Tri-City Red Tops Rosemount, Stays Alive at Legion State Tournament

ST. CLOUD, Minn. (July 30, 2021) — Tri-City Red entered Friday's game at Dick Putz Field against Rosemount needing a win to advance to the final 8, and thanks, in part, to a home run from Ike Mezzenga and a near perfect game from Ben Rosin, the team beat Rosemount 5-0.

Rosin threw an absolute gem on the mound, throwing six and two-thirds of an inning, allowing two hits and striking out seven batters. He got immediate run support, as Reid Thurston drew a two-out walk in the top of the first, then stole second -- before scoring on a Paul Diekoff single into right field. Red added a second run in the second inning, when Landon Both led off with a single and then scored when Cooper Kleppe hit into a fielder's choice, giving Red the 2-0 lead.

Mezzenga stepped up to the plate in the top of the fifth and jacked his third home run of the tournament, with this one going to right-center field. Red landed the final blow in the sixth, when Sean Goldman led off with a ground-rule double that got stuck in the ivy in left field. After Both drew a walk, Cole Hinkel and Connor Chervany had back-to-back sacrifice bunts, with Chervany's resulting in Goldman scoring. Landon Both didn't have to wait long to cross the plate, as Maddox Folska took the first pitch he saw and singled up the middle.

Mezzenga finished the game 2-4, with a run scored and an RBI. Cooper Kleppe, Diekoff and Chervany also recorded RBI for Red. Landon Both was 2-2 at the plate with two runs scored. After Rosin reached the pitch limit in the seventh, Leo Fleischhacker came on and needed just one pitch to induce a groundout to the shortstop, ending the game and sending Red to play on.

Red will next play Saturday morning at 10:30 a.m. against Willmar, which went 2-1 in its pool to finish as runner-up. The game will be played at Joe Faber Field. Should Red win, the team would then play at 4:30 p.m. at Dick Putz Field for a trip to the Central Plains regional tournament.

Game Summary
Tri-City Red 5, Rosemount 0

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Tri-City Red: Rosin, Fleischhacker (7); and Hinkel
Rosemount: Moeller, Roszak (6); and Carlson

Win: Ben Rosin
Loss: Jun Moeller