

MATT HEROLD GRAND SLAM LEADS TRI-CITY RED PAST PARK RIVER ON DAY TWO OF FM INVITATIONAL

Moorhead, Minn. (June 29) -- Matt Herold hit a grand slam in the bottom of the sixth inning to spur Tri-City Red to a 10-3 win over Park River (ND) on Saturday afternoon. The game was called in the top of the sixth inning due to an incoming storm.

It was a slow start for Red; through the fourth inning Red had no runs, and only two hits, and Park River led the Red crew by a score of 3-0.

In the fifth, however, Red bats woke up. It started with Jonah Sparks drawing a one-out walk. He scored when Ike Mezzenga ripped a triple to left-center field, cutting the Park River lead to 3-1. Mezzenga then scored on a wild pitch to make it 3-2.

Each of the next three batters walked to load the bases for Matt Herold, who made a pinch-hitting appearance. He took the second pitch he saw and deposited it over the left field fence for a grand slam, to push Red into the lead, 6-3.

Red continued the scoring in the top half of the sixth, as Brett Bateman led off with a single, before advancing to third on two consecutive wild pitches. Sparks and Mezzenga both drew walks to load the bases for Channing Cole, who drove in three runs with a single; he took second on the throw home. Cole Stenstrom then singled, to move Cole to third. A sacrifice fly by Ben Kettelhut scored Cole, to put Red into double digits, leading 10-4.

After the first Park River batter grounded out in the bottom of the sixth, the game was called by the umpires, when a large flash of lightning and clap of thunder occurred overhead. Being beyond the fifth inning, it constituted a complete game, with Red being the victor.

Trevor Rankin picked up the win, going the first four innings and allowing only 4 hits and one walk. Cole Stenstrom pitched the final one and one-third inning, chalking up two strike outs and allowing no hits, before the game was called.

The ensuing severe storm and heavy rain made the fields at Matson and Jack Williams unplayable for the rest of the day; thus, the tournament schedule was revised, in an effort to give each team at least four games, total, for the weekend. As such, Red will wrap up the Fargo-Moorhead Invitational at 1 p.m. Sunday against the Moorhead Blues. The game will be played at Bucky Burgau Field on the campus of Concordia College in Moorhead. (Play at Young Field in West Fargo, which has a turf infield, was expected to resume on Saturday night; leaving that field available on Sunday for rescheduled Jack Williams pool games.)

Game Summary, June 29, 2019:

Season Game #11 (Fargo-Moorhead Tournament Game #3)

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Tri-City Red: Rankin, Stenstrom (5); Abercrombie, Herold (5)
Park River: Zalvaney, Backer (5), Sobolik (6); Wood

Winning Pitcher: Trevor Rankin (1-0)
Losing Pitcher: Adam Zalvaney

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Tournament Scores through Saturday night:

Matson Pool

Friday:

Watertown 7, Mandan 3
Millard West 10, Park River 0 (5 innings)
Tri-City Red 6, Watertown 3
Tri-City Red 10, Millard West 4
Moorhead 5, Mandan 0
Moorhead 5, Park River 0

Saturday:

Millard West 13, Mandan 9
Tri-City Red 10, Park River 3 (5-1/2 innings complete)

Sunday's Revised Schedule

(all games at Concordia College in Moorhead):

8:00 am - Mandan vs Park River
10:30 am - Watertown vs Millard West
1:00 pm - Moorhead vs Tri-City Red
3:30 pm - Moorhead vs Watertown

Jack Williams Pool

Friday:

Brainerd 4, Plover 2
Bloomington Gold 12, Brainerd 6
Plover 5, Manitoba Select 3
St. Michael 7, Bloomington Gold 6 (9 innings)
Fargo 3, Manitoba Select 2
Fargo 12, St. Michael 4 (5 innings)

Saturday:

St. Michael 5, Brainerd 3
St. Michael 6, Manitoba Select 4

Sunday's Revised Schedule

(all games at Young Field in West Fargo):

8:00 am - Manitoba Select vs Brainerd
10:15 am - Plover vs Bloomington Gold
12:30 pm - Fargo vs Plover
2:15 pm - Fargo vs Bloomington Gold

Young Field Pool

Friday:

Coon Rapids 6, Superior Reds 5
Sioux Falls East 9, Coon Rapids 4
Alexandria 9, Superior Reds 2
Sioux Falls East 5, West Fargo 4
Alexandria 9, Upper Manitoba 1
West Fargo 8, Upper Manitoba 0 (5 innings)

Saturday:

Sioux Falls East 7, Upper Manitoba 1
Superior Reds 6, Upper Manitoba 4
(Rain Delay)
Sioux Falls East 13, Alexandria 11 (9 innings)
Alexandria 12, Coon Rapids 5 (supposed final; score reported as of top of 7th)
West Fargo 13, Superior Reds 8
Coon Rapids 12, West Fargo 3 (7 innings; game ended at 1:35 a.m. Sunday morning)