

## Red Pounds North End in District Opener

By Greg Schmidt

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North End scored first, but then the Red came to bat and the season opener for both turned into a Tri-City rout 18-2 at Irondale June 7.

After getting three runs in their first at bat on three-run double by Adam Weber, the Red poured it on with 11 on as many hits in the second inning. The carnage began with a leadoff double by Derek Moen. Blake Searles knocked him home with a single to right, With two out, the next 10 batters managed to reach safely. Moen, Searles and Billy Gazich each had two hits in the inning. The 10-run mercy rule had been reached three innings early, but the Red didn't let up as Adam Weber added a two-run triple in the third. He finished 2 for 2 (2B, 3B, BB) with five RBI. Gazich (3-RBI), Searles (2-RBI) and Moen (2-RBI) had two hits apiece.

### Game 1, June 7 (Fourth District)

#### Tri-City Red 18, North End 2

North End    1   1   0    0   0 — 2   8   6

TCR            3 (11) 3    1   x — 18 15 1

**Brandt, Anderson (2) and Weiner, Sagert (3); Ries, S. Weber (4), Rosin (5) and Field, Moen (4). W-Ries (1-0). L-Brandt (0-1).**

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## Depth Looks Deep

By Greg Schmidt

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Normally when five pitchers are called on it means their crew is struggling. That wasn't the case June 9 as the Red (2-0) rolled 7-1 over Arcade-Phalen (1-1) at Irondale.

Starter Sam Weber got the bulk of the work tossing three scoreless innings. Chase Traeger (3 for 4, 3-R, 2B) sparked the Red offense by leading off the first, third and fifth with hits. The second of his three runs scored arrived on a two-out two-run double by Derek McCallum (1 for 3, 2B, 3-RBI) in the third for a 4-0 lead. Billy Gazich (1 for 2, BB, RBI) singled home a run in the fifth before McCallum pushed one more across on a ground out. Joe Colwell, who led off the sixth with a single, eventually scored on a passed ball, completing the Red's scorecard.

**Game 2, June 9 (Fourth District)  
Tri-City Red 7, Arcade-Phalen 1**

**Arcade-Phalen**      0 0 0   0 1 0   0 — 1 4 0  
**TCR**                2 0 2   0 2 1   x — 7 9 2

**Englebrecht, Emms (5) and Frahm; S. Weber, Ries (4), Searles (5), Rosin (7) and Field, Moen (6). W-S. Weber (1-0). L-Englebrecht (0-1).**

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**Red Wins Battle of Old Friends**

By Greg Schmidt  
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At the end of the 1990's Tri-City Red (3-0) and Excelsior (0-1) had among the biggest rivalries in the state, but the last few years it had fallen off a bit.

Times are changing again though as the Red remained unbeaten with a 5-2 victory June 10 at Concordia University.

Trailing 1-0 after two innings, Tri-City went to work in the third with a four-run burst on a two-run double to the centerfield track by Derek McCallum (1 for 4, 2B, 2-RBI) and a two-run single up the middle from Adam Weber (3 for 4, SB, 3-RBI)

Weber also made his 2005 summer debut on the mound and gave up just two hits before leaving with two out in the fifth. Seth Rosin closed the door again with his third straight shutout relief appearance in as many games.

The Red finished with eight hits. Evan Eid (3B) and Justin Hemauer (RBI) had two apiece.

**Game 3, June 10  
Tri-City Red 5, Excelsior 2**

**TCR**                0 0 4   0 0 1   0 — 5 8 1  
**Excelsior**        0 1 0   1 0 0   0 — 2 6 2

**A. Weber, Rosin (5) and Field; Krieger, Bach (6) and Spevacek. W-A. Weber (1-0). L-Krieger (0-1). S-Rosin (1).**

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## **Red Collides with White Bear Lake**

By Greg Schmidt

June 13, 2005

With several players unavailable because of the upcoming state high school tournament, White Bear Lake's Legion roster was short-handed June 12 against the Red at Irondale. In fact, they had only nine players. Enough to start and finish — barring an unfortunate injury.

In the second inning that fear was realized when Tri-City's Matt Frakes hit a seemingly routine grounder to third. However, the throw to first was off the mark that left White Bear first baseman John Goneau in a dangerous position. He made the catch, but collided with Frakes. Goneau was left with a broken arm. Dr. Bob Weber, working concessions at the time, quickly attended to Goneau while an ambulance was called. Approximately 30 minutes later the game was ruled a forfeit, but play resumed as Red outfielder Cory Sheets volunteered to play with White Bear.

One inning later, the disabled list claimed another as Tri-City's Justin Hemauer's slide into third base left him without a helmet and a split second later, a head on collision with the third baseman's knee. Hemauer (2 for 3, BB, 2-RBI) finished with a triple — and a concussion. Dr. Weber was again summoned and following the game Hemauer was brought to the hospital for further observation. He was released before the night was over, but will be out of action for a few days.

The game was called after four innings and the Red leading 17-2. A 10-run fourth led to the early stoppage. The scoring bounty was sparked by a flurry of free passes and one hit — a grand slam by Adam Weber (2 for 4). Other big hits were gathered by Brady Field (1 for 3, BB) and Blake Searles (1 for 2, SF, 2B, RBI). Evan Eid went 2 for 4 (2-RBI).

### **Game 4, June 12**

**Tri-City Red 17, White Bear Lake 2, 4 inn.**

**White Bear 0 0 2 0 — 2 1 4**

**TCR 0 1 6 (10) — 17 8 0**

**Stone, Scholl (3), Fragner (4), Hodgeson (4) and Herbert; Ries, Moen (3), Cleveringa (3) and Field. W-Cleveringa (1-0). L-Stone (0-1). HR-Weber (1).**

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## **Field Blasts Red to Victory**

By Greg Schmidt

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Although the second half of the doubleheader June 13 at Irondale was washed out after two innings and Hamline leading 3-1, the Red still went home winners after taking the first game 9-3.

The victory kept the Red unbeaten at 5-0 and 4-0 in the Fourth District. It also was the first complete game in a Red uniform for Sam Weber. He racked up eight strikeouts and held a shutout through six innings. Meanwhile at the plate, the Red built on a 1-0 advantage with a four-run third inning. Cory Sheets (1 for 2) started it with a leadoff single to centerfield and moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Chase Traeger (1 for 2, BB, SF, RBI). Billy Gazich (2 for 4, 2B, 2-RBI) and Derek McCallum (1 for 3, BB, 2B, RBI) followed with run-scoring doubles, before Brady Field (3 for 3, 2B, HR, SF, 4-RBI) took it a step further with a monster shot over the left field fence and a 5-0 advantage.

The Red blew it open in the sixth beginning with one-out singles by Derek Moen (1 for 3) and Bjorn Anderson (2 for 3, 2B). Matt Frakes (1 for 1, 2B, RBI) doubled home the first run before Traeger and Gazich each logged RBI singles. Two batters later Field made it 9-0 with a sacrifice fly to center.

Hamline is among the favorites to challenge the Red for the Fourth District title.

### **Game 5, June 13**

**Tri-City Red 9, Hamline 3**

**Hamline      0 0 0   0 0 0   3 — 3   4   0**

**TCR            1 0 4   0 0 4   x — 9   14   2**

**Sventek, Gradco (4) and Gabriel; S. Weber and Moen. W-S. Weber (2-0). L-Sventek (0-1). HR-Field (1).**

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