

TRI-CITY RED SEASON ENDS AT MINNESOTA LEGION STATE TOURNAMENT

Cold Spring, Minn. (August 3) -- Tri-City Red ended its 2019 season with a tough 4-2 loss to Woodbury Blue at the Minnesota American Legion Baseball State Tournament at Cold Spring Baseball Park on Saturday.

Red got on the scoreboard in the bottom of the first, thanks to a leadoff double from Brett Bateman. He moved to third on a groundout from Jonah Sparks, before scoring on the first of four wild pitches during the game by opposing pitcher, Rodney Erickson.

Red added a second run in the bottom of the fifth, when Sparks drew a one-out walk --- and then advanced to second on a single from Robert Hogan. But, as Woodbury's Erickson attempted a pickoff of Hogan, he threw the ball away, allowing Sparks to fly around the bases and score from second.

Unfortunately, Woodbury had scored four runs in the top of that inning, and despite a valiant effort, Red was unable to close the deficit.

The team finished a very-successful 2019 season with a record of 24-5, having won the Burnsville Snake Pit Tournament and the Fargo-Moorhead Invitational, going undefeated in both against strong competition. In addition, Red finished first in the Fourth District League with a record of 9-3 -- and it won the Substate 8 playoff championship, going 4-0 in the tournament. It was another great season for one of the most well-respected teams in the state, considered to be a true perennial power.

Game Summary, August 3, 2019:

Woodbury Blue 4, Tri-City Red 2

*Game #29 / State Tournament Game #4
(elimination game)*

Wood. Blue -- 000 040 0 - 4 5 1

Tri-City Red -- 100 010 0 - 2 4 3

Woodbury: Erickson, B. Rinehart (7); T. Rinehart
Tri-City Red: Mezzenga, Goldman (5), Rankin (5); Herold

Winning Pitcher: Rodney Erickson
Losing Pitcher: Trevor Rankin (1-1)
Save: Broke Rinehart

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 4, Tri-City Red 2
Game 26: Buffalo 5, New Ulm Gold 1
Game 27: Woodbury Blue 5, Buffalo 4

Saturday Winners' Bracket Final:

Game 28: Excelsior 14, Edina 3 (5 innings)

Games Sunday:

Game 29: (Losers' Bracket Final) Edina vs Woodbury
Game 30: (Championship) Excelsior vs Winner of Game 29

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

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