

Colwell keeps Red in front of Fourth District

By Greg Schmidt, July 6, 2008

After falling behind twice to White Bear Lake (2-8) July 1 at Irondale, Nick Colwell showed why he's a game-changer with an RBI double to right-centerfield in the fifth inning that proved the difference in a 6-3 victory.

Colwell (2 for 3, 2B, 3B, R, 2-RBI), who eventually scored on a sacrifice fly to center by Brandon Hershey to extend the Red's lead to 5-3, also had a triple down the rightfield line that pushed David Freed (2 for 4, SB, 2B, RBI, R) home in the first inning.

Also with one hit apiece: Matt Tetrick (1 for 1, BB, 2B, SF, RBI), Jesse Nickols (1 for 2, R, BB) and Luke Ross (1 for 2, 2B, SB, R). Paul Myers (3-0), Jack Ries and Andy Gallagher (save) each pitched a scoreless inning in relief of starter Aaron Page to keep the Red (19-1, 8-1) in the top spot of the Fourth District.

Tri-City Red 6, White Bear Lake 3

Game 20, July 1, 2008

White Bear	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	—	3	4	2
TC Red	1	2	0	0	2	1	x	—	6	7	3

Cropsey, Claeson (6) and Ramisch, Moos (5); Page, Myers (5), Ries (6), Gallagher (7) and Tetrick. W-Myers (3-0). L-Cropsey. S-Gallagher (2).



Delano Stars & Stripes Tournament Coverage

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Myers' three-hitter not enough

The secret is now out on how to defeat the fourth-ranked team in the state. Simply shut them out.

That was the strategy used by Arcade-Phalen less than two weeks ago and copied by Fifth District power Minneapolis Southwest (7-2), in their 1-0 defeat of the Red (18-2) in the July 3 quarterfinals of the Delano Stars and Stripes tourney.

Oh, and how close this game had come to being a blowout — for the Red. After stranding three in the first inning, the Red also left them loaded in the third. They stranded eight and only managed four hits off Minneapolis Southpaw Bennett Johnson (5-BB, 5-SO).

All of the drama played out early, as Minneapolis manufactured a run in the first in what would be the eventual game-winner. The Red logged nearly all of their free passes and hits in the first four innings. After that, the squad managed only a double from Nick

Colwell (2 for 2, 2B, BB), pictured below, and walk to Matt Tetrick (0 for 1, 2-BB). The other two hits for the Red came from Ross JLaDuke (1 for 4) and Ian Goldsmith (1 for 2, BB), both in the third inning.

Lost in the struggles at the plate was an outstanding performance on the mound by Paul Myers (shown above). After allowing two hits and — at the time, an uneventful run in the first, Myers retired 13 straight before a single in the fifth and walk in the seventh.

As a side note, the Delano tournament had special meaning for Red catcher Matt Tetrick, whose uncle, Dave Zitzloff (who had passed away last fall), was a well-respected, life-long contributor to Delano baseball. In fact, Manor Field, upon which Red's first game was played, is scheduled to be renamed "Dave Zitzloff Field" in his honor. Needless to say, according to the Tetrick family, Matt, in his final year of Red eligibility, was very excited to make this trip to Delano in a Red uniform.



Minneapolis SW 1, Tri-City Red 0

Game 21, July 3, 2008

Tri-City Red	0	0	0	0	—	0	4	0
Minneapolis SW	1	0	0	0	x	1	3	0

Myers and Tetrick; Johnson and Licht.
W-Johnson (3-1). L-Myers (3-1).

Indieke stymies Ham Lake

After a disappointing and stunning 1-0 loss to Minneapolis Southwest the day before, the Red responded with a work-man-like 5-1 win July 4 over Ham Lake (11-6) in the consolation semifinals at the Mini Wrigley in Delano.

Tri-City (20-2) got all they would need in the first two innings including a three-run second. Run-scoring singles by David Freed (2 for 3, HBP, 2B, RBI, 2-R) and Ross LaDuke (2 for 3, RBI) got it started. With those two on the corners and two out, a beautifully executed double steal attempt allowed Freed to get home before LaDuke got caught in the rundown between first and second. Ham Lake did manage to erase the shutout with a run in the fourth, however, that was washed out on an RBI double to right-center in the fifth by Phil Wessberg (1 for 3, 2B, RBI) that plated Ian Goldsmith (2 for 2, 2-2B, BB, R).

Starter Ethan Imdieke responded by retiring Ham Lake in order over the last two innings. His magnificently pitched four-hitter also included three double plays and made him the fourth, three-game winner this summer for the Red's incredibly balanced pitching staff (nine pitchers with at least one victory).

Tri-City Red 5, Ham Lake 1

Game 22, July 4, 2008

Ham Lake	0	0	0	1	0	0	—	1	4	0	
Tri-City Red	1	3	0	0	1	0	x	—	5	8	2

McLean, Choinard (5) and Farnsworth; Imdieke and Wessberg. W-Imdieke (3-0).
L-McLean.

Red settles for fifth place Laps follow, but not for victory

Tri-City Red (21-2) did win a championship at the Star and Stripes tournament, but it was not the hardware they expected after ending a tough three days, with an lackluster 8-2 triumph over the host in the consolation championship game July 5 at the Mini Wrigley in Delano.

About the only motivation to be found was the fact that the Red's sister team, Tri-City Blue, lost to Delano (3-14) recently, 12-5.



Whatever the case, the Red did start fast with three runs in their first at bat, sparked by a two-run single to right-center by Luke Ross. The game took on a scrimmage-type atmosphere after that, but the Red did have a few highlights. None were bigger than the effort by David Freed (4 for 4, R, RBI), pictured at left and below, who drove in a run in the fourth and capped his perfect day at the plate with a one-out single in the seventh. Also in the final swings at the Mini-Wrigley, Jesse Nickols (1 for 4, R, RBI), Ross (2 for 4, 3-RBI) and Brad Blumer (1 for 3, HBP, R, RBI) each knocked in runs to complete the scorecard.

But, running wild on the bases in the last inning turned out to be just a warm-up for the Red. Following the post-game chat, the players went on a warning track run and then did it again and — did it again.



“They’re running as a team because we didn’t play as a team,” assistant head coach Rus Poser said. “They’re running to remember that they need to show enthusiasm for their teammates.”

And Poser didn’t just pin the lack of intensity on the most recent outing. “It was very uninspired this entire weekend . . . This is a reminder: they’re not as good as they think they are.”

Indeed many areas may have lacked high intensity, but the pitching was impressive – as the Red gave up only four runs on nine hits in the three-game set. In the final tilt, Andy Gallagher, Freed and Phil Wessberg combined on a two-hitter with five strikeouts.



The Red now heads into the second half of their schedule. Most notably, the Gopher Classic is next, which teams and coaches, alike, use as a true measuring stick to separate the contenders from the pretenders, as they head into the postseason at the end of the month.

Tri-City Red 8, Delano 2

Game 23, July 5, 2008

TC Red	3	0	0	1	0	4	—	8	12	3
Delano	0	0	0	2	0	0	—	2	2	2

Gallagher, Freed (5), Wessberg (7) and Tetrick; S. Snyder, Maher (7) and Gleason. W-Gallagher (4-1). L-S. Snyder (1-4).

Jesse Nickols (above)
Phil Wessberg (below)



Matt Tetrick

