

# SPORTS

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## CORRECTION

In the tennis season preview article on March 26, the Milton-Union boys tennis coach was incorrectly identified. Roger Davidson is coaching the Bulldogs this season. The TDN apologizes for the error.

## TODAY'S TIPS

- **TENNIS:** The Troy Tennis Association is now forming spring and summer leagues for the 2010 season. All levels are welcome for men's and women's; singles, doubles and mixed doubles. For information, call Max Brown at (937) 689-1938, or for more information about the Troy Tennis Association, go to [troytennis.net](http://troytennis.net). The membership drive will run through April.
- **SOFTBALL:** Troy Recreation Department is currently accepting registrations for the 2011 Summer Adult Softball League. The deadline to register a team is March 31. For more information, call Carrie Slater at 339-5145.
- **TENNIS:** Wittenberg University's men's and women's tennis teams have scheduled a free clinic for boys and girls ages 9-17 for April 6. The clinic will take place from 5-7:30 p.m. at Wittenberg's David and Georgiana Albright Tennis Complex. Players of all skill levels are welcomed to participate, and racquets will be made available to those who do not have their own. Participants will be divided into beginner, intermediate and advanced groups. The deadline to sign up is March 30. Call head coach Justin Stuckey at (937) 327-6453 or contact him via e-mail at [jstuckey@wittenberg.edu](mailto:jstuckey@wittenberg.edu) for more information or to sign up.
- **RUNNING:** The Orange Crush Distance Camp will be June 26-29 at YMCA Camp Willson in Bellefontaine. The cost of the camp for residents is \$270 and \$200 for commuters. Call about team discounts if you have five or more registrations from the same team. For more information and a printable registration form, visit [www.summer-runningcamps.com](http://www.summer-runningcamps.com). For any other questions, call or e-mail Greg Zumberger at (937) 726-9465 or [gzumberg@heidelberg.edu](mailto:gzumberg@heidelberg.edu).
- **COACHING SEARCH:** Troy Christian High School is looking for a head varsity girls basketball coach. Interested parties should send a resume and cover letter to athletic director Mike Coots or contact him at [mcoots@troychristianschools.org](mailto:mcoots@troychristianschools.org).

## SPORTS CALENDAR

**TODAY**  
 No events scheduled

- MONDAY**
- Baseball**
  - Tecumseh at Troy (5 p.m.)
  - Milton-Union at Waynesville (5 p.m.)
  - Newton at Lehman (5 p.m.)
  - New Knoxville at Covington (5 p.m.)
  - Riverside at Troy Christian (5 p.m.)
  - Bradford at New Bremen (5 p.m.)
  - Softball**
  - Milton-Union at Waynesville (5 p.m.)
  - Tecumseh at Miami East (5 p.m.)
  - Newton at Lehman (5 p.m.)
  - Dixie at Bethel (5 p.m.)
  - Piqua at TBA (at Florida) (2 p.m.)
  - Bradford at New Bremen (5 p.m.)
  - Tennis**
  - Troy at Centerville (4:30 p.m.)
  - St. Marys Memorial at Lehman (4:30 p.m.)

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## Butler going back to Final Four

Of course Butler erased a late deficit. Of course the Bulldogs hit a clutch 3-pointer late in overtime. Of course they're going back to the Final Four. This is the Butler Way. See Page B2.

## Baseball

# Armed and ready

## Troy counting on pitching this year

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### MIAMI COUNTY

Troy coach Ty Welker knows exactly what the Trojans will be counting on this season. "We're only going to be as good as our pitching," he said. But the Trojans have an experienced staff full of leaders returning this season as the team will look to fill a number of key roles vacated by graduation and improve on its 10-17 overall record from a year ago.

Seniors Trey Barkett, Doug Burchfield and Dhaval Shah will make up the starting rotation to begin the year. Barkett was a solid starter for the Trojans last season, with Burchfield making the transition from closer to starter. And Shah, who lettered as a sophomore, returns to the team to lend even more experience on the hill.

Senior Michael Swigart also  
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STAFF FILE PHOTO

Troy's Doug Burchfield will make up one-third of the Trojans' starting rotation this season.

## Boys Track and Field



OHIO COMMUNITY PHOTOS/MIKE ULLERY

Troy's Taylor Markowitz passes the baton ahead to teammate Meg Quintana during the 4x1,600 relay Saturday at the Tipp Relays.

# Trojans start strong

Staff Reports

All it took was one day. The battle between the Troy and Butler girls got started Saturday at the season-opening Tippecanoe Relays, with Troy taking first with 73 points to Butler's runner-up 69.

### TIPP CITY

"We were down three or four going into the last relay race, and we got second with Butler not scoring," Troy girls coach Kurt Snyder said. "It (winning the meet) feels good. We have a lot of kids missing because of spring break, and we didn't even enter a relay in three events — and still we ended up winning."

■ See TIPP RELAYS on B3



Miami East's Leah Dunivan clears the bar in the high jump relay Saturday at the Tipp Relays.

The Newton Indians celebrate their state championship victory last season at Firestone Field in Akron. Newton returns all but one starter this season as it begins its quest for a repeat. STAFF FILE PHOTO



## Softball

# Back to reality

## Indians prep for run at state repeat

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### PLEASANT HILL

The party's over. Newton coach Kirk Kadel made sure his team knows that it's time to get back to work. "I asked the girls how many runs we get per game for being the state champs," he said. "They looked around at each other con-

fused for a minute, then someone said 'none.' And I said that's right.

"Then I asked them who was in the Super Bowl two years ago (the Indianapolis Colts and New Orleans Saints) and what happened to them both in their first

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## Softball



STAFF FILE PHOTO

Troy senior Haley Gwin will make the transition from center field to shortstop this season.

# Loaded with leaders

## Veteran squad for Troy this year

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Experience is often the most overlooked aspect when it comes to sports.

But when it comes down to it, having good senior leadership and experience can sometimes lead you to the promised land.

Troy is hoping that's the case this year, as the combination of experience, young talent, and a new attitude instilled by new coach Scott Herman looks to have the program headed in the right direction.

### MIAMI COUNTY

And with seven seniors back, the Trojans could be in prime position to make a run at the Greater Western Ohio Conference North division crown.

"We have seven seniors, and if we can get some solid senior leadership out of them, anything is possible," Herman said. "I've wanted this (Troy) job for a while now. And I'm so happy to be here. It's just a great community and a great place to be."

"Troy is the largest school in Miami County, and its athletic programs have a great tradition of producing talent and competing for the GWOC North. I'm

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