Red Belts out 14 Against Host

By Greg Schmidt July 10, 2005

Tri-City (25-4) clinched a berth in the final four of the tourney by handling the host with ease in a 7-2 decision July 8.

A two-run double to left-center by Adam Weber put the Mavericks (11-25) down in the first and the Red never looked back making it 4-1 in the fourth on run-scoring singles from Blake Searles and Hemauer. One inning later Adam Weber notched his third RBI with a one-out single after McCallum (3 for 3, 2B, SB, BB, 2-R) led off with a double to right-center. With two out Weber was pushed home on a single to left from Joe Colwell.

In the sixth Hemauer (2 for 4, RBI, 1-R, 3-SB) widened the gap with a single up the middle. Another hit wasn't necessary as he stole second, third and raced home on a passed ball.

Not lost in the highlight reel was another strong performance by Red starter Mark Ries, who struck out seven in six innings to become the fifth pitcher with at least four wins this summer. The Mavericks fall to 0-3 in the tourney after going 0-5 in last year's edition.

The Red improved to 3-1 setting up a showdown with Las Vegas (4-0) the following day for a chance at the top seed in the tourney final four.

Tri-City Red 7, Miles City 2 (Game 29) July 8, 2005

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Ries, S. Weber (7) and Field, Moen (7); Dunning, Sandau (7) and Crawford. W-Ries (4-1). L-Dunning (2-5).

Cleveringa, Rosin Stifle Vegas Crew

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Tourney organizers couldn't have planned it better when they scheduled the Red and Sierra Vista of Las Vegas (17-8) to meet in the final round robin game for both teams.

The July 9 clash lived up to the hype as the game went into extra innings tied 1-1. In the top of the ninth, the Red got the go ahead and more with a 5-1 final and the top seed in the Final Four the next day.

In the no-doubter ninth, McCallum slapped a single with the bases loaded to score Field and put an end to the six-inning drought. A passed ball made it 3-1 before back-to-back RBI singles by Bjorn Anderson and Joe Colwell.

Seth Rosin blanked Vegas in the bottom of the frame for his third inning of shutout relief and fifth victory. That followed a brilliant start by Brett Cleveringa, who after being touched for a run on three hits in the first, baffled the vaunted Vegas lineup the next five innings. That was a great job by him — another great start for us," said Larsen.

Tri-City Red 5, Las Vegas 1, 9 inn. (Game 30) July 9, 2005

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Cleveringa, Rosin (7) and Moen, Field (7); Miller, Mettalka (7) and Claus. W-Rosin (5-3). L-Mettalka (3-1).