

TRI-CITY RED BEATS EDINA, ADVANCES TO WINNER'S BRACKET FINAL

Edina, Minn. (August 3) -- Tri-City Red beat host Edina 2-0 on Friday night at Braemar Field to advance to the winner's bracket final of the 2018 Minnesota American Legion Division 1 State Tournament, thanks to a complete game one-hit performance from John Solfest, who recorded five strikeouts.

Red scored its first run in the first inning, when Brett Bateman reached on a fielder's choice, moved to second on a single from Solfest and advanced to third when Ben Jepko drew a walk. Bateman scored on a wild pitch to put Red up 1-0.

Red struck for another run in the fourth when Justin Langer singled, advanced to second on a single by Hunter Ault and moved to third on an error by the first baseman. He scored when Jonah Sparks singled to double Red's lead.

Solfest failed to allow a hit to Edina until the fifth inning, when Cam Schmidt doubled to center field, but Solfest bounced back to strike out Jay Chockrek to end the inning.

Red now advances to the winner's bracket final against Wayzata. That game is scheduled to be played on Saturday evening at 6 p.m. at Braemar Field. If Red wins, the team will move into the state championship game on Sunday -- and will also guarantee advancement to the Regional tournament in Dickinson ND (because both the champ and runner-up advance.) A loss will put the team in the loser's bracket final on Sunday morning, for a second chance to move into the state championship game.

Game 36: August 3, 2018 (State Tournament Game 3)

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Red: Solfest; Herold, Stenstrom (6)
Edina: Bishop, O'Brien (6); Brown

Winning Pitcher: John Solfest
Losing Pitcher: Drew Bishop

TCR Record: 29-6-1

Full tournament results: <https://www.legionbaseballhub.com/state-tournaments>

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