9 a.m.)
Division II Sectional Final at Troy
Milton-Union, Lehman (9 a.m.)
Track
Milton-Union at SWBL (at Preble Shawnee) (9:30 a.m.)
Miami East, Bethel, Newton, Covington, Bradford at CCC (at TBA) (TBA)
Troy Christian at MBC (at Troy Christian) (10 a.m.)
SUNDAY
No events scheduled

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Knicks stay alive with Game 5 win

Carmelo Anthony scored 28 points to help the New York Knicks stay alive in the Eastern Conference semifinals with an 85-75 victory over the Indiana Pacers in Game 5 on Thursday night.

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■ Baseball/Softball

Red Devils aggressive in 9-1 victory

Staff Reports

TIPP CITY — Tippecanoe had a simple plan against Urbana. “We were pretty aggressive early,” Tippecanoe coach Bruce Cahill said. “We wanted to make them make the plays.” Urbana couldn’t. The Hillclimbers committed 10 errors in Thursday’s Division II sectional semifinal game, and the top-seeded Red Devils did what good teams do — make them hurt — in a 9-1 victory at home to advance to next week’s sectional championship game.

■ Baseball



Troy second baseman Nick Sanders makes a play against Sidney in a Division II sectional semifinal game at Sidney.

Winning the war

Wood outduels Penley; Troy edges Sidney

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Hard work, making the most of everything ... and a little bit of luck.

Oh, and sophomore Trenton Wood throwing a fantastic game.

It took all of that and more for Troy to beat Sidney’s Ryan Penley.

SIDNEY

Devin Blakely, Dylan Cascaden and Nick Sanders combined to manufacture the game’s only run in the bottom of the sixth inning as both starting pitchers dominated the opposition, and Zach Kendall struck out the side looking with a man on in the seventh to close out a 1-0 victory over the Yellowjackets in Sidney that puts the Trojans in next week’s Division I sectional championship game.

After both teams used their aces in their first-round games — with Troy being forced to expend both Ben Langdon and Kendall in an 11-inning win over Piqua — Penley and Wood

MIAMI COUNTY

“We played good and aggressive,” Cahill said. “We didn’t hit as many fly balls as we have been. We hit a lot of ground balls, moved guys around on the bases and made them make plays. I think our aggressiveness on the basepaths really helped.”

The first two batters of the game set the tone. Cameron Johnson singled to lead off, and Zack Blair went up to bunt him over to second. Blair dropped down a nice bunt and had it beat out anyway, but the third base-

man launched the ball over the first baseman’s head — and Johnson came all the way around to score on the play.

The Devils (25-4) finished that inning with three runs and added three more in the second — which was plenty for Ben Hughes. After nine days without the ball in his hand, Hughes threw five innings of one-hit ball, striking out six. Johnson finished the final two innings.

Carter Langdon was 2 for 4 with a double to lead the offense, which had seven hits but made the most of its chances.

Tippecanoe takes on either Greenville or Ben Logan in Thursday’s sectional title game at Tecumseh High School.

■ Softball

Division IV

Covington 16, Botkins 0

COVINGTON — Once the Buccaneers started, they couldn’t be stopped — much like the entire regular season.

Covington hopes it will be that way the rest of the postseason, too.

The top-seeded Buccs (26-0) scored five runs in the first

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■ MLB



AP PHOTO

Cincinnati Reds’ Brandon Phillips hits a sacrifice fly in the tenth inning to score the go-ahead run against the Miami Marlins in Miami Thursday.

Reds keep rolling

MIAMI (AP) — On the verge of a second successive series sweep, the Cincinnati Reds encountered a ninth-inning blip.

First Mat Latos gave up a triple, ending his bid for a complete game. Then closer Aroldis Chapman gave up another triple, sending the game into extra innings.

But the Reds bounced back in the 10th, scoring three times to complete their second three-game sweep in a row by beating the Miami Marlins 5-3 Thursday night.

NL RBI leader Brandon Phillips homered in the sixth inning and drove in the go-ahead run with a sacrifice fly in the 10th.

“We wanted to win the game in nine,” Phillips said. “We could have just put our heads down, but we went with the flow.”

Latos and two relievers combined on a six-hitter. After Chapman (3-1) blew a save for the first time in nine chances, J.J. Hoover gave up a run in the 10th but earned his third save.

Pinch-hitter Donald Lutz led off the 10th with a single against Steve Cishek (1-4). Following a walk, a bunt and an intentional walk, Phillips lifted a flyball for his second RBI of the night and 36th of the season.

Jay Bruce followed with a two-run double and finished with three RBIs.

■ See REDS on 15



Troy’s Devin Blakely is hit by a pitch Thursday against Sidney. Blakely did not have an official at-bat in the game, getting hit in both trips, and he scored the game’s only run.

■ See TROJANS on 16

■ Track and Field

CCC title still up for grabs after Day 1

Staff Reports

After one day of the Cross County Conference meet, things are still very much up in the air as plenty of schools put themselves in good position to make a move after Thursday’s opening night at Twin Valley South.

Host Twin Valley South currently leads the boys standings with 35 points after four scored events, Miami East is second with 30, odds-on favorite Covington suffered a pair of injuries and sits in third with 25

and Bethel is in striking distance in fourth with 21.

Sophomore Devon Hazely continued to perform well for Bethel, winning the long jump (20-3).

“That was his PR by two feet,” Bethel coach Brad Clendenen said. “We worked on his steps a little this week, and it seemed to pay off.”

“We qualified really well today, too. We went one-two in

the 100, one in the 200, one in the 400 and one in the 4x100 and 4x200. We’re in good shape, but it’s wide open.”

Mack Rose won the pole vault for Miami East’s boys (13-6) to help put the Vikings near the top of the leaderboard. Covington’s best finisher on Thursday was Trent Tobias, who was second in the pole vault (13-0) — but the Buccaneers loaded up on qualifiers, as well, and remain the team to beat in all likelihood.

On the girls side, Miami East has 21 points after three scored

events, with Covington and Bradford tied for second with 16.

Miami East’s girls had no champions Thursday, but the 4x800 team finished second (10:33.14), Leah Dunivan was third in the high jump (4-10) and Megan Kinnison was fourth in the discus (101-5.25). Covington’s girls 4x800 team won in 10:20.43, while Bradford’s Shay LaFollette won the high jump (5-0) to account for most of their points.

The finals are Saturday at Twin Valley South.