Tri-City Red Sweeps Doubleheader with Tri-City Maroon

New Brighton, Minn. (July 13, 2021) — Tri-City Red picked up a pair of big wins Tuesday night, sweeping a doubleheader against Sub-State 8 and District 4 opponent, Tri-City Maroon. to take the season series 2-1.

The Red bats came alive in the second game, as Red scored 16 runs on 16 hits. Cooper Kleppe went 3-4, with three runs scored and an RBI, while Landon Both was 3-5 with two RBI and three runs scored.

After Maroon took a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first, Red tied things in the second, thanks to a leadoff triple from Both, who scored on an RBI groundout from Ben Rosin. Sean Goldman then hit a double, before scoring on a Maddox Folska RBI single.

Red added three in the third, using three hits -- including a leadoff double from Kleppe and RBI singles from Ike Mezzenga and Both; Both would eventually score as part of a double steal, involving Reid Thurston, making it a 5-5 game.

Maroon scratched across the go-ahead run in the third, but its lead didn't last long. Red scored 10 runs in the fifth, including a two-run home run off the bat of Mezzenga -- and back-to-back two-RBI singles from Cole Hinkel and Folska. Thurston also got in on the parade, hitting a two-out double that drove in a pair of runs, giving Red an insurmountable 15-6 lead. The team would add a run in the seventh to take a 16-7 win.

The first game was a pitcher's duel in every sense of the term, as both pitchers went the full seven innings, allowing a total of three runs between them. Rosin pitched for Red and allowed one run on three hits, while recording five strikeouts. Both was 3-4 for Red, with the lone RBI of the game.

The game was tied heading into the fifth; Kleppe drew a leadoff walk, advancing to second on a single from Mezzenga. He scored when Both hit a single to left field that was mishandled by the fielder, giving Red what would end up being the winning run.

Red will conclude 4th District play Wednesday night when it takes on the North St. Paul 39ers. Weather permitting, first pitch is set for 6 p.m. at McKnight Field. Should wet conditions prevent play at 6 p.m., back-up plans for getting the game in have already been prepared.

Game Summaries

Tri-City Red 2, Tri-City Maroon 1
Tri-City Red 16, Tri-City Maroon 7

Game 19, July 13, 2021

(4th District League Game 13)

TCR 001 010 0 - 2 8 2 TCM 010 000 0 - 1 3 5

Tri-City Red: Rosin; and Hinkel Tri-City Maroon: Maze; and Jorgenson

Win: Ben Rosin, Tri-City Red Loss: Owen Maze, Tri-City Maroon

Game 20, July 13, 2021

(4th District League Game 14)

TCR 023 010 0 1 - 16 16 3 TCM 231 001 0 - 7 8 3

Tri-City Red: Thurston, Cook (2), Hinkel (4); and Folska

Tri-City Maroon: Johnson, Howard (3), Borchard (5); and Seehusen

Win: Cole Hinkel, Tri-City Red

Loss: Andrew Howard, Tri-City Maroon