

TRI-CITY RED REPEATS AS SUBSTATE CHAMPIONS, ADVANCES TO STATE TOURNAMENT

Arden Hills, Minn. (July 27) -- For the second straight year, Tri-City Red won the Sub-State 8 tournament on Saturday afternoon at Mounds View High School, with a 5-2 win over Tri-City Maroon -- which had earned its way into the championship game with two wins on Friday, in the losers' bracket. Red now advances to the Minnesota American Legion Baseball State Tournament, held next week in Cold Spring and surrounding areas.

Red jumped on its Tri-City Brothers in the bottom of the first inning, with Robert Hogan drawing a two-out walk. Carter Traczyk took the third pitch he saw, connecting for a triple -- to score Hogan and give Red a 1-0 lead. Traczyk then scored when Ike Mezzenga popped up to the pitcher, who dropped the ball.

Red tacked on a third run in the third inning, when Hogan singled with one out -- before scoring on a single from Mezzenga. Hogan would end up finishing the day 1-1, with three runs scored -- including in the fifth, when he reached on an error by the shortstop, and then scored on a two-RBI double from Ike Mezzenga, that also scored Brett Bateman.

Maroon scored a run in the third -- and another in the sixth, but it wasn't enough. Hogan came on in the sixth and shut the door, pitching one and two-thirds of an inning with two strikeouts. Ben Kettelhut -- who started the game -- picked up the win, pitching three innings with two strikeouts. Sean Goldman pitched the middle two and one-third of an inning, allowing one run and striking out three.

Red will open play at the state tournament on Thursday at 10 a.m. against Austin, the champion of Sub-State 1. That game -- as well as Red's second game of the tournament's first day -- will be played at the Paynesville Baseball Field.

Game Summary, July 27, 2019:

Tri-City Red 5, Tri-City Maroon 2

Game #25 / SS8 Playoff Game #4 - Championship

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Tri-City Maroon: Foley; Strong

Tri-City Red: Kettelhut, Goldman (4), Hogan (6); Herold

Winning Pitcher: Ben Kettelhut (6-1)

Losing Pitcher: Dan Foley

Save: Robert Hogan (1)

Friday Scores from Sub-State 8:

Losers' Bracket Elimination Games:

Tri-City Maroon 12, Lino Lakes 2 (7 innings)
Lino Lakes eliminated

Tri-City Maroon 4, Stillwater 3
Stillwater eliminated

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