

# SPORTS

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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](http://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](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@troychristian-schools.org](mailto:mcoots@troychristian-schools.org).
- **SUBMIT-A-TIP:** To submit an item to the *Troy Daily News* sports section, please contact Josh Brown at [jbrown@tdnpublishing.com](mailto:jbrown@tdnpublishing.com).

## SPORTS CALENDAR

**TODAY**  
**Baseball**  
 Kenton Ridge at Milton-Union (DH) (noon)  
 Xenia Christian at Newton (DH) (noon)  
 Northwestern at Bethel (DH) (noon)  
 Covington at Lehman (DH) (11 a.m.)  
 Stivers at Troy Christian (DH) (11 a.m.)  
 Tecumseh at Piqua (DH) (11 a.m.)  
 Bradford at Marion Local (DH) (11 a.m.)  
**Softball**  
 Tippecanoe at Siegel, Tenn. (11 a.m.)  
 Tippecanoe at Lincoln County, Tenn. (1 p.m.)  
 Brookville/Miami East at Milton-Union (11 a.m.)  
 Versailles at Newton (noon)  
 Bethel at Greenon (DH) (11 a.m.)  
 Covington at Lehman (DH) (11 a.m.)  
 Troy Christian at Mississinawa Valley (DH) (10 a.m.)  
 Bradford at Marion Local (DH) (11 a.m.)  
**Track**  
 Troy, Milton-Union, Troy Christian, Lehman at Tippecanoe Invitational (10 a.m.)  
 Bradford at Versailles Invitational (boys only) (9 a.m.)

**SUNDAY**  
 No events scheduled

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## Butler, VCU both live on defense

That Butler and VCU proudly wear the same small-conference, lovable underdog label is readily apparent.

Less obvious is their shared devotion to the not-so-sexy practice of hard-nosed, aggressive defense — long a trademark of Butler's game but much more of a surprising late-season development from the running, gunning Rams.

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## Hamlin, Johnson own Martinsville

Denny Hamlin and Jimmie Johnson have combined to win the last nine races at Martinsville Speedway, a streak that's annoyed most of their competitors.

Could it really be that two guys are that much superior, and the 41 others have no chance at winning on NASCAR's oldest active track? See Page B4.

## Softball



Troy's Rachel Good (20) and Brooke Guillozet (26) congratulate each other after scoring on a double during the third inning Friday against Miamisburg.

# Cold air, hot bats

Trojans can't cool off Viking hitters in 14-4 loss

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Even the frozen air couldn't cool off Miamisburg's bats.

The Vikings sent nine batters to the plate in three straight innings, capitalizing on four Trojan errors and pounding out

## TROY

16 hits and handing Troy its first loss of the season, 14-4 in five innings Friday at a frigid Market Street Diamond.

The Trojans (2-1) committed dropped two fly balls and misplayed another that turned into a double early on to put Miamisburg on top, but in the

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Troy's Mackenzie Dankworth crosses the plate in the third inning Friday against Miamisburg.

## Baseball

# Caught looking

## Miamisburg rallies past Troy; Milton-Union gets first win

Staff Reports

## MIAMI COUNTY

TROY — It was Troy's biggest offensive display of the year so far.

But it was also a lack of aggressiveness in key spots that cost the Trojans.

Troy was caught looking on third strikes six times Friday — four of them with runners in scoring position — while Miamisburg posted three seventh-inning runs and held on for a 6-5 victory Friday over the Trojans at Market Street Field.

All told, Troy (2-2) struck out nine times in the game. But with the tying run in scoring position in the bottom of the seventh inning, it was two straight called third strikes that proved the most hurtful.

"You're not going to win a lot of games when you do that," Troy coach Ty Welker said. "We took too many called third strikes today.

"Offensively, we didn't play

when we needed to play. Once we got the lead, we needed to put more runs on the board."

Both teams fought back and forth early on. Miamisburg put a run on the board in the top of the first, but Troy scored a pair in the bottom of the inning to grab a 2-1 lead. Two more Viking runs in the top of the third put Miamisburg back on top, but once again Troy fought back in the bottom of the inning with another pair to take a 4-3 lead.

"We battled back and got the lead back, but then we didn't do anything with it," Welker said.

But a rough top of the seventh inning for the Trojans sealed their fate. Miamisburg plated three runs with the help of some rare-yet-costly errors, and Troy's rally in the bottom half of the inning fell short.

"We weren't as crisp as we

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Troy's Nick Antonides runs the bases as the ball is hit in front of him Friday against Miamisburg.

## MLB



AP PHOTO

Chicago pitcher Will Ohman reacts as Cleveland's Carlos Santana runs the bases after hitting a two-run home run Friday in Cleveland.

# Chisox hold off Indians

CLEVELAND (AP) — Adam Dunn didn't care about his spring strikeout total or gigantic expectations attached to his huge contract.

Dunn was positive he would be ready by opening day.

He always has been like Babe Ruth.

Dunn homered and had four RBIs in his debut for Chicago, and Carlos Quentin homered and drove in five as the go-for-broke White Sox built a huge lead and held off Cleveland's scrappy comeback, beating the Indians 15-10 in their season opener Friday.

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## Softball

# Vikings, Bulldogs unbeaten

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SIDNEY — Miami East was able to find ways to win despite not cashing in its chances in its first two games.

Friday, they hit paydirt.

## MIAMI COUNTY

The Vikings (3-0) drove in runs in big situations against the Cavaliers, pulling away with five runs over the final three innings to win 7-2 Friday at Lehman.

"We definitely got key hits tonight when we needed them," Miami East coach Brian Kadel said. "We started off hot, and that

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