

TRI-CITY RED KNOCKS OFF TRI-CITY MAROON 14-6, CLINCHES DISTRICT 4 CHAMPIONSHIP

Saint Paul, Minn. (July 17) -- Just four days after losing to its Tri-City stable-mate, Tri-City Red used a nine-run sixth inning to top Tri-City Maroon 14-6 and clinched the 4th District league championship. This is the 16th regular season title for Red in the team's history.

Red trailed throughout most of the game, but in the sixth they brought out the bats, scoring nine runs in the inning on seven hits. Jonah Sparks, Brett Bateman, Ben Jepko, Cole Stenstrom, Channing Cole and John Solfest all had singles, while Sparks also had a double in the inning.

Sparks finished the game 4-4 with three singles, two runs scored and one run batted in -- to lead the way for Red on offense. Matt Strong pinch-hit for Cole in the fifth and delivered a clutch single that brought in two runs to tie the game.

Josh Bonde got the start for Red and pitched six innings, allowing two earned runs on five hits and recording six strikeouts. Cole Stenstrom came on in the top of the seventh and allowed two hits and one run to preserve the lead for Red.

After taking Wednesday off, Red will be back in action on Thursday when they face Rosetown at the Rosetown Legion Field. First pitch is scheduled for 6 p.m.

Game 26: July 17, 2018 League Game 10

TCM -- 121 010 1 -- 6 7 3
TCR -- 012 029 X -- 14 17 3

Maroon: Irving, Jorgenson (6); Strong
Red: Bonde, Stenstrom (7); Herold

Winning Pitcher: Josh Bonde (5-0)
Losing Pitcher: Dylan Irving

TCR Record: 20-6 (9-1 League)

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