

TRI-CITY RED OPENS BURNSVILLE SNAKE PIT TOURNAMENT WITH 3-1 WIN

Burnsville, Minn. (June 21) -- Tri-City Red opened the Burnsville Snake Pit Tournament with a 3-1 win over host, Burnsville, on Friday night -- behind seven strong innings on the mound from John Solfest.

It was a tight game, as neither team was able to score in the first three innings. Things changed in the fourth, when Channing Cole reached on an error by the first baseman. He advanced to second on a single off the bat of Ben Kettelhut, and after two flyouts, moved to third when Brett Bateman singled to load the bases. Jonah Sparks picked up two RBI on a single to center field, to put Red in front 2-0.

Burnsville was able to scratch across one run in the sixth, after not getting a hit until the fourth. Red got that run back in the top of the seventh, when Robert Hogan connected with one, sending it over the left-center field fence for his first home run of the Red season.

Those runs were plenty for Solfest, who pitched one of the best games in Tri-City Red history, pitching all seven innings with one run allowed and 11 strikeouts. He threw 84 pitches, with 68 being strikes (80%).

Red has a quick turnaround, as they will be back in action against Chaska at 9 a.m. Saturday at Alimagnet Field in Burnsville. The team will then face Prior Lake at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, to wrap up pool play.

Game Summary

Tri-City Red 3, Burnsville 1

Game Three, June 21, 2019: (Burnsville Tournament Game 1)

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Tri-City: Solfest; Herold
Burnsville: Marsolek; Andreason

Winning Pitcher: John Solfest (1-0)
Losing Pitcher: Cade Marsolek

All 1st Day Tournament Scores: (8-run rule, after 5 innings)

Pool A

Tri-City Red 3, Burnsville 1
Prior Lake 7, Chaska 3

Pool B

Richfield 10, Hastings 5

Woodbury Blue 12, Richfield 0 (# of innings unknown)

Lakeville North 2, Hastings 0

Pool C

Wayzata 9, Eden Prairie 2

Eden Prairie 8, Edina 0 (# of innings unknown)

Coon Rapids 6, Edina 5

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Thank you,

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