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TODAY'S TIPS

• COACHING SEARCH: Milton-Union High School has varsity football assistant coaching positions available, including offensive and defensive coordinator. Please send a letter of interest and resume with coaching experience via email to head coach Mark Lane at lanema@milton-union.k12.oh.us. The application deadline is May 10.

• COACHING SEARCH: Milton-Union High School is accepting e-mails of interest regarding the position of head varsity girls basketball coach. Please send a letter of interest and resume to kooglert@miltonunion.k12.oh.us.oh by May 3.

• SOFTBALL: The Troy Recreation Department is currently accepting registrations for the 2013 Summer Adult Softball Leagues at Duke Park. Registration is by team only. To register your team, call Carrie Slater at the Troy Recreation Department. The deadline to register is Tuesday.

• GOLF: Anyone interested in joining the Miami Shores Nine-hole Ladies Golf League should come to the organizational meeting at 10 a.m. Tuesday. The meeting will be held at the Miami Shores Clubhouse in Troy. League play begins May 7. For more information, call Gail Florence at 332-7467.

• GOLF: Troy Post 43 American Legion baseball is hosting a golf scramble May 19 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.

• 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 vacanies: 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@lehmancatholic com

• SOFTBALL: Summer slow-pitch softball leagues to be played at Mote Park in Piqua are now forming. Games will be Thursdays for men's leagues and Fridays for co-ed leagues. Contact Dan Hathaway at (937) 418-8585 for more information.

Track and Field **Coming of age** M-U boys 5th at home invite BY JOSH BROWN WEST MILTON

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Trevor Klosterman, much like his Milton-Union teammates, went into the Bulldog Classic not expecting much.

Saturday changed all of that. Klosterman, a senior that is long jumping for the first season, bested his personal record by a full yard, jumping 19-3.25 to win the long jump by two inches and help Milton-Union grab a fifthplace finish at the Lowry Complex Saturday.

According to Milton-Union Michael Meredith, coach Klosterman was becoming disenfranchised with the long jump and was even thinking of dropping it leading into the week.

"He's been struggling in the long jump all year, been around 15 or 16 feet," Meredith said. "I

Major League Baseball

told him to just stick to this and it would happen. And it happened today. He beat his PR by three feet."

"It just took a lot of practice, I guess, to get the steps down." Klosterman said. "Now that I'm rolling, I'm going to keep progressing from here. Now that I've got the steps, the form will come. Nothing but up from here on out."

It's not the first time a Bulldog senior has had success in his first year of the long jump, either.

"Trevor's a first-year senior. I was excited for him to come back to track, because he did it when he was younger," Meredith said. "Chris McGrath — another firstyear senior that won the district



STAFF PHOTO/JIM HOUSER

Milton-Union's Trevor Klosterman competes in the long jump at See BULLDOGS on A8 the Bulldog Classic Saturday in West Milton.

Trojans win pair Johnson goes 8 for 9 at the plate Staff Reports

Baseball/Softball

KETTERING — Troy has been Jekyll and Hyde at the plate this season.

Jekyll showed up Saturday.

The Trojans got some lateinning heroics from Dylan Cascaden Friday night in a 4-3 win over Springfield, then on Saturday Troy ripped the ball off the cover, pounding out 32 hits and compiling 27 runs in two victories against Fairmont.

Greg Johnson was the catalyst behind the Troy offense, putting up video game numbers at the plate. He finished the two games 8 for 9 with two triples, three runs and five RBIs.

TODAY

No events scheduled

MONDAY

Baseball

Butler at Troy (5 p.m.) Tippecanoe at Spr. Shawnee (5 p.m.) Tri-County North at Miami East (5 p.m.) Springfield Cavs at Troy Christian (5 p.m.) Ansonia at Covington (5 p.m.) Sidney at Piqua (5 p.m.) Newton at Bradford (5 p.m.) Softball Butler at Troy (5 p.m.) Tippecanoe at Spr. Shawnee (5 p.m.)

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Ansonia at Covington (5 p.m.) Sidney at Piqua (5 p.m.) Bradford at Minster (5 p.m.) Tennis Miamisburg at Troy (4:30 p.m.)

