

# TC Red Splits Day Two of Bloomington Tournament

**BLOOMINGTON, MN (June 20, 2021)** — Tri-City Red came out swinging Saturday afternoon, beating Richfield by a comfortable score of 16-2, before dropping their second game of the day to the host team Bloomington Blue.

In the first game, Red scored early and often, putting up three runs in the top of the first. The first three batters all reached base for Red, with Cooper Kleppe leading off with a single, before Leo Flieschacker was hit by a pitch and Reid Thurston drew a walk to lead the bases. Sean Goldman and Paul Diekoff both hit sacrifice flies to record RBIs before Cole Hinkel laced a single into left field to make it 3-0.

In the second inning, Red did the majority of the damage, scoring seven runs on five hits, including a two-RBI double from Thurston and singles from Charlie Schwieters, Landon Both, Brandon Cook and Goldman. Richfield was able to hold Red off the board in the third, but Tri-City scored two in the fourth and a pair in the fifth to win the game.

Maddox Folska was solid on the mound, throwing three hitless innings, with a pair of strikeouts to pick up the win. Fleischacker threw the final two innings, allowing two runs on two hits with four strikeouts.

In the nightcap, Red took an early lead, again scoring three runs in the top of the first. Just like in the first game, the first three batters all reached base, with Thurston delivering a two-RBI double. He eventually came around to score on an RBI single from Hinkel.

After Bloomington scored a pair in the bottom of the first, the teams took turns putting zeros on the scoreboard. That stopped in the bottom of the fourth, in which Both hit a two-out single before stealing second base. After Schwieters drew a walk -- and both runners moved up on a wild pitch -- Kleppe drilled a hard single, picking up two more RBI and giving Red a 5-2 lead.

Unfortunately, in the bottom of the fifth, Bloomington scored 12 runs, though recorded just five hits to win 15-5. Kleppe and Brendan Goldman both went 2-3, with Kleppe recording two RBI and scoring a run of his own. Sean Goldman got the start for Red and threw three innings, allowing three runs on two hits with four strikeouts.

Finishing third in its pool behind Bloomington Blue and Coon Rapids, Red was unable to finish the tournament on Sunday morning, because of wet weather. (The team was scheduled to take on the Minneapolis Lakers, based at Southwest High School, in the 5th place game.) Red will resume its schedule on Monday, when it will face Rosetown in the first league game of the season. First pitch is set for 6 p.m. at Mounds View.

## Game Summaries

Tri-City Red 16, Richfield 2 (5 inn)

Bloomington Blue, 15, Tri-City Red 5 (5 inn)

**TCR Game 2, June 19, 2021:  
(Bloomington Tournament, Game 2)**

TRI-CITY RED	3	7	2	2	2	--	16	13	1
RICHFIELD	0	0	0	0	2	--	2	2	6

TC Red: Folska, Fleischhacker (4), and Hinkel  
Richfield: Thompson, Card (4), Hintz (5), and Lavin

Winning Pitcher: Maddox Folska, TCRed  
Losing Pitcher: Ethan Thompson, Richfield

**TCR Game 3, June 19, 2021:  
(Bloomington Tournament, Game 3)**

TRI-CITY RED	3	0	0	2	0	--	5	8	3
BLOOMI BLUE	2	0	1	0	12	--	15	7	0

TC Red: S. Goldman, Thurston (4), Diekoff (5), B. Goldman (5), and Hinkel  
Bloom: Johnson, and Goedderz

Winning Pitcher: Andrew Johnson, Bloomington Blue  
Losing Pitcher: Reid Thurston, TC Red

**Other Saturday Results**

(15 run rule after 4 innings, 10 runs after 5)

Pool A

Bloomington Blue 12, Coon Rapids 2

Pool B

Hibbing 7, Mpls Lakers 6

Prior Lake 6, Mpls Lakers, 3

**Sunday's Results**

Championship:

Bloomington Blue 2, Prior Lake 0