RED TOPS MAROON IN TRI-CITY BATTLE

St. Paul, Minn. (July 10) -- Tri-City Red picked up a 6-0 win over District 4 rival Tri-City Maroon in a late night affair at CHS Field in St. Paul. Ike Mezzenga led the way with a bunt single in the fourth and a two-run home run in the fifth, while John Solfest turned in a complete game on the mound with 11 strikeouts.

It was a pitcher's duel early on, as both pitchers were trading zeroes on the scoreboard. Red finally broke the deadlock in the fourth, when Robert Hogan drew a leadoff walk. He advanced to second on Mezzenga's single, before stealing third base. Hogan scored on a double from Solfest, moving Mezzenga to third, who scored on an RBI groundout from Channing Cole. Solfest then scored on a groundout from Cole Stenstrom to make it 3-0.

In the fifth inning, Brett Bateman led off with a single before stealing second base; he advanced to third on an error by the catcher. After Carter Traczyk singled to score Bateman and was then caught stealing, Hogan picked up a single, then stole second base. Mezzenga followed with a home run blast off the concourse railing in right field, for his first home run of the Red season.

Those six runs were plenty for Solfest, who once again turned in a fine pitching performance, going all seven innings with three hits and 11 strikeouts, while allowing no runs and walking just one batter -- to pick up his second win of the season.

Red is back in action on Thursday, when it hosts Hamline Purple in a doubleheader. The first game will begin at 4 p.m., with game two starting shortly after conclusion of the first game. Both games will be at Mounds View High School, with each team being the home team for one game.

Game Summary, July 10, 2019:

Tri-City Red 6, Tri-City Maroon 0 Game #13

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Tri-City Red: Solfest, Herold Tri-City Maroon: Foley, Moe (6); Strong

Winning Pitcher: John Solfest (2-0) Losing Pitcher: Dan Foley

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