

## Red rolls in season opener

By Greg Schmidt

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The Red (1-0, 1-0) picked up right where they left off last year as the latest roster cruised past Hamline 9-6 at Irondale, June 12. It wasn't the Fourth District championship, but it was a stake-your-claim season opener for both and each came out swinging.

Hamline (0-1, 0-1) took control immediately with two runs in the first, but the lead was brief as the Red answered with a five-run flurry in the bottom of the frame.

Back-to-back errors allowed Derek McCallum and Brady Field to reach and in the process, scored Billy Gazich and Chase Traeger. Joe Colwell made it 4-0 with a two-run single and Bjorn Anderson (1 for 2, SF, BB, 2-RBI) drove in the fifth with a sacrifice fly.

Tri-City continued to pour it with three runs in the fourth highlighted by a two-run double from McCallum (2 for 4, 2-2B, 2-RBI). Colwell (3-RBI) also finished with two hits after an RBI triple in the sixth.

Red starter Seth Rosin (1-0) struck out six before Brandon Porten replaced him with two outs in the fifth.

In the last meeting between the district rivals, the Red plated 11 runs in the first on their way to an 18-7 win and berth in the state tournament.

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#### Tri-City Red 9, Hamline 6 (Game 1)

Ham	2	0	0	1	1	1	1	—	6	7	3
TCR	5	0	0	3	0	1	x	—	9	9	3

Grasko, Berg (5) and Hinsen; Rosin, Porten (5) and Field. W-Rosin (1-0). L-Grasko (0-1). HR-Ham, Hall.

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## Weber blanks 39ers

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Red pitcher Adam Weber made a spectacular '06 debut tossing a four-hit shutout leading the squad to a 2-0 victory June 14 at North St. Paul (1-3, 0-1). Weber struck out eight while carrying a no-hitter into the fifth. Scott Horner ended the no-hit bid with a single to right, but was quickly erased on a double play beginning with a strikeout to Jeff House and throw down to second by catcher Brady Field (1 for 3, HBP).

The Red (2-0, 2-0) had gained the lead in the top of the fifth sparked by a leadoff double to the centerfield fence by Brett Cleveringa (1 for 3, 2B). A sacrifice fly to left by Billy Gazich (2 for 3, SF, RBI) brought in what would be the game-winner. After reaching on a fielder's choice Chase Traeger (2 for 4, SB) eventually made the journey home as well. He stole second and raced to third on an errant attempt to catch him at second. Moments later he was home on a wild pitch.

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**Tri-City Red 2, North St. Paul 0 (Game 2)**

TCR	0 0 0	0 2 0	0	—	2	7	0
NSP	0 0 0	0 0 0	0	—	0	4	3

A. Weber and Field; Ryan, Holmberg (7) and Adams. W-A. Weber (1-0). L-Ryan (0-2).

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### **Red unscathed through three**

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In a battle of early unbeatens, the Red (3-0, 3-0) came out on top by a 5-1 final over Rosetown (2-1, 2-1) June 15 at Irondale to take over sole possession of first place in the Fourth District.

A two-out, two-run single by Erik Anderson (1 for 3, 2-RBI) capped a key third inning where the Red, ranked fifth in the state poll, turned a one-run deficit into a 3-1 advantage. In the fifth Billy Gazich (2 for 3, HBP, SB), who led off by being hit by a pitch (his fourth plunking in three games), stole second and took third on a single by Chase Traeger (1 for 3, BB, SB). Gazich came home with the fourth run when an attempt to catch him leading off third deflected off his back and into left field. Traeger later joined him on a ground out by Derek McCallum (giving plenty of insurance for Sam Weber, who scattered four hits, struck out four and didn't allow an earned run in his six innings of work. Also logging hits for the Red: Bjorn Anderson (1 for 1, 2-BB) and Adam Weber (1 for 3, 2B).

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**Tri-City Red 5, Rosetown 1 (Game 3)**

Rose	1 0 0	0 0 0	0	—	1	4	2
TCR	0 0 3	0 2 0	x	—	5	6	2

S. Weber, Porten (7) and E. Anderson; Blevins, Strecker (6) and Olberding. W-S. Weber (1-0). L-Blevins (0-1).

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