
Webers Whip West Coasters

By Greg Schmidt

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Canby had Josh Strong, but the Red has Sam Weber and the latter proved better as Weber out dueled one of Oregon's best 3-1 in the first round July 5. Both hurlers were unbeaten. Strong had an 8-0 mark and .97 ERA during the high school season, but was no match for the Red.

In the first inning, McCallum doubled with two out and scored on a single from Gazich. The attempt to get McCallum at home failed and allowed Gazich to reach second. That attempt was costly for the Cougars as Adam Weber doubled in Gazich for the eventual game-winner. Weber (2 for 3, 2-2B, RBI) struck again in the sixth with a leadoff double. A sacrifice bunt by Field moved him to third and Frakes brought him home with a sacrifice fly to right.

Sam Weber (7-SO) continued to roll on the mound keeping the infield more than active with over a dozen putouts. The lone hit he surrendered in the fifth was the only ball that left the infield. The 10th straight win for the Red raised their record to 23-3. Canby, ranked fourth during Oregon's high school season, fell to 15-8.

Tri-City Red 3, Canby 1 (Game 26)

July 5, 2005

TCR 2 0 0 0 0 1 0 — 3 7 1

Canby 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 — 1 1 0

**S. Weber (6) and Field; Strong, D. Johnson (7) and J. Johnson. W-S. Weber (7-0).
L-Strong (4-1).**

Bullets Can't Penetrate Searles

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Shepherd Bullets head coach Scott Morris said in a tourney preview article from a local paper in Miles City (Mont.) that his pitcher Ross Hudson was a "lights out pitcher who threw a no-hitter against Douglas (Wy.)."

The Bullets (11-17) witnessed another no-hitter July 6, but this one was dealt against them as Searles led Tri-City Red (24-3) to a 12-2 blowout in the second round of round robin action. Searles walked five, but struck out six while being clipped for one earned run. Meanwhile, Hudson was just trying to survive as the Red racked up 13 hits and built a 6-0 lead through four innings. In the fifth the carnage was jacked up a few notches. The Red blew it open with five runs including an inside-the-park two-run homer to deep right-center by McCallum (3 for 4, 2-R, HR, 4-RBI). In the sixth, the Red tapped the 10-run rule when Sheets scored after he stole third and zipped home on an errant throw. That secured the Red's 11th straight win. Traeger (RBI), Gazich (2B, 2-RBI) and Colwell (2-BB, 3-R) had two hits apiece for the Red.

**Tri-City Red 12, Shepard 2, 6 inn. (Game 27)
July 6, 2005**

Shepherd	0	0	2	0	0	0	—	2	0	4
TCR	2	1	1	2	5	1	—	12	13	2

Hudson and Satron; Searles and Moen. W-Searles (4-0). L-Hudson (4-2). HR-TCR, McCallum (3).

Rapid Changing of the Guard

By Greg Schmidt
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For years Rapid City Post 320 has played in the shadow of their big brother, Post 22. But times . . . they're a changin'.

Post 320 reportedly has the better team this year and showed why as they stopped the Red 2-1 in the third round of pool play at Mile City. The loss ended an 11-game win streak for the Red (24-4). Unlike all of the games during the streak, it was their opponent who shook the scoreboard first as the Stars (30-10) tapped Red starter Seth Rosin for two in the first. Both base runners reached after being hit by a pitch. With two out, a single scored both. Rosin settled in after that allowing no walks. He struck out five.

Aside from Hemauer's one-out solo shot in the fourth, the Red struggled for a key hit stranding nine against Rapid City's A.J. Butt. "We had our chances, but it didn't work out," said Larsen. "Rosin pitched a real good game."

The Stars won the tourney two years ago and took second last year.

Rapid City Post #320 2, Tri-City Red 1 (Game 28)
July 6, 2005

TCR **0 0 0 1 0 0 0 — 1 5 1**
Rapid City #320 **2 0 0 0 0 0 x — 2 6 0**

Rosin and Field; Butt and Burhans. W-Butt (7-2). L-Rosin (4-3). HR-TC, Hemauer (2).

Tri-City Dominates ‘Play Day’

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During the mid-tourney break July 7 known as ‘Play Day,’ the Red had quite an impressive showing taking top honors in four of the six events.

Sam Weber led the Red to a runner-up finish in the bowling competition along with teammates Mark Ries, Derek Moen and Matt Frakes. Weber, an avid bowler back home, recorded the high game with a 258, high series of 652 and average of 217. Miles City claimed the overall title.

The Red’s quartet of Chase Traeger, Derek McCallum, Billy Gazich and Justin Hemauer won the Best Ball Golf tourney. Tri-City also showed their skills on the water taking first in the canoe races with the foursome of Brady Field, Blake Searles, Bjorn Anderson and Brett Cleveringa.

Back at the field, the Red didn’t let up winning both the outfield arm accuracy and base running contests. Evan Eid and Joe Colwell earned spots in the throwing final (top five advance) with Eid winning the event. Eid took first in the same event at the Tri-City tournament last month.

Hemauer and Cory Sheets both advanced to the finals for base-running speed with Hemauer posting the fastest time of all competitors with a 14.28.

In the home run derby, Field and Adam Weber represented the Red, but it was Great Falls (Mont.) who showed the most power at the plate.

The four wins and one runner-up was definitely an improvement over Tri-City’s first trip to Montana two years ago. “We didn’t win any,” noted manager Jeff Larsen.