Urbana at Tippecanoe (4:30 p.m.) Milton-Union at Northmont (4:30 p.m.) Piqua at St. Marys Memorial (4:30 p.m.)

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Reds fall agai Nationals hand Reds 3rd-straight loss

take away from this loss to the Washington Nationals is that the Reds got a two-out RBI sinthey got more than one hit.

Center fielder Denard Span made pair of impressive catches to halt Reds rallies, Bryce Harper hit a two-run homer and scored twice and Dan Haren had his best start of the young season as the Nationals beat the Reds 6-3 Saturday.

The Reds manager nine hits after being one-hit in dropping each of the first two games of the series.

"We're getting there," Reds manager Dusty Baker said.

Trailing 6-2 in the seventh, gle from pinch-hitter Todd Frazier off Tyler Clippard to make it 6-3. Shin-Soo Choo then walked to load the bases and Jack Cozart hit a laser to leftcenter, but Span's running catch ended the threat.

In the sixth, after Choo homered to lead off and Cozart singled, Span thwarted the rally when he raced to the wall in leftcenter and made a jumping catch to take at least an extrabase hit away from Joey Votto.

"I got a great jump on both of

WASHINGTON (AP) — The "We're close, we're big time those balls," Span said. "On most the Cincinnati Reds could close." Votto, I was already playing deep, respecting his power. I'm not sure if the ball would have went over, but I was prepared to bring it back if it did go out."

Added Baker: "(We were) two hits away, had it not been for Span, from tying that game up or even going ahead. Those were two heck of a plays. Very rarely do you see two Web Gems in one game."

Brandon Phillips had three hits and ended the Reds 17inning scoring drought in the fourth when he singled home

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Troy won the opener 12-7, then got down early in Game 2, before exploding for 15 runs in the final five innings to complete a 15-5 six-inning victory.

In Game 1, the Trojans led by a score of 8-0 heading into the bottom of the fourth. The Firebirds responded with seven runs in the inning to close the gap to 8-7. But Troy took control from that point on, closing with four runs in the final three innings for the win.

"At that point in the game, it was 8-7 (after four innings)," Troy coach Ty Welker said. "We responded by scoring runs and continuing to put the pressure on them. It's good for a team to do that. They were making a comeback, and we were able to go out and still produce runs."

In that 12-7 win, Troy's Collin Moeller went 3 for 4 with two doubles, two runs and an RBI. Nick Sanders homered, Devin Blakely went 3 for 3 with three runs and two RBIs and Joey Benson added a double. Trenton Wood was the winning pitcher for

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Royals take down Indians, 3-2

Ervin Santana pitched seven scoreless innings, Salvador Perez hit a two-run homer and the Kansas City Royals held on to beat the Cleveland Indians 3-2 Saturday night. See Page A8.



Nashville Predators' Daniel Bang, right, and Columbus Blue Jackets' Dalton Prout chase a loose puck during the first period Saturday in Columbus.

National Hockey League **Jackets come up 1 point short**

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Columbus misses playoffs despite winning Saturday

COLUMBUS (AP) — Jack Johnson scored the go-ahead goal with 4:48 left and the Columbus Blue Jackets capped a remarkable turnaround with a 3-1 victory over the Nashville Predators on Saturday.

Coming into the night, the Blue Jackets were tied for eighth in the West with Minnesota, each with 53 points. But the Wild clinched

the final playoff spot with a 3-1 win over Colorado Saturday.

Detroit beat Dallas on Saturday and clinched the No. 7 seed.

The Blue Jackets were on the short end of tiebreakers against both the Wild and Red Wings.

Billed as the biggest regular-season game in franchise history, the Blue Jackets were shut out by Chris Mason before scoring three times in the third period to go 8-1-0 in their final nine all with the specter of a playoff spot hanging over them.

Brandon Dubinsky tied it early in the period and Cam Atkinson added an empty-netter.

Sergei Bobrovsky, a contender for the Vezina Trophy given to the NHL's top goaltender, made 19 stops. Shea Weber had the goal for the Predators, who threw a scare into the Blue Jackets but finished 1-9-1 in their last 11.

Atkinson helped set up the decisive goal by playing keepaway with the puck before

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