

RED RUNS WILD IN DOUBLEHEADER SWEEP OF HAMLINE PURPLE

Arden Hills, Minn. (July 11) -- Tri-City Red picked up two big wins on Thursday night over District 4 rival Hamline Purple. Red won the first game 11-1 and the second game 12-1 -- with both games only going five innings, due to the ten-run rule. Red is now 4-2 in Fourth District play and 13-2 overall.

In the first inning of game one, Red took advantage of three Purple errors and three wild pitches to push six runs across the plate. Red added two more unearned runs in the third to stretch the lead to 8-0.

In the bottom of the fifth, Jonah Sparks led off with a base hit and moved to second, when Robert Hogan was hit by a pitch -- for the second time in the game. After a strikeout, John Solfest drew a walk to load the bases. Ben Kettelhut picked up an RBI with a sacrifice fly, before Matt Herold ended the game with a walk-off double.

In game two, Red used a six-run fourth inning to blow even further past Purple, including a two-RBI triple from Jonah Sparks. He would come up with a big hit in the fifth as well, when he stepped to the plate with the bases loaded and hit an inside the park grand slam to push Red's lead to 12-0; Purple scored its lone run in the bottom of the fifth, which was not enough to extend the game beyond five innings.

Red exhibited skillful pitching in both games, as Brett Bateman pitched four strong innings in game one -- allowing three hits and no runs, with 10 strikeouts. John Abercrombie pitched the fifth, allowing one run on one hit in the inning. Game two saw Kettelhut pitch a gem, lasting four innings and allowing one hit and striking out four batters. He gave way to Hogan, who pitched the final no-hit inning.

Red returns to Fourth District play on Sunday afternoon when it hosts Rosetown in a makeup game. First pitch is set for 2:30 p.m. at Mounds View High School.

Game Summaries, July 11, 2019:

Game 1 of DH:

Tri-City Red 11, Hamline Purple 1

Game #14 / League Game #5

HP - 000 01 -- 1 4

TC - 620 03 -- 11 7

Hamline Purple: Skjold, Mollner (3); Gallaher
Tri-City Red: Bateman, Abercrombie (5); Herold

Winning Pitcher: Brett Bateman (4-0)

Losing Pitcher: William Skjold

**Game 2 of DH:
Tri-City Red 12, Hamline Purple 1
Game #15 / League Game #6**

TC - 101 64 -- 12 14

HP - 000 01 -- 1 1

Tri-City Red: Kettelhut, Hogan (5); Herold
Hamline Purple: Czech, Johns (5); Gallaher

Winning Pitcher: Ben Kettelhut (3-1)

Losing Pitcher: Joey Czech

Tri-City Red Record: 13-2 overall; 4-2 league.

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Thank you,

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