Tri-City Red Dominates Lino Lakes

New Brighton, Minn. (July 21, 2021) — Tri-City Red had a balanced attack Wednesday afternoon, easily beating Lino Lakes 11-1 in six innings at the Substate 8 tournament. Sean Goldman threw a complete game, allowing one earned run, while striking out seven batters.

After failing to score in the bottom of the first, TC Red struck big in the second, scoring four runs on four hits, including a two-run home run off the bat of Ike Mezzenga that stretched the lead to 4-0. Also picking up RBI was Cooper Klepe, who ripped an RBI single.

In the third inning, Reid Thurston drew a one-out walk -- then proceeded to steal second and third base, before taking home as part of a double steal with Ben Rosin. Red tacked on two more in the fourth, when Paul Diekoff doubled into right field, allowing Mezzenga and Landon Both to score, giving Red a 7-1 lead.

Red entered the sixth inning needing four runs to end the game, and the team collected them, recording five hits to close out the game. Cole Hinkel had a two-RBI single, while Andrew Boeser was the walk-off hero, hitting an RBI single that allowed Rosin to score the game-ending run.

Ike Mezzenga went 3-4 for Red, with a home run and two RBI. Both also went 3-4, with two runs scored. Diekoff went 1-4 with two RBI, while Hinkel finished 1-3, with two RBI.

Tri-City Red will now face off with the #1 seed Stillwater Thursday night in the winners' bracket final. First pitch is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., with the winner advancing to the championship game.

Game Summary

Tri-City Red 11, Lino Lakes 1 (6 innings)

Game 24, July 21, 2021

(Sub-State #8 Playoff Game 2)

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Lino Lakes: Murray, Hackett (5); and Menne

Tri-City Red: Goldman; and Hinkel

Win: Sean Goldman, Tri-City Red Loss: Michael Murray, Lino Lakes

Substate 8 Wednesday Scores / Thursday Schedule

Elimination game

(3) Chisago Lakes 12, (8) Tri-City Blue 2 (5 innings)

Winner's bracket games

(2) Tri-City Red 11, (6) Lino Lakes 1 (6 innings)

(1) Stillwater 5, (5) Forest Lake 3

Thursday, July 22 schedule (All games at Irondale HS)

Game 7: (6) Lino Lakes @ (4) Tri-City Maroon - 10 a.m. (Loser eliminated)

Game 8: (5) Forest Lake @ (3) Chisago Lakes - 12:30 p.m. (Loser eliminated)

Game 10: Winner game 7 vs winner game 8 - 3:00 p.m. (Loser eliminated)

Game 9: (2) Tri-City Red @ (1) Stillwater - 5:30 p.m.