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Hillsborough All Stars win game in rout

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For the second time in as many days, the Hillsborough 9- and 10-year-old All-Star team beat a clearly over-matched opponent in the Section 3 playoffs at Lakeshore Park in San Mateo Friday.

After beating Mt. Eden 11-0 Thursday, Hillsborough dismantled Northgate of Manteca 19-0 in a game called after 3 1/2 innings because of the 10-run mercy rule. Hillsborough pounded out 16 hits, including three doubles and a home run, and benefited from eight Northgate errors.

"Up and down the lineup, they all hit the ball hard," said Hillsborough coach Jeff Cozad. "What's neat, as a coach, is that they're adjusting to different velocities. They're developing good discipline."

Hillsborough faces Pleasanton American at noon Saturday in the winner's bracket final. Pleasanton had a bye Friday after beating Newark 7-1 Thursday.

Although Hillsborough has developed a reputation as great hitting team, it is solid in all aspects of the game. Pitching and defense were also on display Friday. Starting pitcher Austin Marcus pitched three innings, allowing only two hits and striking out four. Henry Caruso came in to pitch the final inning, walking one and striking out two

Left fielder Charlie Boyd put everyone on notice that despite his lack of experience in the outfield, he was not going to be the weak link. Northgate's second batter of the game hit a dying line drive to shallow left but Boyd hustled in and made the catch as he slid to his knees.

"The defensive play in left field set the tone (for the rest of the game)," coach Cozad said. "He hasn't played much outfield but he's spent the last five weeks busting his butt to get better."

Believe or not, there was a point when Northgate threatened to make a game of it. Hillsborough scored once in the bottom of the first on a Grant Goodman home run, but Northgate got its first two runners on base on a walk and a bunt single in the top of the second with no outs. Marcus induced a ground ball to second baseman Gordon Barrows, who went to second to get the force. The throw back to first by shortstop Brock Cozad was too late to turn the double play, but first baseman Will Reilly alertly threw the ball home as Northgate's lead runner attempted to score. Catcher Frankie Ferrari did an excellent job of blocking the plate and tagging out the runner for an unorthodox double play

"We actually work on situations like that in practice," coach Cozad said. "Sometimes they don't always understand why we do it (in practice) until it happens (in a game).

Ferrari also made a great diving catch in foul territory to catch a pop-up in the

After scoring five runs in the second, Hillsborough put the game away in the bottom of the third, sending 18 batters to the plate and scoring 13 times. Henry Caruso, Ferrari and Austin each had two hits in the inning.

Leadoff hitter Caruso continues his torrid tournament, driving in four more runs Friday, giving him eight RBIs in two games. He drilled a bases-loaded, groundrule double in the third to go along with run scoring singles in the first and later in the third. Caruso finished the day 3 for 4 with three runs scored. Ferrari and Austin also had three hits on the day while Brock Cozad and Goodman each had two hits. Ferrari and Cozad each drove in three runs while Goodman had

"[The team] is really developing in all aspects of the game," coach Cozad said.

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