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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. The membership drive will run through April.
- **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. For any other questions, call or e-mail Greg Zumberger at (937) 726-9465 or 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@troychristian-schools.org.

SPORTS CALENDAR

TODAY
Baseball
 Troy at Sidney (5 p.m.)
 Tippecanoe at Tecumseh (5 p.m.)
 Carlisle at Milton-Union (5 p.m.)
 Greenon at Bethel (5 p.m.)
 Piqua at Stebbins (5 p.m.)
Softball
 Troy at Sidney (5 p.m.)
 Tippecanoe at Tecumseh (5 p.m.)
 Carlisle at Milton-Union (5 p.m.)
 Greeneview at Bethel (5 p.m.)
 Xenia at Piqua (5 p.m.)
Tennis
 Stebbins at Troy (4:30 p.m.)
 Milton-Union at Franklin (4:30 p.m.)
 CJ at Lehman (4:30 p.m.)
Track
 Miami East, Bethel at Northwestern (4:30 p.m.)

THURSDAY
Baseball
 Tippecanoe at Ben Logan (5 p.m.)
 Preble Shawnee at Milton-Union (5 p.m.)
 Miami East at Ansonia (5 p.m.)
 Covington at Bethel (5 p.m.)
 Xenia Christian at Troy Christian (5 p.m.)
Softball
 Troy at Fairborn (5 p.m.)
 Tippecanoe at Ben Logan (5 p.m.)
 Preble Shawnee at Milton-Union (5 p.m.)
 Miami East at Ansonia (5 p.m.)
 Tri-County North at Newton (5 p.m.)
 Covington at Bethel (5 p.m.)
 Lehman at Minster (5 p.m.)
Tennis
 Tippecanoe at Spr. Shawnee (4:30 p.m.)
 Waynesville at Milton-Union (4:30 p.m.)
 Beaver Creek at Piqua (4:30 p.m.)
 Elida at Lehman (4:30 p.m.)

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Lamb goes out a lion for UConn

Jeremy Lamb wasn't at the top of Jim Calhoun's recruiting wish list. The Connecticut coach had his eye on another Lamb: Doron Lamb, along with his future Kentucky teammate, Brandon Knight.

The lanky guard with the long arms turned out to be a nice consolation prize.

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Reds off to 4-0 start, beat Astros

The last time the Reds got off to such a good start, they ended up winning the World Series.

Chris Heisey drove in three runs, and the Reds used a patient approach at the plate to beat the Houston Astros 8-2 on Tuesday night for their best start in 21 years.

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Softball

Multi-dimensional Troy sees it all, does it all in win

BY COLIN FOSTER
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Troy coach Scott Herman preaches a concept that he calls two-dimensional softball.

In fact, Herman said it to nearly every Troy batter as they approached the plate on Wednesday — sometimes more than once.

"I don't want our players to go up and have just one swing at the ball," Herman said. "I want our players to see the inside pitches and outside pitches, recognize where the ball is in the zone and try to go a certain way

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with it. We had 16 hits tonight — all over the field, and that's what we are talking about."

The Trojans (3-1, 1-0 Greater Western Ohio Conference North Division) displayed several dimensions Tuesday, including fine pitching, strong defense, a catcher with a rocket arm — and above all, a balanced hitting attack — in their 13-3 five-inning run-rule victory over Sidney at Market Street Diamond to open GWOC North play.

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STAFF PHOTO/ANTHONY WEBER

Troy's Shelby Schultz runs the bases during Tuesday's win over Sidney at Market Street Diamond.

Baseball



STAFF PHOTOS/ANTHONY WEBER

Troy's Devin Blakely heads home Tuesday during the Trojans' 4-3 victory over Sidney at Market Street Field.

A sweet surprise

Intentional walk leads to walk-off Trojan win

BY JOSH BROWN
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Nathan Helke got exactly what he was expecting.

Nick Antonides was caught off guard a bit. Either way, everything worked out in the Troy Trojans' favor.

Helke blasted a game-tying homer to lead off the bottom of the sixth right after Sidney had seemingly claimed all of the momentum in the top of the inning, then the Yellow Jackets intentionally loaded the bases for Antonides — who had homered earlier — in the bottom of the seventh, and Antonides came through with a game-winning fielder's choice to give the Trojans a 4-3 walk-off Greater Western Ohio Conference North Division win.

"It surprised me a little," Antonides said of the free pass to set the table for him. "I guess they just underestimated us a little."

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Troy's Trey Barkett pitches to Sidney Tuesday.

Golf

Feeling lucky?

Augusta opening up ticket app process next year

BY JOEL WALKER
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AUGUSTA — Feeling lucky? For the first time, the Masters will sell a small amount of daily tournament tickets beginning next year.

The application process for both practice round tickets and the daily tickets will be handled only through the tournament's web site, www.masters.com.

TDN AT THE MASTERS

This means golf fans now have three opportunities to visit Augusta National — for practice rounds, for daily tournament play and for the four days (series badge holders) of the tournament.

Practice round tickets have been sold through a random selection process since 1995, and the list of patrons who buy the four-day series badges has been

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Tennis

Devils remain perfect

Staff Reports

TIPP CITY — The Tippecanoe Red Devils had little trouble staying perfect Tuesday, sweeping Greenon 5-0.

At first singles, James Trevino won 6-0, 6-0. At second singles, Sam Bollinger won 6-0, 6-0. At third singles, Jacob Belcher won 6-1, 6-0.

The most drama came at first doubles, where Nick Dennuzo and Tyler Heinl held off the Knights in the third set to win 6-1, 2-6, 6-4. At second doubles, Blake Sowry and Joe Coughlin won 6-1, 6-4.

MIAMI COUNTY

Tippecanoe, now 3-0, travels to Kenton Ridge today.

Milton-Union 5, Dixie 0

WEST MILTON — Milton-Union improved to 2-0 on the year with a 5-0 win over Dixie Tuesday.

At first singles, Marshall Winterbotham won 6-1, 6-0. At second singles, Chad Kroplin won 6-0, 6-0. At third singles, Noah Barth won 6-1, 6-1. At first doubles, Kevin Brackman and Jack Blevins won 6-0, 6-2. At second doubles, Kenton Dickison and Craig Hollis won 6-2, 6-0.

Milton-Union travels to Franklin today.