TRI-CITY RED DEFEATS MOORHEAD, EARNS FM INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Moorhead, Minn. (June 30) -- Tri-City Red took home a 5-1 win over the Moorhead Blues on Sunday afternoon at Matson Field, to finish the FM Invitational undefeated. Tournament organizers awarded Red the tournament championship, due to Red having allowed less total runs (11) than the other two pool winners. Fargo won the Jack Williams pool (4-0, 12 total runs allowed), and Sioux Falls won the Young Field pool (4-0, 20 total runs allowed).

It didn't take long for Red to get the scoring started against Moorhead, as in the top of the first, Brett Bateman doubled to start the game -- before advancing to third on a fly out from Jonah Sparks. After John Solfest worked a walk, Bateman scored on a wild pitch, to put Red up 1-0.

After Moorhead tied the game in the bottom of the fourth, Red turned up the heat in the top of the sixth. Isaac Mezzenga drew a one-out walk to start things off, and he advanced to third on a double from Carter Traczyk. Both Mezzenga and Traczyk then scored on a single from Channing Cole, to open up another Red lead, 3-1.

Cole Stenstrom then doubled, before advancing to third, when Matt Herold reached on a fielder's choice at home plate. Stenstrom scored on a throwing error by the pitcher to third base, to push the lead to 4-1.

Red added an insurance run in the seventh; Bateman doubled to lead off the inning, before advancing to third on a wild pitch. He scored when Mezzenga grounded out to the pitcher.

Mezzenga, in addition to his RBI, got the start on the mound, going four and two-thirds of an inning, and allowing three hits and one run. He gave way in the fifth to Cole Stenstrom, who slammed the door shut to pick up the win.

Red now gets the week off due to the Fourth of July before returning to action after the holiday.

Game Summary, June 30, 2019:

Season Game #12
(Fargo-Moorhead Tournament Game #4)

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Tri-City Red: Mezzenga, Stenstrom (5); Herold
Moorhead: Hegg, Haphey (6); Gunkel

Winning Pitcher: Cole Stenstrom (1-0)
Losing Pitcher: Quinten Hegg

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Tournament Scores, through Sunday:

Matson Field 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:
    Mandan 9, Park River 8 (at Concordia College)
    Watertown 7, Millard West 2
    Tri-City Red 5, Moorhead 1
    Moorhead 2, Watertown 1

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: (all games at Young Field in West Fargo):
Manitoba Select 4, Brainerd 1
Bloomington Gold 7, Plover 6
Fargo 13, Plover 6
Fargo 13, Bloomington Gold 0 (5 innings)

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 16, Coon Rapids 5
West Fargo 13, Superior Reds 8
Coon Rapids 12, West Fargo 3 (7 innings; game ended at 1:35 a.m. Sunday morning)

Final Tournament Results, through Sunday:

Matson Field Pool

	Record	Runs Allowed
1) Tri-City Red	4-0	11
2) Moorhead	3-1	6
3)* Watertown	2-2	13
4) Millard West	2-2	26
5) Mandan	1-3	33
6) Park River	0-4	34

Jack Williams Pool

	Record	Runs Allowed
1) Fargo	4-0	12
2)* St. Michael	2-2	25
3) Bloomington Gold	2-2	32
4) Team Manitoba Select	1-3	15
5) Brainerd	1-3	23
6) Plover	1-3	27

Young Field Pool

	Record	Runs Allowed
1) Sioux Falls	4-0	20
2) Alexandria	3-1	21
3)* Coon Rapids	2-2	33
4) West Fargo	2-2	25
5) Superior	1-3	32
6) Upper Manitoba	0-4	30

*Head-to-Head