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TODAY'S TIPS

• GOLF: The Troy Junior Strawberry Festival Golf Tournament is Sunday at Miami Shores Golf Course. The deadline to sign up is Thursday.

• 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

• 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.

SPORTS CALENDAR

TODAY Division III Sectional Northwestern at Miami East (5 p.m.) **Division IV Sectional** Troy Christian at Arcanum (5 p.m.) Bradford vs. Tri-County North (5 p.m.) Lehman vs. Botkins (5 p.m.) Bethel at Riverside (5 p.m.) Covington at Russia (5 p.m.) Softball **Division I Sectional** Lakota East at Piqua (5 p.m.) **Division III Sectional** Milton-Union at Miami East (5 p.m.) **Tennis Division I Sectional** at Troy Troy, Tippecanoe, Piqua (9 a.m.) Troy, Piqua at GWOC (at Northmont) (1:30 p.m.)

THURSDAY Baseball **Division I Sectional** Troy vs. Sidney (5 p.m.) **Division II Sectional** Urbana at Tippecanoe (5 p.m.) Softball **Division II Sectional** Northwestern at Tippecanoe (5 p.m.) **Division IV Sectional** Botkins at Covington (5 p.m.) Lehman vs. Russia (at Fairlawn) (5 p.m.) Bradford at Fort Loramie (5 p.m.) Catholic Central at Newton (5 p.m.) Bethel at Tri-Village (5 p.m.) Track

Milton-Union at SWBL (at Preble Shawnee) (4:15 p.m.) Miami East, Bethel, Newton, Covington,

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Bradford at CCC (at TBA) (4:30 p.m.)

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Reds top Marlins, win 4th straight

Homer Bailey pitched a six-hitter to earn his first victory since April 5, and the Cincinnati Reds extended their winning streak to four games by beating the Miami Marlins 6-2 Tuesday night.

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■ Tennis

Together again

3 Bulldogs advance to semis

BY JOSH BROWN

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After splitting up last postseason and playing singles during the regular season this year, Kenton Dickison and Jack

Blevins have teamed up again. The other doubles teams at the Division II sectional tournament found out what that

The Milton-Union doubles

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team - seeded No. 2 for the tournament — overpowered its way through the first two rounds and into Saturday's semifinals, joining returning state qualifier Matt Brumbaugh by automatically qualifying for next week's district tournament Tuesday at Troy High School.

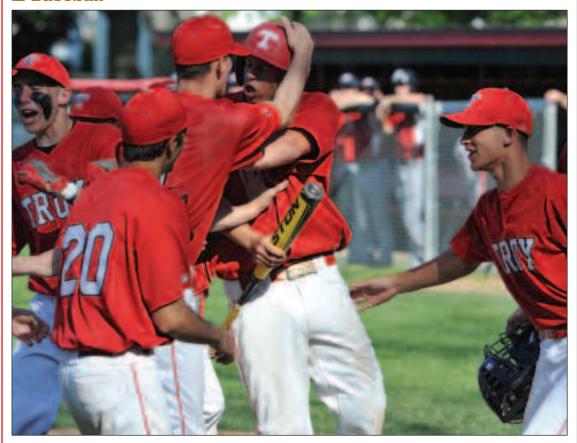
Dickison and Blevins, both



STAFF PHOTO/ANTHONY WEBER

Milton-Union's Matt Brumbaugh hits a forehand Tuesday during a ■ See TENNIS on 16 Division II sectional tournament match at Troy Community Park.

Baseball



Members of the Troy Trojans celebrate at home plate Tuesday after Dylan Cascaden (center) hit a solo home run Tuesday against Piqua in a Division I sectional tournament game at Hardman Field.

A special win

McGraw's single in 11th propels Troy past Piqua

BY COLIN FOSTER

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With runners at first and second with one out in the bottom of the 11th inning, Troy's Kevin McGraw, who was 0 for 3 at the time, came to the plate.

