

Track and Field

Bees start strong at 6-team meet

Staff Reports

WEST MILTON

The Bethel Bees performed well in their first meet of the season, a six-team meet at Milton-Union on Tuesday. The Bethel girls finished third with 73.5 points, while the boys were fourth with 83.

Milton-Union won the boys (130), Troy Christian was third (91), Bradford was fifth (57) and Newton was sixth (42.5). On the girls side, Milton-Union was fourth (60), Troy

Christian was fifth (17) and Newton was sixth (eight).

The Bethel boys 4x100 team of Jason Clendening, Jacob Tumey, Andrew Hurst and Derrick Diddle broke the school record with a time of 45.2 seconds, winning the race.

"Unofficially, since it was hand timing instead of automatic," Bethel coach Brad Clendening said. "But we beat it by 0.3 seconds, so

I think it's safe. It was our first meet of the year, and I was pretty happy with how we ran. We're still a little out of shape."

Hurst also won the 200 (23.7 seconds) and was second in the 100 (11.5 seconds), and Diddle won the 400 (54.3 seconds). Chris Morris was second in the discus (113-8), and Eric Landes was second in the 800 (2:14).

For Bethel's girls, Maddie Ellerbrock won the long jump (15-7.5),

Savannah Swisher was second in the shot put (30-3) and Marieke Van Haaren was second in the 3,200 (14:35). The 4x200 team of Ashlyn Bird, Courtney Golden, Courtney Schmidt and Bailey McCabe won (2:02), and the 4x800 team of Ellerbrock, Lydia Hart, Jill Callahan and Van Haaren was second.

Bethel will have a limited lineup at Miami East Friday before traveling to Cedarville on Saturday.

Softball



STAFF PHOTO/COLIN FOSTER

Miami East pitcher Paige Kiesewetter (front) delivers a pitch Tuesday against Newton. Madison Linn stands behind.

Baseball

Baseball



Troy's Cam Weaver makes a catch during a game against Piqua Tuesday at Hardman Field in Piqua.

CONTINUED FROM 15 cost them a shot at even more.

"We have to learn the difference between being content and wanting more. We have to always want more," Troy coach Ty Welker said. "The way we were hitting the ball at the beginning, we weren't thrilled about only getting two (runs). You can't leave a scrappy team like that in a ballgame."

Especially with the way Austin Reedy threw after those first two innings.

Reedy finished with six strikeouts and two walks, giving up seven hits in five-plus innings of work — five in the first two innings.

"After he got through those first two innings, he settled down and threw a whale of a game," Piqua coach Jared Askins said. "A lot of hitters have trouble with his delivery angle, and his ball moves quite a bit. He did a nice job of keeping them off balance." "He took control," Welker said. "That's the danger of letting a team like this hang around. He had us swinging at his pitches, the ones he wanted us to, not ours, and he had us out on our front feet a lot."

Troy's Zach Kendall, meanwhile, found himself in genuine trouble for one of the few times this season.

After two solid innings, Reedy drove in Piqua's first run on a sac fly to cut



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Troy's Alex Magoteaux celebrates after hitting an RBI double that plated the game-winning run Tuesday at Piqua.

the lead to 2-1 in the third, then Piqua loaded the bases with one out in the bottom of the fourth.

But Kendall made a big play at a big moment when the Indians attempted a suicide squeeze bunt. The bunt was popped in the air, and Kendall broke quickly, caught it and threw to first to complete an inning-ending double play.

"That was huge. That changes the momentum of the whole game," Welker said. "They had the top of their order coming up after that, so that was a really dangerous situation. If we don't end it there, who knows when we get another out?"

But Reedy set the Trojans down in order in the fifth, and the Indians kept fighting. Noah Gertner led off the bottom of the inning with a double, advanced to third on a groundout and eventually a walk put runners on the corners with two outs. Buddy Nix then sat back and waited on a curveball, lacing it up the middle to tie the score.

"We've talked as a team about not being tough enough, about not showing enough heart," Askins said. "Over these last couple of games, I can see that we're getting tougher."

At that point, though, Troy got tough, too.

Alex Magoteaux led off the sixth with a walk and took second on an errant pickoff attempt, then Greg Johnson ripped a single over the shortstop's head to bring in the go-ahead run and chase Reedy. And in the seventh, two walks to start the inning both came back to hurt Piqua. Ian Nadolny drove in one of them with an RBI groundout and Magoteaux followed that with a two-out RBI double.

"It was a nice way to respond when they put the pressure on us," Welker

said. "We weren't starting our offense ourselves. That's not how I'd like to do it, though. That's why we weren't all that happy with only getting two in the first two innings."

