

## TRI-CITY RED NARROWLY DROPS HEARTBREAKER TO EXCELSIOR

*Cold Spring, Minn. (August 2)* -- Tri-City Red came ever so close to knocking off Excelsior on Friday night in a winners' bracket semi-final game at Cold Spring Baseball Park, but lost the game on a walk-off single in the bottom of the seventh inning. Red will play on Saturday at 10 a.m. against Woodbury Blue in a losers' bracket elimination game.

After Excelsior took a 2-0 lead, Red got on the board in the top of the fourth, thanks to a leadoff walk from Robert Hogan and a follow-up single from Carter Traczyk; they both scored when Ike Mezzenga doubled. After Mezzenga advanced on a single from Channing Cole, however, he was caught stealing at home. John Solfest stole third base, before scoring on a ground-out off the bat of Matt Herold – which gave Red a 3-2 lead.

Red added two more runs in the fifth, with just two hits, including a one-out single from Jonah Sparks -- who, after making his way to third base, stole home -- and an RBI single from Mezzenga that scored Carter Traczyk. That put Red further ahead, 5-2.

Excelsior responded with two in its half of the fifth, reducing Red's lead once again to one run -- the score being 5-4. Red answered once again, adding one final run in the top of the sixth -- which began with Matt Herold being hit by the third pitch of the inning. Cole Stenstrom singled, to move Herold to second; Herold then scored on an RBI single from Hogan, to push Red's lead to 6-4.

Excelsior came back with one run in their half of the sixth, narrowing the score to 6-5 -- before scoring two in the bottom of the seventh, to earn the walk-off win.

Red had two good pitching performances, as Hogan pitched the first four innings, allowing three earned runs on five hits. He turned the ball over to Cole Stenstrom in the fifth, who recorded three strikeouts in two and two-thirds of an inning.

To win its third consecutive Minnesota State Championship, Red now has to battle through the loser's bracket – starting with a 10 a.m. game on Saturday morning against Woodbury Blue. A win will earn Red the right to continue -- with the next game then being at 3:30 p.m. against either New Ulm Gold or Buffalo, who will face off at 12:30 p.m. All Saturday games will be at the Cold Spring Baseball Park.

### ***Game Summary, August 2, 2019:***

#### ***Excelsior 7, Tri-City Red 6***

*Game #28 / State Tournament Game #3*

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Excelsior - 011 021 2 – 7 10 0

Tri-City Red: Hogan, Stenstrom (5); Herold  
Excelsior: Synsteliën, Wukmir (5), Sturek (7); Stolar

Winning Pitcher: William Sturek

Losing Pitcher: Cole Stenstrom (1-1)

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## All State Tournament Game Results:

### Thursday, Opening Round:

- Game 1: Tri-City Red 1, Austin 0
- Game 2: Eastview 9, Mpls SW Lakers 4
- Game 3: Excelsior 5, Woodbury blue 2
- Game 4: Duluth Lakeview 5, Rosetown 3
- Game 5: Anoka 6, East Grand Forks 3
- Game 6: Edina 8, Buffalo 1
- Game 7: St. Cloud Chutes 2, Ham Lake 1 (9 innings)
- Game 8: New Ulm Gold 10, Cold Spring 0 (6 innings)

### Thursday, Second Round, Losers' Bracket:

- Game 9: Mpls SW Lakers 2, Austin 1 (eliminated)
- Game 11: Woodbury Blue 6, Rosetown 3 (eliminated)
- Game 13: Buffalo 5, East Grand Forks 2 (eliminated)
- Game 15: Ham Lake 2, Cold Spring 1 (eliminated)

### Thursday, Second Round, Winners' Bracket:

- Game 10: Tri-City Red 10, Eastview 2
- Game 12: Excelsior 12, Duluth Lakeview 1 (5 innings)
- Game 14: Edina 2, Anoka 0
- Game 16: New Ulm Gold 4, St. Cloud Chutes 1

### Friday, Losers' Bracket Elimination Games:

- Game 17: Anoka 11, Mpls SW Lakers 1 [5 innings] (eliminated)
- Game 18: Woodbury Blue 4, St. Cloud Chutes 2 (eliminated)
- Game 19: Buffalo 2, Eastview 1 (eliminated)
- Game 20: Duluth Lakeview vs Ham Lake (eliminated)
- Game 21: Woodbury Blue 4, Anoka 2 (eliminated)
- Game 22: Buffalo 8, Duluth Lakeview 1 (eliminated)

### Friday, Winners' Bracket:

- Game 23: Excelsior 7, Tri-City Red 6
- Game 24: Edina 5, New Ulm Gold 3

### Saturday, Losers' Bracket Elimination Games:

- Game 25: Woodbury Blue vs. Tri-City Red
- Game 26: Buffalo vs. New Ulm Gold
- Game 27: Winner 26 vs Winner 25

### Saturday Winners' Bracket Final:

- Game 28: Excelsior vs Edina

Full results from Days 1 and 2 can also be found in the *Gazette* Tournament Newsletter and on the [Legion Baseball Hub](#).

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Thank you,

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