

TRI-CITY RED DROPS OPENING GAME AGAINST WEST FARGO AT CENTRAL PLAINS REGIONAL 6-5

Dickinson, ND. (August 8) -- Tri-City Red suffered a heartbreaking walk-off loss at the hands of the West Fargo Patriots on Wednesday evening at Astoria Field, in the first round of the Central Plains Regional Tournament.

It was close the whole game, with Red getting on the board in the top of the second, when Ben Jepko led off with a single, advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt from Justin Langer and scored on a double from Will Rogers. Red added a run in the third when Brett Bateman drew a one-out walk and scored when Carter Traczyk ripped a double to extend the lead to 2-0.

After West Fargo scored three runs in their half of the third, Red put up two in the fourth, as Matt Herold hit a one-out double -- and after Jonah Sparks drew a walk, and Brett Bateman singled to load the bases for Traczyk, who delivered a single to score Herold and Sparks, putting Red back in front. The team added another run in the fifth, when Ty Koehn reached on a fielder's choice, then scored on a single from Sparks.

Koehn also pitched five innings, giving up three earned runs on eight hits and recording five strikeouts.

West Fargo was able to scrape together three runs in the bottom of the seventh to beat Red, to put the team in the loser's bracket, where it will get a third match-up with Wayzata in the last five days. First pitch is scheduled for 11 a.m. Mountain time (12 p.m. Minnesota time.) A live video stream will be available on the American Legion YouTube page.

Game 40: August 8, 2018 (Central Plains Regional Game 1)

Tri-City Red -- 011 210 0 -- 5 13 1
West Fargo -- 003 000 3 -- 6 12 0

Tri-City Red: Koehn, Solfest (6); Herold
West Fargo: Bourassa, Roehrich (4), Beyl (6), Faircloth (6); Mertz

Winning Pitcher: Jake Faircloth, West Fargo
Losing Pitcher: John Solfest, Tri-City Red

TCR Record: 31-8-1

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