

TRI-CITY RED OPENS KARNAS KLASSIC WITH 8-0 WIN OVER MINNEAPOLIS POST OFFICE

RICHFIELD, Minn. (July 6) -- Tri-City Red opened the Richfield Karnas Klassic with an 8-0 win over the Minneapolis Post Office 'B' team. The game ended after five innings, due to the tournament's 8-run rule.

Red jumped on the opposing pitcher early, as Brett Bateman opened the game by reaching on an error, advancing to second (when Jonah Sparks hit a ground ball to second that was booted), and then advancing to third on a flyout by John Solfest. Bateman scored on a sacrifice fly off the bat of Ben Jepko, to put Red up 1-0.

Red piled on three runs in the second, thanks to five stolen bases, two wild pitches and two passed balls, along with two walks. In addition, Channing Cole, Matt Herold and Hunter Ault each had hits, with Ault driving in Jake Christopherson, who was running for Matt Herold.

Red added four more in the fourth inning, as they batted 10 guys, with hits coming from Bateman, Jepko, Ault and Ty Koehn. Jepko's single picked up two runs batted in, while Jonah Sparks stole third and scored on a throwing error by the catcher. The final run came when Koehn singled to score Jepko.

Koehn also got the job done on the mound, pitching all five innings, giving up just two hits and recording six strikeouts. He did it all with under 70 pitches.

Red will play in the semifinals of the tournament on Saturday night, when they take on the Richfield Academy Stars (based at Holy Angels) at 8 p.m. at Richfield High School.

Game 17: July 6, 2018 Richfield Tournament Game 1

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Red: Koehn; Herold

WP- Ty Koehn (3-0)
LP - #10

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