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## Hillsborough Minors capture Super Bowl title

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Menlo-Atherton Minor All-Stars manager Dean Wilkins said it best during the post-game trophy presentation after yesterday's Super Bowl championship game: "Hillsborough is a dynamite team. They played flawlessly today and we tip our caps to them."

Hillsborough showed just how dynamic they could be during the District 52 Minor League Super Bowl tournament at Sea Cloud Park in Foster City, outscoring their opponents 57-9 in a four-game stretch that concluded with a 14-2 victory yesterday in the championship game. Hillsborough used aggressive baserunning and rode the starting pitching of Jordan Petruszka to yet another tournament title.

"It was a great setting here in Foster City, it's a beautiful park," said Hillsborough manager Cory Goligoski. "We had a real tough game against Palo Alto right off the bat and they battled until the end. And the last three games, we came out hitting. We just didn't stop hitting. We had four great pitching performances and the guys were lights out. They had the time of their lives out there."

Always loaded with talent from top to bottom, this particular Hillsborough squad had one superior attribute that they used to their advantage during the tournament and in the championship game: speed. From the outset to the final at-bat (which came in an inning in which they had to come off the field because of a five-run per inning rule) Hillsborough was ultra aggressive on the base paths. It put an extreme amount of pressure on the M-A defense which it could not handle.

"I was a tiny bit disappointed they didn't perform like they had in the first three games," Wilkins said. "After having three week of practices, coming together and putting a team together, they really gelled the first couple of days. We were riding the momentum. Today we can out and we were flat. Obviously, we're playing a good team, so we just didn't have the same energy (or) excitement that we had had the last couple of days."

Hillsborough scored early and often, starting in the first inning when they turned a walk and a hit batter into a pair of runs. William Lawrence collected a RBI on a single left field in the frame.

In the second, Hillsborough was the beneficiary of three walks, all of which came around to score. Evan Glatt got the big hit in the inning when he dumped a ball into centerfield that scored Bobby Howie and Ryan McWilliams.

They would duplicate the three-run feat in the following inning. Aidan Macaluso and Pat Keighran got things started with back-to-back singles. Matthew Jackson loaded the bases two batters later when he drew a walk. With one out, Lawrence hit a sacrifice fly to left field that scored a run. But Hillsborough remained aggressive on the base paths and turned it into another run as M-A threw the ball away on defense.

"We have a lot of fast kids," Goligoski said, "and they see that ball on the ground and they're going to go. They're not afraid to run."

"We tried to keep the vaunted Hillsborough name out of their heads for a while," Wilkins said. "But then word got around after they saw how well they were playing. But for us, it was a huge achievement just to get here. We just played against a better team today."

Menlo-Atherton got a run back in the third. Jack Kirkham collected the RBI on a ground ball to short.

But Hillsborough got it right back in the fourth when M-A committed three errors, one of which allowed Jake Goligoski to get on base and another that let him score.

Hillsborough left absolutely no doubt by throwing up a five spot in the top of fifth. The inning was called six batters in after Hillsborough had singled four times and walked twice.

"(It's a) great way to start the summer for them," Goligoski said. "They couldn't be happier. They're on cloud nine."



Nathan Mollat / Daily Journal Hillsborough's Evan Glatt strokes a two-run single to center in the top of the second inning of his team's 14-2 win over Menlo-Atherton in the District 52 minors Super Bowl.



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