TRI-CITY RED MOVES ON IN WINNERS' BRACKET AFTER 6-0 WIN

LINDSTROM, *Minn.* (*July 24*) -- Tri-City Red won its second shut-out game of the 2019 Sub-State 8 tournament on Wednesday, beating Tri-City Maroon 6-0 (mirroring a score with Maroon from earlier this season). Red now plays Stillwater on Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at Mounds View High School.

Once again, Red got on the board first, as Jonah Sparks singled with one out in the bottom of the first -- and he then stole second base. Robert Hogan singled, moving to second on a throw to third, that saw Sparks retired. After Carter Traczyk drew a walk, Ike Mezzenga doubled, to drive in two runs.

Red added a third run in the third, as Brett Bateman singled and moved to second on a Sparks walk. After two strikeouts, Mezzenga picked up his third RBI of the night -- this one a single.

The final three runs came in the fourth, with Bateman picking up two RBI on a single. He would score on a single from Sparks, who would finish the night 2-2 with two walks. Bateman finished 2-4 with two RBI and two runs scored. Mezzenga was 2-3 with three RBI.

On the mound, John Solfest got the start and threw six innings of one-hit ball, with 10 strikeouts. Trevor Rankin came on for the seventh -- and pitched a shutout inning to preserve the win.

Red is now 2-0 in the Substate tournament and will face Stillwater on Thursday evening in the winners' bracket final, with the victor getting a spot in the Sub-State championship game. First pitch on Thursday is set for 5:30 p.m. at Mounds View HS.

Game Summary, July 24, 2019:

Tri-City Red 6, Tri-City Maroon 0 Game #23 / SS8 Playoff Game #2

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Tri-City Maroon: Foley, Gallagher (2), Moe (5); Strong

Tri-City Red: Solfest, Rankin (7); Herold

Winning Pitcher: John Solfest (4-0)

Losing Pitcher: Nate Foley

Full Scores from Sub-state 8:

Losers' Bracket: Chisago Lakes, 13, Arcade-Phalen 3 (full 7 innings) Forest Lake 7, Tri-City Blue 6

Winners' Bracket: Stillwater 4 Lino Lakes 3 Tri-City Red 6, Tri-City Maroon 0 Thursday schedule (Home team listed last); All games at Mounds View HS:

Losers' Bracket Elimination games:

Forest Lake vs. Lino Lakes - 12:30 p.m. Chisago Lakes vs. Tri-City Maroon - 3:00 p.m.

Winners/ Bracket:

Stillwater vs Tri-City Red - 5:30 p.m.

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