

Hillsborough earns section crown

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Many of the Hillsborough 9-10-year-old All-Stars joined forces to lug a big cooler full of water to throw on manager Jeff Cozad. As the boys got within a few yards, Cozad had these words to say in jest to his charges:

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PLEASANTON 1**

"You're not strong enough," Cozad chided. One might beg to differ as the fellas from Hillsborough gave Cozad the cold water treat-

ment by working as a team. What else? Hillsborough locked up the Section 3 title by besting Pleasanton American 3-1 at Martens Field in San Mateo Tuesday evening. The game was a showdown game for the two teams had split the previous two meetings.

Hillsborough heads to Rocklin for the Divi-

sion Tournament, which meshes the best teams in Northern California against each other.

"These kids put in about 150 hours of hard work," Cozad said. "It paid off. Pleasanton American was a great team and a great bunch

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of coaches and players."

Brenden Barrows pitched the first three innings for Hillsborough, while Grant Goodman worked the final three frames to pick up the victory. Center fielder Henry Caruso recorded the first out in the top of the sixth by hustling far to his right on a threatening fly ball, making the catch on his knees. Shortstop

Brock Cozad caught a harrowing pop-up behind second for the second out as a young Hillsborough fan fell on his back in exasperation near the Hillsborough dugout.

Young Cozad fielded a grounder and threw to first for the final out as the celebration commenced.

Hillsborough tied the game in the fourth inning when Gordon Barrows' single scored pinch-runner Andrew Schmitt. Chris Mark then delivered what proved to be the game-winning RBI

when he singled home Barrows.

Goodman's homer to center field in the fifth provided some nice insurance for Hillsborough.

"I'm happy we won section," Hillsborough's Frankie Ferrari said. "We got some momentum when we won our first game of the tournament. We should do well in Division and hope to squeeze out a few wins."

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