

## Past meets present as Red closes in on regular season crown

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The “world” was watching and Seth Rosin delivered again in a 2-0 shutout of Arcade-Phalen (11-16, 5-10) July 17 at Midway Stadium. In the past week Rosin has made five appearances including two starts and in three of those appearances, there have been scouts paying close attention.

In his latest appearance, Rosin fanned 12, a Legion career-high, in front of U of M pitching coach Todd Oakes. Sitting along side Oakes was former Red phenom Andy Peters ('00-'02), who just finished up another outstanding year, his fourth and final season at Minnesota. Also next to Oakes: Rick Brosseau — another former Red phenom and also a former star shortstop for the Gophers. Brosseau was witness to a fine defensive effort helping Rosin's cause led by shortstop Derek McCallum, already signed with Minnesota (and drafted by the Twins). McCallum's wizardry has been compared many times to Brosseau's incredible exploits as a Red shortstop from 1995-97.

McCallum (1 for 1, 2-BB, 2B, SB, 2-RBI) also made an impact at the plate by providing the lone scoring punch on a two-run double to the gap in left-center in the third inning.

Rosin's shutout is the third in the past four district games for the Red (23-8, 12-1) that shrunk their magic number to two for the league title and the coveted first round playoff bye.

Over the last 17 innings, Rosin has been tapped for only one run. That includes one inning for the Minnesota Twins at their prospect camp a week ago.

“It was a lot of fun seeing all the really good players from around the Midwest and being part of that was a great experience,” said Rosin, who was among 30 players to receive an invite.

Rosin was put through a number of drills at the all-day camp. The highlight, he said, was the inning pitched against other prospects. He struck out two and got the other to ground out. Said Rosin: “I was a little nervous. There were a bunch of scouts standing behind me watching every move.”

### July 17, 2006

#### Tri-City Red 2, Arcade-Phalen 0 (Game 31)

Arcade-Phalen	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	3	0	
Tri-City Red	0	0	2	0	0	0	x	—	2	3	1

Fitzgerald and Collier; Rosin and Field. W-Rosin (4-1). L-Fitzgerald (2-4).

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## Red makes it 10 straight to clinch first place

Winning 10-in-a-row isn't easy and the most difficult part is usually the one with double digit implications, but the Red (24-8, 13-1) found a way in a 4-3 nail-biter over North End (4-14) July 18 at Midway Stadium.

Consecutive base hits by Billy Gazich (1 for 4) and Brian Marshik (2 for 4) got it started in the bottom of the seventh and Derek McCallum (1 for 4, RBI) finished it with a single to right.

Tri-City finished with 10 hits led by Chase Traeger, who went 2 for 3 with a walk. With one hit apiece: Brady Field (2-RBI, 2B, SF), Bjorn Anderson (RBI), Joe Colwell and Blake Searles.

Erik Fiegel entered with a runner on and nobody out in the sixth and blanked North End to become the third Red pitcher to notch a fourth victory. More importantly, the win clinched the Fourth District regular season title and a bye in the first round of the playoffs which keeps the Red out of the knock-out round. Tri-City opens the postseason in the Final Four (double elimination) July 26 at Midway Stadium. First pitch is 8 p.m.

### July 18, 2006

#### Tri-City Red 4, North End 3 (Game 32)

North End	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	—	3	5	1
Tri-City Red	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	—	4	7	1

Davoli and Walters; Searles, Fiegel (6) and Field. W-Fiegel (4-1).  
L-Davoli.

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## Red chasing history

The Red (25-8, 14-1) moved closer to matching the best district record in team history (17-1) by edging North St. Paul 4-2 at Midway Stadium July 19.

With the top seed and first-round playoff bye already clinched the night before, Tri-City went back to work gaining a 2-0 lead in the second inning on an RBI double from Erik Anderson (1 for 3, 2B, RBI) and sacrifice fly by Bjorn Anderson (0 for 1, SF, HBP).

Starter Brandon Porten (6.2-IP, 7-H, 2-R), who picked up his team-leading fifth victory, kept North St. Paul (19-19, 8-7) scrambling

for the equalizer the rest of the way before leaving with two out in the seventh. Joe Colwell needed only two pitches to pick up his second save.

The Red added singles runs in the fifth (Brian Marshik, 1 for 2, 2-BB, RBI) and seventh (Brady Field (0 for 3, BB, RBI) in the team's 11th straight win.

Chase Traeger had reached base seven straight times, but his streak was stopped in the sixth inning. He finished 1 for 2 with a walk.

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#### **Tri-City Red 4, North St. Paul 2 (Game 33)**

Tri-City Red	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	—	4	4	0
North St. Paul	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	—	2	7	0

Porten, Colwell (7) and Field; Hutchens, Hubbard (7) and Adams.  
W-Porten (5-1). L-Hutchens (5-2). S-Colwell (2).

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### **Fast start keeps Tri-City in win column — again**

#### **Streak reaches a dozen**

With their 6-3 win against Rosetown (19-11, 11-6) at Irondale July 20, Tri-City Red (26-8, 15-1) not only extended their unbeaten streak to 12 games, but also prevented their opponent from clinching second place as North St. Paul (10-7) swept Arcade to pull within a game of second place.

The Red trailed briefly, but grabbed the lead in a hurry with two in the second on an error and RBI single from Blake Searles (1 for 3, RBI).

Another error in the second made it 3-1 before Brian Marshik (2 for 3, SB, RBI) and Derek McCallum (2 for 2, BB, 2B, RBI, 2-SB) each got their second hit. Both drove in runs for a 5-1 advantage. Brady Field (1 for 3, RBI) brought home the final dish tapper in the fifth.

Meanwhile, several base running blunders stymied any rally hopes for Rosetown as the Red improved to 15-1 in the Fourth District. A doubleheader July 23 is all that remains on the regular season docket for the league champ. A sweep by the Red over White Bear would tie the club record for regular season district wins (17-1) — set by the 1999 World Series championship team.

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**Tri-City Red 6, Rosetown 3 (Game 34)**

Rosetown	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	—	3	7	3
Tri-City Red	2	3	0	0	1	0	x	—	6	8	1

Libra, Strecker (5) and Krech; Cleveringa, Fiegel (5), Colwell (7) and Field. W-Cleveringa (3-2). L-Libra. S-Colwell (3).