

TC Red Hammers 10 Hits in Rout of Ham Lake

Arden Hills, Minn. (June 26, 2021) — Tri-City Red wrapped up a busy week Saturday with a walk-off 11-1 win over Ham Lake in six innings. The win moves Red to an overall season record of 4-4.

Leo Fleischhacker got the start on the mound for Red and threw a complete-game, allowing one run on three hits with seven strikeouts. Ike Mezzenga was 2-3 on the day, with three runs scored -- while Reid Thurston and Paul Diekoff both had a pair of RBI.

Red dominated the game, starting in the bottom of the first when Mezzenga led off with a single; he advanced to second on a wild pitch, before scoring on an error by the catcher -- which allowed Thurston to move to third. Diekoff then hit a sacrifice fly to left, scoring Thurston and making it 2-0. Red added another run in the third, when Cooper Kleppe reached base on an error by the second baseman -- then scoring when Thurston singled to right field.

The big inning came in the fourth, when Red scored five runs on three hits, including a two-RBI single from Thurston and an RBI single from Diekoff. Kleppe also picked up an RBI, hitting a sacrifice fly to center field, scoring Maddox Folska.

After Ham Lake scored a run in the top of the sixth, Red handed down the final blow, scoring three times in the bottom of the sixth, including an RBI single from Brandon Cook and a walk-off RBI single from Cole Hinkel.

Red now gets a pair of days off, before returning to 4th District play Tuesday -- hosting Rosetown for a 4 p.m. / 6 p.m. doubleheader at Mounds View.

Game Summary

Tri-City Red 11, Ham Lake 1 (6 innings)

Game 9, June 26, 2021:

(Non-league Game 1)

HL — 0 0 0 0 0 1 — 1 3 8

TC — 2 0 1 5 0 3 — 11 10 0

TC Red: Fleischhacker; and Folska

Ham Lk: Puder, Karnowski (4); and Beckman

Win: Leo Fleischhacker, TC Red

Loss: Adam Fuder, Ham Lake