

TRI-CITY RED SUFFERS FIRST LOSS IN STATE TOURNAMENT, 4-2 TO WAYZATA

Edina, Minn. (August 4) -- In a repeat of the 2017 season, Tri-City Red suffered its first loss in the state tournament on Saturday evening with a 4-2 loss to Wayzata. As a result, Red will face fellow District 4 team, Rosetown, in the losers' bracket final on Sunday at 10 a.m. for a spot in the Central Plains Regional next week in Dickinson, N.D.

Red had trouble getting things going on offense, failing to score a run until the bottom of the seventh inning, when Justin Langer led off with a single to bring Will Rogers to the plate. Rogers hit a home run to left field to cut the Wayzata lead to two runs, but Wayzata was able to get out of the inning thanks to a game-ending double play.

Red got a strong start from Josh Bonde, who pitched five innings, allowing three earned runs on five hits and three strikeouts. Hunter Ault pitched the sixth, allowing one hit and striking out one batter, before Jake Christopherson came in to pitch the seventh, recording two strikeouts and a walk.

Red will face Rosetown on Sunday at 10 a.m. at Braemar Field in Edina in a game with high stakes. The winner will not only advance to the regional tournament, but will face Wayzata at 12:30 for the state championship. This is the same position that Red found itself in last year, when the team beat Eden Prairie and Ham Lake, back-to-back, on the final day of the state tournament to advance to last year's regional.

Game 37: August 4, 2018 (State Tournament Game 4)

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Tri-City Red -- 000 000 2 -- 2 7 1

Wayzata: Westermeyer, Kaye (7); Grochala
Tri-City Red: Bonde, Ault (6), Christopherson (7); Herold

Winning Pitcher: Sam Westermeyer
Losing Pitcher: Josh Bonde
Save: Nick Kaye

TCR Record: 29-7-1

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

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