

TRI-CITY RED CONTINUES LEAGUE PLAY WITH 9-1 WIN OVER HAMLINE PURPLE

ST. PAUL, Minn. (June 27) -- Tri-City Red maintained their undefeated record in District 4 play on Wednesday night, when they defeated Hamline Purple 9-1 at Cretin Derham Hall High School. Red was led by Jonah Sparks, who went 3-3 with three runs scored and two stolen bases.

Red started the scoring right away in the first, when Ty Koehn drew a one-out walk and stole second. He advanced to third when John Solfest singled, and both scored when Ben Jepko ripped a double to put Red up 2-0. Jepko ended up scoring when Justin Langer singled to make it a 3-0 lead.

Red added three more in the fourth, when all nine batters batted, with three hits in the inning, including a one-out single from Sparks and an RBI single from Langer.

Red tacked on one run in the fifth, when Sparks doubled and scored on a double off the bat of Channing Cole. Their final two runs came in the seventh, when Sparks led off with a walk and stole second base. He scored when Channing Cole singled and moved to second on an error by the third baseman. Cole would score when, after stealing third base, the throw got by the third baseman, making it a 9-1 lead for Red.

There wasn't much needed from the Red pitching staff on the night, as they were able to get four different pitchers into the game, starting with Scott Kalthoff, who pitched the first three innings, giving up four hits and one earned run, which was a solo home run to left. He was relieved by Ty Koehn, who allowed just one hit through two innings. Matt Herold pitched the sixth, while Brett Bateman struck out all three batters that he faced in the seventh to nail down the win.

After taking a day off, Red will be back in action on Friday afternoon when they travel to Fargo, ND for the Fargo-Moorhead Invitational. Their first game will be at 3 p.m. rematch against Coon Rapids at Jack Williams Field in Fargo. They will then play the 8 p.m. game against the host team, Fargo Post 2. To complete pool play, Red will play a doubleheader on Saturday morning, when they face Alexandria and Watertown, SD.

June 26, 2018, Game 11:

TC -- 300 310 2 -- 9 12 2
HP -- 001 000 0 -- 1 5 5

Tri-City Red: Kalthoff, Koehn (4), Herold (6), Bateman (7); Stenstrom
Hamline Purple: Milosch, Davis (4); Mooney

WP - Scott Kalthoff (2-0)

LP - Grayson Milosch

TCR league record, 4-0, Overall: 9-2

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