

Diekoff Throws No-Hitter as Tri-City Red Tops NSP

Arden Hills, Minn. (July 15, 2021) — Paul Diekoff threw a no-hitter Thursday night, as Tri-City Red beat District 4 opponent North St. Paul. The win gives Red a season sweep over the 39ers. This was the first no-hitter for Red since John Solfest no-hit the team from Austin, in the first game of the 2019 state tournament.

Diekoff recorded six strikeouts and walked two batters. He got plenty of run support, and it started right away as Red plated a run in the top of the first. Cooper Kleppe hit a leadoff single, then stole second base. After Diekoff singled, Reid Thurston hit a sacrifice fly to left field, giving Red a 1-0 lead.

In the fifth, Red scored a pair of runs on just two hits. Leo Fleischhacker hit a one-out single, then stole second, before advancing to third on a wild pitch. He scored on an RBI single from Sean Goldman, who would subsequently steal both second and third; he then scored on a throwing error by the catcher.

Red took that 3-0 lead into the top of the sixth, in which they scored two more times. Diekoff kicked things off by drawing a walk, before Brandon Cook came on as a courtesy runner. After stealing second base and advancing to third on a single from Landon Both, he scored when Ben Rosin hit an RBI single. Landon Both would then score on an error by the second baseman, making it 5-0.

Red added three runs in the seventh, including a solo home run from Ike Mezzenga. A walk drawn by Diekoff, a single from Both and an RBI groundout by Cole Hinkel brought in the additional two runs. Red also benefited from multiple wild pitches in the inning, giving them what would end up being an insurmountable 8-0 lead.

In addition to his stellar pitching performance, Diekoff went 1-2 on the night, with a pair of walks drawn. Both went 2-2 after entering as a pinch hitter, scoring a pair of runs. Fleischhacker was 1-2, with a walk and two stolen bases on the night.

Tri-City Red will finish the regular season Friday night, when it travels to Wayzata for a non-league game. The team will start its Substate 8 tournament early next week, with matchups set to be announced this weekend.

Game Summary

Tri-City Red 8, North St. Paul 0

Game 21, July 15, 2021

(4th District League Game 15)

TCR	1	0	0	0	2	2	3	-	8	8	0
NSP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	2

Tri-City Red: Diekoff; and Hinkel

North St. Paul: Mishler, Coborn (3), Freeman (5). Gschlecht (7); and Z. Peterson

Win: Paul Diekoff, Tri-City Red

Loss: Austin Mishler, North St. Paul