

Rosin, Red, Rip Rosetown

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Defense, pitching — and hitting. The trifecta finally came together July 19 as Tri-City rolled over Rosetown (10-22) 10-0 in six innings at Midway. The plate punch for the Red had been anything but since the return to aluminum after two weeks of wood bat games.

“We hit the ball tonight, no doubt about it . . . all through the lineup,” said manager Jeff Larsen. Eight recorded hits including two each by Traeger (2 for 4, HR, 2-RBI), Adam Weber (2 for 3, BB, 3-RBI, SB) and Derek McCallum (2 for 3, BB, 3B).

Yes indeed, home plate endured a heavy amount of Red traffic including multiple stomps in the second and sixth innings. Traeger touched each corner in a matter of seconds after launching a 1-1 pitch over the left field wall (est. 353 feet) to put the Red in front 4-0 in the second.

A Rosetown rally had little chance against Red starter Seth Rosin who allowed just three hits and struck out three. The 16-year-old phenom faced the minimum the next three innings — boosted by a double play in the fourth and an incredible effort by catcher Brady Field in the fifth. An errant throw to first base allowed Rosetown’s Eric Anderson to reach, but a gamble for an extra base was pinched at second on a perfect strike from Field, who alertly backed up the miscue.

“The first five in their order can hit the ball well, but Seth — he’s a gamer and we had great defense,” said Larsen.

After not tallying double-digit hits in their previous six games, the Red broke the slump in the sixth and in the process cut the game short when Blake Searles slapped a two-out RBI single to right.

The Red (30-8, 10-3) remains in first, but only a half game ahead of Hamline and North End. “There’s no let down now in the schedule,” Larsen said. The Red has two games left against Hamline and won their first two meetings with North End to hold the tiebreaker if necessary. The Red battles Hamline today, July 20 at Midway with first pitch at 6 p.m.

The next day Hamline and North End meet for a doubleheader.

Fourth District July 19 (Game 38)

Tri-City Red 10, Rosetown 0, 6 inn.

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Woodruff, Streker (5) and Richardson; Rosin and Moen, Field (5). W-Rosin (6-4).

L-Woodruff (3-2). HR, TCR, Traeger (3).