

TRI-CITY RED TAKES SECOND PLACE AT BURNSVILLE SNAKE PIT TOURNAMENT

BURNSVILLE, Minn. (June 24) -- Tri-City Red split its two games on Sunday to take second place at the Burnsville Snake Pit Tournament. The day started with a 3-2 walk-off win over Eden Prairie, before Red lost to Coon Rapids in the championship 10-0 in five innings.

The first game was the closest game that Red played all tournament, as the game was tied at two heading into the seventh inning. Eden Prairie had a runner on third with one out but grounded the ball to a drawn-in John Solfest at shortstop, who threw a strike to catcher Matt Herold, to keep the game tied.

Red loaded the bases in the bottom of the inning, thanks to a leadoff triple from Brett Bateman, an intentional walk issued to Solfest, and a walk to Justin Langer. That loaded the bases for Ben Jepko, who patiently waited for a pitch to hit that never came, as he drew a walk bringing in the winning run -- and putting Red back in the championship game for the second straight year.

In the championship game, Red ran into a good-hitting Coon Rapids team and fell into an early hole that they were unable to dig their way out of. Among those who performed well for Red was Solfest and Carter Traczyk, who both went 2-3. Hunter Ault pitched another solid game, pitching the final two and two-thirds innings, giving up just two earned runs on seven hits, to hold down the Coon Rapids offense.

Red will be back in action this week for three games, before heading to Fargo on Friday morning. The week will start on Monday, when Red hosts North St. Paul at Mounds View High School. First pitch is set for 6 p.m.

Game 7, June 24, 2018

TOURNAMENT SEMIFINAL

EP -- 100 001 0 -- 2 4 0

TC -- 010 010 1 -- 3 10 0

EP: Anderson, Lamberty (6); Pokrzywinski

TC: Solfest, Bonde (5); Herold

WP - Josh Bonde (2-0)

LP - Matthew Lamberty

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TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP

CR -- 016 12 -- 10 13 2

TC -- 000 00 -- 0 7 2

CR: Peterson; Kopp, Reif (5)

TC: Langer, Ault (3); Rogers

WP - Bryce Peterson

LP - Justin Langer (1-1)

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