Tri-City Red Opens League Play with 7-2 Win over Rosetown

ARDEN HILLS, Minn. (June 21, 2021) — Tri-City Red used a solid relief pitching performance from Maddox Folska Monday night to open 4th District league play with a 7-2 win over Rosetown. The win moves Red to an overall record of 2-2 and a 1-0 record in league play.

Folska came on in the third inning and threw five scoreless innings, allowing just one hit and walking one batter, while recording six strikeouts to earn the win. Ben Rosin got the start on the mound, throwing two innings, allowing two runs (one earned) on two hits, with a pair of strikeouts.

Offensively, Red wasted no time in scoring, as they put two runs on the board in the top of the first. After Rosetown recorded two quick outs, Ike Mezzenga hit a single up the middle, then advanced to second on a wild pitch. Reid Thurston then ripped a double down the right field line, scoring Mezzenga and giving Red a 1-0 lead. Thurston came around to score on back-to-back wild pitches, making it 2-0.

Rosetown responded in the second, scoring two runs of their own to tie the score. Red opened the game up in the fourth, when it was Mezzenga and Thurston again combining for runs, with Mezzenga hitting a leadoff single and Thurston hitting a triple to score Mezzenga -- Thurston then scoring, on an RBI groundout from Landon Both.

Red added another run in the fifth, when Paul Diekoff led off with a double into right-center field. He advanced to third, when Sean Goldman singled and scored on a sacrifice fly off the bat of Mezzenga. Red scored two final runs in the seventh, using two hits, including a two-RBI single from Cole Hinkel, that gave Red plenty of comfort heading into the bottom of the seventh -- in which Folska mowed down Rosetown, recording a pair of strikeouts.

Mezzenga finished the game 3-3, with three RBI. Thurston was 3-4, with two RBI and three runs scored. Sean Goldman, Hinkel and Diekoff also recorded hits for TC Red.

Red will continue league play Tuesday, when they host Hamline Purple for a doubleheader. The first game is scheduled to start at 4 p.m. at Mounds View High School, with game two starting approximately 30 minutes after the conclusion of game one.

Game Summary Tri-City Red 7, Rosetown 2

Game 4, June 21, 2021: (4th District League Game 1)

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TC Red: Rosin, Folska (3); and Hinkel Rosetown: Fischer, Olberding (7); and Schreier

Winning Pitcher: Maddox Folska, TC Red Losing Pitcher: Evan Fischer, Rosetown