

## Fourth District Playoff Tournament Coverage (Game 1)

### Sheets Pulls the Covers over Arcade

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For five innings July 27, the Tri-City faithful looked a bit uncomfortable as their beloved Red team was stuck clinging to a one-run advantage over upset-minded Arcade-Phalen. But their concern turned to jubilation starting in the sixth as the Red racked up nine runs on 12 hits in the next three innings to not only beat Arcade, but blow them out 12-2 in eight innings at North St. Paul in a game scheduled for nine.

The Red's Cory Sheets ended the late siege with a walk-off RBI single to right. Sheets (2 for 2, SB, 3-RBI) also had a two-run single in the seventh. He was one of six players with at least two hits. Bjorn Anderson (2-RBI) and Justin Hemauer (RBI) had three apiece while Matt Frakes (RBI), Derek McCallum (RBI) and Billy Gazich (RBI) each tallied a pair. Chase Traeger, Adam Weber (2B, RBI) and Brady Field (RBI, SB) all added one hit to the 17-hit plate feast. Arcade's Kyle Ryan led everyone, going 4 for 4.

Arcade also managed double-digit hits with 11, but Red starter Blake Searles, reliever Seth Rosin and the defense stepped up by stranding 13. Searles (1.91 ERA) upped his impressive mark to 6-0 while Rosin (2.88), who entered with a three-run advantage in the seventh, earned his first save in a Red uniform. Tri-City won both regular season meetings outscoring Arcade 21-4.

Arcade (12-18), seeded sixth, upset No. 3 seed North End in the first round to draw the top-seeded Red (35-8) in the second round. Fourth-seeded North St. Paul crushed No. 5 Rosetown in the first round before posting a mild upset over Hamline, seeded second.

"Hamline is still dangerous . . . because they're still playing," said Larsen.

### Fourth District second round July 27 (Game 43)

**Tri-City Red 12, Arcade-Phalen 2, 8 inn.**

<b>Arcade-Phalen</b>	<b>0 0 1</b>	<b>0 0 1</b>	<b>0 0</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>TCR</b>	<b>0 1 2</b>	<b>0 0 2</b>	<b>3 4</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1</b>

**Lantry and Collier; Searles, Rosin (7) and Moen, Field (7). W-Searles (6-0). L-Lantry (3-3). S-Rosin (1).**