Fridley Gold Nips Tri-City Red

Fridley, Minn. (July 7, 2021) — It was a battle Wednesday night for Tri-City Red, as it played its first game in nearly a week, falling to Fridley Gold 3-2 in a non-league game. Reid Thurston went 3-4 for Red, with one RBI.

Red got the first at-bat of the game and used a two-out walk issued to Ike Mezzenga -- and an RBI triple from Thurston -- to take an early 1-0 lead. After Fridley Gold tied the game in the bottom of the inning, both teams went down quietly in the second, with Gold getting one base-runner, but leaving him on base.

Connor Chervany drew a walk to start the third inning, and two outs later, Mezzenga drew another. A single by Thurston loaded the bases, but Red was unable to push a run across. After Gold took the lead in its half of the third, Red again came up short in the fourth -- when Maddox Folska drew a two-out walk. Courtesy-runner, Leo Fleischhacker, advanced to second on a wild pitch, but Red was unable to get him home.

In the fifth, Red was able to get two runners on base, thanks to solid hits by Landon Both and Thurston, but again they were left stranded, enabling the Fridley pitcher to escape without a run allowed.

Tri-City finally scratched a run across in the sixth, when Sean Goldman hit a one-out double; he scored when Cole Hinkel hit an RBI double into the right-center field gap. A ground out to the shortstop would then end the inning however. In the top of the seventh, Mezzenga was able to reach second due to a throwing error by Gold, but a quick pair of outs ended the ball game.

Tri-City Red will return to Fourth District action on Friday night -- taking on Hamline Red at 8 p.m. at CHS Field. It will be the start of a heavy string of games, when Red closes out the final week of the regular season.

Game Summary
Fridley Gold 3, Tri-City Red 2

Game 14, July 7, 2021:
(Non-league game 2)

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Tri-City Red   1 0 0   0 0 1   0  -  2  6  1
Fridley Gold   1 0 2   0 0 0   x  -  3  7  1
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Tri-City Red: Rosin, Boeser (6); and Folska
Fridley Gold: Siegle, Stephens (4), Haas (5); and Golden

Win: Luke Siegle, Fridley Gold
Loss: Ben Rosin, Tri-City Red
Save: Blake Haas, Fridley Gold