

## TRI-CITY RED WINS TWICE ON DAY ONE OF STATE TOURNAMENT

**Edina, Minn. (August 2)** -- Tri-City Red opened its 2018 state tournament run with two wins on Thursday, beginning the day with a 3-2 win over Mankato National -- and ending it with a 4-1 come-from-behind win over Alexandria.

In the Mankato game, both teams scored in the first, with Red scoring three times, starting with a solo home run from John Solfest. Ben Jepko followed with a walk, after which he advanced to second on a balk, before scoring on a single from Carter Traczyk. He would later score when Channing Cole drew a bases-loaded walk.

On the mound, it was Ty Koehn getting things done, pitching six innings, allowing just one earned run while recording three strikeouts. John Solfest came on for the seventh and pitched a scoreless inning. The final out (and big play) came with two outs in the seventh, when a Mankato runner tried to score on a passed ball, but Cole Stenstrom chased the ball down, gunning it to Solfest who alertly covered the plate, to end the game. (All three outs actually came as a result of plays at home plate by Red -- the first out being a fielder's choice [with no outs and bases loaded], when Jepko fielded a ball hit towards first, then firing it home for the out. The second out was a failed suicide squeeze by Mankato, for which Red was fully ready.)

In the second game, Red trailed all the way into the fifth, after Alexandria hit a leadoff home run in the first. Red, however, found a way to score two runs in the fifth, when Will Rogers delivered a double that scored Justin Langer; Rogers then advanced to third on the throw. He scored on a wild pitch to put Red in the lead.

Red added two more runs in the sixth inning, thanks to four hits, including a two-RBI single from Matt Herold, which gave Red some much-needed breathing room.

In the seventh, Brett Bateman finished off his complete game with a three-up-three-down inning to pick up the win -- and putting Red solidly in the winner's bracket.

Red now plays on Friday at 6 p.m. at Braemar Field in Edina against the host team, Edina.

### **Game 34: August 2, 2018 (State Tournament Game 1)**

Mankato -- 100 000 1 -- 2 5 0  
TC Red -- 300 000 X -- 3 7 3

Red: Koehn, Solfest (7); Herold, Stenstrom (7)

Winning Pitcher: Ty Koehn  
Losing Pitcher: Evan Furst  
Save: John Solfest

**Game 35: August 2, 2018  
(State Tournament Game 2)**

Alexandria -- 100 000 0 -- 1 5 0  
TC Red -- 000 022 X -- 4 8 1

Red: Bateman; Herold

Winning Pitcher: Brett Bateman  
Losing Pitcher: Matthew Carlsen

TCR Record: 28-6-1

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