

TC Red grinds out 12-9 win over North St. Paul 39ers

ARDEN HILLS, Minn. (June 23, 2021) — Tri-City Red scored eight runs in the fourth inning Wednesday night, then held on for a 12-9 win over the North St. Paul 39ers. Charlie Schwieters threw five and two-thirds of an inning to earn the win for Red.

Both teams scored in the first inning, with Red's run coming after Ike Mezzenga drew a leadoff walk, stole second and third base, and then scored when Landon Both singled.

After the 39ers scored a pair in their half of the inning -- and three more in the second, Red started to claw its way back, posting three runs in the third, with Maddox Folska, Leo Fleischhacker and Schwieters all recording RBIs.

The damage came in the top of the fourth, when Red picked up eight runs on four hits, while drawing six walks. Ben Rosin drew a one-out walk that kicked off a stretch of seven consecutive batters who reached base, with Ike Mezzenga delivering a two-RBI single, advancing to second on the throw. A couple batters later, Paul Diekoff hit an RBI double into the right-center field gap to make it a 12-5 Red lead.

It wasn't easy for Red to hang on, as the 39ers scored three runs in their half of the fourth, before Schwieters shut things down. He ended up with the win, allowing one earned run, while recording three strikeouts on the night. Offensively, Mezzenga was 1-4, with two RBI and two runs scored. Rosin was 2-2, while Folska went 2-5 with a pair of RBI.

Red will play their fifth game in four days Thursday night, when it takes on Tri-City Maroon at CHS Field. First pitch is set for 8 p.m.

Game Summary

Tri-City Red 12, North St. Paul 9

Game 7, June 23, 2021:

(4th District League Game 4)

TCR - 1 0 3 8 0 0 0 — 12 9 6

NSP - 2 3 0 3 0 0 1 — 9 5 3

Red: Thurston, Schwieters (2); and Folska

NSP: Wilebski, Loh (4); and Florhaug

Win: Charlie Schwieters, NSP

Loss: Teddy Wilebski, TCR