

Tri-City Red Splits Nontraditional Doubleheader with Hamline Purple

Arden Hills, Minn. (July 12, 2021) — Tri-City Red split its games against Hamline Purple Monday night, winning the first game 8-7, before dropping the nightcap 10-4. The 8-7 win wraps up a game started three weeks prior, which was suspended due to darkness, while tied 7-7 after six innings.

In the resumed game, Red scored the walk-off run in the eighth. Cole Hinkel led off with a single, and then moved to second on a Cooper Kleppe sacrifice bunt. After advancing to third, he scored when Ike Mezzenga hit a ground ball to the first baseman that was muffed, giving Red the narrow win.

In the second game, Red took a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the first, thanks in part to a leadoff single from Kleppe and an RBI triple from Mezzenga, who would score on a Paul Diekoff sacrifice fly.

Red added a run in the fourth, when Landon Both singled, stole second and third base, and then scored when Ben Rosin grounded out to the shortstop, giving Red the 3-1 lead. After Purple scored five runs in the sixth, Red responded with one in the bottom of the frame. The inning started when Reid Thurston led off with a deep triple; he scored when Diekoff again hit a sacrifice fly.

After he finished the resumed game, Mezzenga got the start in the second game -- and threw four innings, allowing one unearned run on two hits, with a pair of strikeouts. Leo Fleischhacker threw one and two-thirds of an inning, while Charlie Schwieters threw one and one-third of an inning. Offensively, Sean Goldman went 2-3 for Red, while Diekoff had a pair of RBI to lead the team.

The frantic sprint to the end of the season continues Tuesday afternoon for Red, as it takes on Tri-City Maroon in a District 4 doubleheader starting at 4 p.m. Both games will be played at Irondale HS.

Game Summaries

Tri-City Red 8, Hamline Purple 7 (8 innings)
Hamline Purple 10, Tri-City Red 4

**Game 6, Started June 22, 2021;
Completed July 12, 2021**
(4th District League Game 3)

HP	3	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	--	7	10	4
TCR	0	1	2	1	1	2	0	1	--	8	7	2

Hamline Purple: Black, Menternach (5); Taxdahl, and Scanlan (7)

Tri-City Red: Diekoff, Mezzenga (4), Kleppe (6), Mezzenga (7); and Hinkel

Win: Ike Mezzenga, Tri-City Red

Loss: Josh Black, Hamline Purple

Game 18, July 12, 2021

(4th District League Game 12)

HP 1 0 0 0 0 5 4 -- 10 10 0
TCR 2 0 0 1 0 1 0 -- 4 7 3

Hamline Purple: Black, Menternach (7); and Scanlan

Tri-City Red: Mezzenga, Fleischhacker (5), Schwieters (6); and Folska

Win: Josh Black, Hamline Purple

Loss: Leo Fleischhacker, Tri-City Red