

Tri-City Red Falls in Regular Season Finale

Plymouth, Minn. (July 16, 2021) — Tri-City Red scored five runs early Friday night, but were unable to hold off Wayzata, falling 7-5 in the regular season finale for both teams. TC Red pounded nine hits on the night, with Ike Mezzenga and Paul Diekoff both recording a pair of hits.

Red jumped on the Wayzata pitcher right away, as Mezzenga laced a double to the wall, later scoring when Diekoff singled up the middle. The team added to the lead in the second, in which Cole Hinkel drew a leadoff walk and advanced to second on a Maddox Folska groundout. Hinkel came around to score when Leo Fleischhacker singled into right-center field, giving TC Red the 2-0 lead.

The floodgates opened up in the top of the third, thanks to the middle of the order. Landon Both, Diekoff and Reid Thurston all had hits to start the inning, with Thurston picking up an RBI double. Hinkel also recorded an RBI, as he reached base on an error by the third baseman. Red ended up with three runs on three hits to take a 5-4 lead. Wayzata refused to go away however, scoring three runs in the bottom of the fifth to take a 7-5 lead that they wouldn't relinquish.

Sean Goldman threw four solid relief innings for Red, allowing two earned runs while striking out seven batters. Fleischhacker threw one scoreless inning, while Folska also threw one inning, recording a strikeout. Diekoff ended up 2-4 at the plate with an RBI. Thurston was 1-1, while Hinkel and Fleischhacker were both 1-3 with one RBI each.

Tri-City Red now turns its attention to the Sub-State 8 tournament, which starts Tuesday. Red kicks off their tournament as the no. 2 seed, and will take on no. 7 Tri-City Blue at 5:30 p.m. The tournament is being hosted at Irondale HS. The full tournament bracket can be found [here](#).

Game Summary

Wayzata 7, Tri-City Red 5

Game 22, July 16, 2021

(Non-League Game 4)

TC Red	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	-	5	9	2
Wayzata	0	4	0	0	3	0	x	-	7	9	1

TC Red: Folska, Goldman (2), Fleischhacker (7); and Hinkel
Wayzata: Schlect, Fletcher (5), Dielman (6); Grochala

Win: Connor Fletcher, Wayzata
Loss: Sean Goldman, Tri-City Red
Save: Brendan Dielman, Wayzata