

TRI-CITY RED ADVANCES IN SUBSTATE 8 TOURNAMENT WITH 5-4 WIN OVER LINO LAKES

New Brighton, Minn. (July 25) -- Top-seeded Tri-City Red moved into the winner's bracket final of the Substate 8 playoff tournament, with a gritty 5-4 win over the No. 4 seed Lino Lakes on Wednesday night at Irondale High School.

After falling behind 1-0, Red took the lead in the bottom of the second, when Justin Langer singled. He scored when Ty Koehn hit a triple to right field that missed being a home run by about a foot. Koehn would score when Cole Stenstrom reached on a dropped third strike, to put Red in the driver's seat.

Red added an insurance run in the fourth, when Stenstrom doubled -- and after Channing Cole walked, Jonah Sparks singled to score Stenstrom. In the top of the fifth, Red gave up two runs to tie the game, but they got those back in the bottom of the inning, when John Solfest led off with a walk, advanced to second on a Ben Jepko single and advanced to third when Carter Traczyk sacrifice bunted.

Solfest scored when Justin Langer hit a sacrifice fly to left field, while Koehn singled to bring in Jepko. Red did allow a run in the sixth, but Koehn came in for the seventh and pitched a clean inning to end the game.

Red will play the winner's bracket final on Thursday night against No. 2 Stillwater. If Red wins, it advances to the championship on Saturday afternoon. First pitch on Thursday is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. at Irondale HS.

Game 31: July 25, 2018 (SS8 Playoff Game 2)

LL -- 010 030 0 -- 4 5 1
TC -- 020 120 X -- 5 8 0

TCR: Bonde, Herold (5), Koehn (7) and Stenstrom.

Winning Pitcher: Matt Herold
Losing Pitcher: Casey Lieser
Save: Ty Koehn

TCR Record: 24-6-1

Other Substate 8 Scores

#7 Chisago Lakes 5, #6 Forest Lake 3 (Forest Lake eliminated)
#5 Tri-City Blue 10, #8 Arcade-Phalen 3 (Arcade-Phalen eliminated)
#2 Stillwater 12, #3 Tri-City Maroon 0 (5 innings)

Thursday Schedule (All games at Irondale)

#5 Tri-City Blue vs. #3 Tri-City Maroon 12:30 p.m.
#7 Chisago Lakes vs. #4 Lino Lakes 3:00 p.m.
#2 Stillwater vs #1 Tri-City Red 5:30 p.m.

[Link to Bracket](#)

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