



Peninsula Little League Daily

MATT DOUGHERTY KEEPS HILLSBOROUGH LEGACY ALIVE

Hillsborough has an impressive pedigree in the District 52 Majors All-Star Tournament, and don't think the current team is unaware of it.

The league won seven district titles in eight years beginning in 2004. Grant Goodman, Matthew Krook, the Waldsmith brothers (Jack, Nick and Alex), Eric Whitfield (son of former Giant Terry Whitfield), Shane Snow (son of former Giant J.T. Snow) and Tyler and Grant Goedel are some of the names who made it happen.

Now, add Matt Dougherty to that list of outstanding talent. Dougherty hit two home runs and was the winning pitcher, striking out eight in three innings, to lead Hillsborough over Alpine/West Menlo 10-0 in five innings in an elimination game on Tuesday.

Hillsborough takes on Half Moon Bay Thursday at 5 p.m. at Holbrook-Palmer Park in another elimination game. They need to win six more games to take the tournament.

But if any team can do it, Hillsborough can, paced by their upbeat leader.

"Matt has just got a great attitude," Hillsborough coach Dan Gilmartin said. "The main thing is that he doesn't beat himself up. He has a real upbeat attitude."

Dougherty struck out the first six batters of the game, and seven of the first eight. He also had a homer in the first, when his team scored six runs.

"I'm not surprised at all," Gilmartin said. "He struck out sixteen in a game in the regular season. And he hit two home runs in one game against my team."

Hillsborough also got homers from Dean Moss and Casey Platkin.

DISTRICT 52 LITTLE LEAGUE
MAJORS (11-12) ALL-STAR TOURNAMENT

Tuesday

Elimination Bracket

at Holbrook-Palmer Park

Alpine/West Menlo 000 00 -- 0 7 1

Hillsborough 620 11 -- 10 9 0

WP -- Matt Dougherty (8 SO). HR -- Dean Moss, Dougherty 2, Casey Platkin (H). 2B -- Platkin, Hanson (H). 2 hits -- Moss, Dougherty, Platkin (H). 3 RBI -- Dougherty (H). 2 RBI -- Platkin, Moss (H).

Wednesday

Winner's Bracket

at Holbrook-Palmer Park

5 p.m.: San Mateo American vs. Palo Alto National.