

TRI-CITY RED SWEEPS DAY TWO OF FARGO-MOORHEAD INVITATIONAL

FARGO, N.D. (June 30) -- After a heartbreaking loss to Fargo on Friday night, Tri-City Red rebounded on just a few hours of sleep to sweep both of their games on Saturday at the Fargo-Moorhead Invitational. Red started the day with a 4-0 win over Alexandria before breaking out the big bats to beat Watertown 16-4.

In the first game, Red scored right away in the bottom of the first inning, when Brett Bateman and Ty Kohen led off with back-to-back walks. After a single from Carter Traczyk loaded the bases, Ben Jepko hit a sacrifice fly to right field to score Bateman and put Red on the board. A few batters later, Matt Herold ripped a single that plated both Koehn and Traczyk to make it a 3-0 lead.

The score was still 3-0 in the bottom of the sixth, when Channing Cole hit a one-out single and advanced to third on two wild pitches. He scored when Bateman singled to make it a 4-0 lead, which was plenty for Red pitcher John Solfest, who threw a complete game, giving up four hits and recording five strikeouts.

The second game was interesting, as Red took an early lead, but then allowed Watertown to come back and take the lead, before making a massive comeback to take the game. The major turning point was Justin Langer's at-bat in the sixth inning, when he stepped to the plate with two runners on base and Red trailing 4-1. He took one swing of the bat and laced his second home run of the weekend to right field, to tie the game.

Red would pile on runs in the seventh, scoring 10 on eight hits, with 15 batters stepping to the plate. Jake Christopherson, who was entering his second inning of work, went to the mound after that -- and shut down the Watertown offense, allowing just one hit, to pick up the win.

Red will play on Sunday, but their opponent, as well as time and location, won't be determined until Saturday night, after all the other games are complete.

Game 14

Fargo Tournament Game 3

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TCR -- 300 001 X -- 4 6 0

Tri-City Red: Solfest; Herold

WP - John Solfest (1-0)

LP - Blake Hoelscher

Game 15

Fargo Tournament Game 4

TCR -- 001 005 10 -- 16 17 3

WAT -- 000 310 0 -- 4 11 1

Tri-City Red: Folska, Herold (5), Christopherson (6); Stenstrom

WP - Jake Christopherson (1-1)

LP - Brayden Shriver

HR, Red: Langer (three-run, sixth inning)

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