Tri-City Red Outlasts Hamline Red

St. Paul, Minn. (July 9, 2021) — On a beautiful Friday night for baseball at CHS Field, Tri-City Red used a seven-run fifth inning to blow past District 4 rival Hamline Red. Tri-City pounded out 11 hits on the night, with Paul Diekoff going 3-3 with a pair of RBI.

Tri-City wasted no time, posting three runs in the top of the first. Cooper Kleppe started things off by hitting a one-out single, before scoring on an RBI double from Reid Thurston. Diekoff then drew a walk, bringing up Landon Both, who hit a fielder's choice, but picked up an RBI, as Thurston scampered across the plate. Cole Hinkel then grounded out, allowing Diekoff to score.

After Red scored one in the fourth, the team opened the floodgates in the top of the fifth, sending 12 batters to the plate and scoring seven runs on five hits. Diekoff achieved something rare in baseball — picking up two RBI singles in the same inning — while Both, Hinkel and Leo Fleischhacker strung together three consecutive hits, with Fleischhacker picking up an RBI. When they dust settled, Tri-City held a 12-4 lead.

Sean Goldman got the start on the mound, throwing four innings and allowing four runs on five hits, while striking out nine batters to earn the win. Brandon Cook threw 1-2/3 of an inning, before Fleischhacker closed out the final 1-1/3.

In the 6 p.m. game at CHS Field, the Mounds View VFW team defeated the St. Paul Aggies Division II Legion team 6-3.

The final stretch of the regular season is now underway, with TC Red playing nine games over the next seven days. Red turns right around Saturday, when it hosts Tri-City Blue at Mounds View HS. Game time is set for 1 p.m.

Game Summary
Tri-City Red 13, Hamline Red 8

Game 15, July 9, 2021:
(4th District League game 10)

Tri-City Red   3 0 0 1 7 1 1 - 13 11 4
Hamline Red   0 0 4 0 0 3 1 - 8   7 5

Tri-City Red: Goldman, Cook (5), Fleischhacker (6); and Hinkel
Hamline Red: Meltz, Skinner (4), Buckhanan (5); Verhey, and Holm (4)

Win: Sean Goldman, Tri-City Red
Loss: Joshua Meltz, Hamline Red