

## **TRI-CITY RED WRAPS UP REGULAR SEASON WITH DOUBLEHEADER SWEEP OF ARCADE-PHALEN**

**St. Paul, Minn. (July 19)** -- Tri-City Red wrapped up the regular season and won the Fourth District league championship on Friday night with a doubleheader sweep of District 4 rival Arcade-Phalen. The air temperature wasn't the only thing that was hot; so were Red bats. Red took game one by a score of 19-5, while game two was 14-2 in favor of Red. Both games were abbreviated by the 10-run rule, after 5 innings of play.

In game one, every Red starter recorded a hit, with Ike Mezzenga going 4-5 with two singles, a double and a two-run home run. Matt Herold went 3-4 with two singles and a double, while John Solfest was 2-4 with four runs batted in. Solfest also picked up the win, going four innings on the mound with six hits and five earned runs. John Abercrombie pitched the fifth, allowing 0 hits with one strikeout -- with Solfest taking over catching duties.

Things didn't cool off after that, as in game two, Red jumped on Arcade-Phalen early, scoring 10 runs in the first inning. Brett Bateman, Jonah Sparks and Carter Traczyk all reached base to start the inning, while John Solfest was hit by a pitch. Matt Herold walked to bring the first run in. Cole Stenstrom then took his turn at the plate -- taking the first pitch he saw, sending it for a bases-clearing triple. Red scoring continued from there, after John Abercrombie sent a single up the middle. In total, Red recorded eight hits in the inning, with 16 players coming to bat.

Bateman and Traczyk were both perfect in the game, as both went 4-4, with Bateman recording five runs batted in -- including a two-run home run in the 4th, his first. Herold started on the mound, pitching two no-hit innings, before turning things over to Mezzenga -- who pitched the final three innings, allowing one hit and recording two strikeouts.

Red wraps up the regular season with a record of 18-3 -- after winning a previously rained-out game versus Hamline Red via forfeit (due to Hamline being unable to make it up). The two wins against Arcade-Phalen gave Red the Fourth District league championship.

Red will open Substate 8 Tournament play on Tuesday at Chisago Lakes High School. Seeding was completed late Friday night, with Red getting the #1 seed; as such, Red will play Tri-City Blue (the #8 seed) at 8 pm, July 23rd, on Pat Collins Field.

### ***Game Summary, July 19, 2019:***

***Tri-City Red 7, Hamline Red 0 (forfeit)***

*Game #19 / League Game #10*

***Game 1 of Double-Header:***

***Tri-City Red 20, Arcade-Phalen 5 (5 innings)***

*Game #20 / League Game #11*

TC - 173 08 -- 19

AP - 000 50 -- 5

Red: Solfest, Abercrombie (5), and Herold, Solfest (5).

Arcade: Florhog, Pogreba (4), and McMahan.

Winning Pitcher: John Solfest

Losing Pitcher: Tobin Florhog

Home Runs: Ike Mezzenga

**Game 2 of Double-Header:**  
**Tri-City Red 14, Arcade-Phalen 2 (5 innings)**  
Game #21 / League Game #12

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TC - 10 2 0 2 x -- 14

Arcade: Wilebski, S. Smith (2), and Hadelman.  
Red: Herold, Kettelhut (5), and Abercrombie.

Winning Pitcher: Matt Herold  
Losing Pitcher: Ted Wilebski  
Home Runs: Brett Bateman

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