Diekoff Goes the Distance as TC Red tops Hamline Red

Arden Hills, Minn. (June 30, 2021) — Paul Diekoff threw a complete-game Wednesday night, recording 10 strikeouts, as Tri-City Red beat Hamline Red 4-1. The win is the second straight for Tri-City.

The game was tied at one apiece, entering the bottom of the sixth, in which TC Red scored three runs on two hits -- including a leadoff double from Reid Thurston and an RBI single from Ben Rosin. Cole Hinkel was then hit by a pitch, setting up Connor Chervany for a sacrifice fly, making it 3-1 in favor of Red. Leo Fleischhacker then hit a ground ball to second base, allowing Hinkel to beat the throw at home, making it 4-1.

TC Red scored its first run in the third, when Brandon Cook led off with a single, advanced when Ike Mezzenga reached via error, and moved to third on a wild pitch. He would score on a passed ball, while Thurston was batting, to give Red what was a 1-0 lead at the time.

Diekoff was dealing on the mound, striking out the final batter of the first and striking out the side in the second. He ended up striking out 10 of the 24 batters he faced. Tri-City only managed four hits during the evening -- by Mezzenga, Thurston, Rosin and Cook.

Tri-City Red will host the North St. Paul 39ers Thursday evening, before taking a well deserved break for the Fourth of July. First pitch is 6 p.m. at Mounds View High School.

Game Summary
Tri-City Red 4, Hamline Red 1

Game 12, June 30, 2021:
(4th District League game 8)

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HR    0 0 0  0 1 0  0 - 1 4 3
TCR   0 0 1  0 0 3  x - 4 4 1
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Hamline Red: Meltz; and Verhey
Tri-City Red: Diekoff; and Hinkel

Win: Paul Diekoff, Tri-City Red
Loss: Joshua Meltz, Hamline Red