Kendall was solid throughout, giving up two earned runs on seven hits and four walks while striking out seven.

"Zach threw a nice game," Welker said. "He fought with himself and struggled a little, but if he can struggle and we can still win a game, I'll take it."

Troy travels to West Carrollton on Friday, while the Indians (1-6, 0-2) host a doubleheader against Fairmont.

"It's a game of opportunities, and we didn't get the job done," Askins said. "We had opportunities in multiple innings to score. But there's no need to look in the rearview mirror. It's done, and we move on. Today just wasn't our day. Hopefully the next one will be."

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Kendall and Nadolny. Reedy, Gordon (6) and Nix. WP — Kendall. LP — Reedy. 2B — Cascaden (T), Sanders (T), Magoteaux (T), Gertner (P). HR — Moeller (T). Records: Troy 6-3, 2-0, Piqua 1-6, 0-2.

ME-Newton

CONTINUED FROM 15 worked out of some situations. Defensively, we weren't perfect but we were good enough."

"It just seemed like we couldn't get a hit when we needed one," Newton coach Kirk Kadel said. "If we scored a couple runs, it may have made a difference. I think with us being so young, the pressure kind of got to us a little bit. We made some good plays, though."

The Vikings got on the board in the third inning when a sacrifice bunt by Sam Denlinger was overthrown to first, allowing Sarah O'Neal to score from second. Lindsey Brookhart had an RBI single a few batters later, then Madi Linn looped a single to right to score Brookhart and make it 3-0.

Denlinger was hit by a pitch to open the fifth inning, then was brought home on an RBI single by Linn, who had two hits and two RBIs on the day.

The Vikings picked up two more runs in the sixth as Kris Bigelow began the inning with a triple. After an infield hit by Paige Mullen, O'Neal scored them both with an two-run double, which made

the score 6-0. East added three more insurance runs in the top of the seventh — with O'Neal and Kiesewetter each adding RBIs.

The Vikings had 10 hits in the game, while Newton finished with five.

Bigelow had two hits and two runs, Brookhart added two hits, two runs and a stolen base.

"We swung the bat well Saturday, and we were hoping we could continue that (against Newton)," Brian Kadel said. "We've seen Burden four years now, there have some 0-0 games going into the ninth inning, and we know she's good. Any chance we get to hit the ball against a good pitcher, we're happy. We did a good job of sitting back and waiting on the pitch and driving. We got a good day at the plate from everybody."

Miami East and Newton both continue CCC play Thursday. The Vikings host Tri-Village and the Indians travel to take on National Trail.

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Kiesewetter and O'Neal. K. Burden and Oaks. WP — Kiesewetter. LP — K. Burden. 2B — O'Neal (ME). 3B — Kris Bigelow (ME).

Tennis

Troy rebounds

Staff Reports

MIAMI COUNTY

TROY — Troy bounced back from a tough match the day before, beating Lebanon 4-1 in Greater Western Ohio Conference crossover action.

At first singles, Luke Oaks defeated Chris Raikes 6-3, 6-3. At second singles, Chris Schmitt defeated Zach Payton 6-3, 4-6, 6-1. At third singles, Jesse Wright defeated Andrew Downey 6-0, 6-2. At second doubles, Hidekazu Asami and Matt Schmitt defeated Joush Oakes and Kyle Kempf 6-2, 6-0.

Troy's only loss came at first doubles, where Matt Odom and Ben Franer defeated Matt Alexander and Ian Stutz 7-5, 6-3.

"(I was) very pleased with the play of Jesse Wright at third singles and our second doubles team of Hidekazu Asami and Matt

Schmitt," Troy coach Mark Goldner said. "Luke played smarter tennis today, as did Chris Schmitt in learning to win a three-set match."

Tipp 4, KR 1 SPRINGFIELD — Tippecanoe took down Kenton Ridge 4-1 Tuesday in Central Buckeye Conference play, remaining undefeated at 4-0.

Sam Bollinger won his first singles match against Noah Icenhour 6-1, 6-3. Jacob Belcher beat Zach Sterzenvach 6-0, 6-0 at second doubles. Tipp's Hailey Winblad lost her third singles match to Mike Kulasekara 2-6, 6-2, 7-6 (9-7).

At first doubles, Tipp's Adam Southers and Michael Keller won 6-1, 6-1 and at second doubles, Jon Lin and Doug Lehnkuhl defeated Jared Marin and Brandon Phillips 6-1, 6-3.

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