"I was just trying to get a single," said McGraw about how he approached his final at-bat. "I wasn't trying to do anything special. I was just trying to get that run in."

What McGraw did, however, turned out to be pretty special.

PIQUA

McGraw hit an RBI single to score Ian Nadolny to lift the Trojans to a 5-4 victory over rival Piqua in the opening round of Division I sectional play Tuesday night at Hardman Field.

Troy moves on to face Western Greater Conference North foe Sidney, a 9-3 winner over Beavercreek, at

5 p.m. Thursday. "I think the lesson learned for our guys is, you know, there's always going to be moments where you can step up, and if you don't do it once, (that chance) is going to come up again," Troy coach Ty Welker said. "I think I pinch-hit for him in the sixth inning. He's been struggling, so I pinch-hit for



Troy first baseman Kevin McGraw catches a pop fly Tuesday at ■ See TROY-PIQUA on 16 Hardman field against Piqua.

Baseball

Red Devils walk past **Rams**, 17-1

 $Staff\,Reports$

TIPP CITY — Top-seeded Tippecanoe walked — quite literally - past No. 12 Trotwood in the Division II sectional tournament, drawing 17 free passes either via walk or hit-batters in a 17-1 opening-round victory Tuesday at home.

The Red Devils (24-4) posted 17 runs on only four hits, but they made them count. Zack Blair had a bases-loaded double

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and drove in four runs on the day, Austin Hadden had a double and two RBIs and Carter Langdon had a two-run single.

Reid Ferrell struck out six in four innings of work to improve to 5-0 on the year, and Steven Calhoun struck out two in an inning of work.

"Steven hasn't thrown for a while and we got him in for an inning, so that's a good thing," Tippecanoe coach Bruce Cahill said. "Reid threw really well, and we had no errors. Those are all

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■ Track and Field

Tipp 4x800 sets CBC record

Staff Reports

Tippecanoe got off to a roaring start at the Central Buckeye Conference meet Tuesday in Bellefontaine.

Rick Andrews, Grant Koch, Sam Wharton and Mitchell Poynter coasted to victory in the 4x800 relay (8:00.45) — beating the previous CBC record (8:06.1) by six seconds. And that's not even their best time of the year.

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Currently, the Tipp 4x800 team has the fastest time of any division in the state (7:57.05).

Also for the Tipp boys, Max McDonald finished runner-up in the pole vault (12-6).

Allison Sinning, Claudia Barhorst, Emily Wolfe and Erica Comer combined to win the 4x800 relay (10:02.63), winning by a 15-second margin. Brianna Heilman placed eighth in the high jump (4-8) and Lacey Loges took seventh in the shot (29-

The CBC meet resumes Friday in Bellefontaine.

Softball

Trojans fall to Fairborn in first round

 $Staff\,Reports$

FAIRBORN — Troy capitalized on enough of its many chances to hold a one-run lead with two innings to play.

The Trojans needed to cash in a few more, though.

Fairborn (10-17)tied Monday's game up in the bottom of the sixth and plated the gamewinner in the seventh to oust the Trojans from the Division I sec-

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tional first-round tournament, 5-

Troy drew nine walks in the game and had seven hits.

"It's the same story as the rest of the season: seven hits, nine walks, that's 16 baserunners. We just couldn't cash them in," Troy coach Megan Campbell said. "Multiple times we had the bases loaded and couldn't get the runs than them, and in my opinion I thought we played the better game. We just didn't cash in enough of our chances."

Alex Wilt drew three walks herself, Megan Schreiber doubled, Maggie McClurg was 2 for 3 and Amber Smith was 1 for 2 for the Trojans, who finished

Campbell's first season at 11-15. a much clearer picture of what "We're going to miss our seniors a lot," Campbell said. "It was

in. We had way more on base a very tearful night. A lot of the way we gelled as a team, how we picked each other up, that came through their leadership. We'll have some holes to fill not only on the field, but in the dugout."

But the experience was still good, and not just for the younger Trojans.

"After this first year, we have

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