



Belmont reliever Arshan Perwad.

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Belmont-Redwood Shores Edges Hillsborough 3-2

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Belmont-Redwood Shores goes into each game knowing it has a reputation to uphold — this is a team that's quite aware of its place in District 52 history. And on Thursday they took it one more step, beating Hillsborough, 3-2, to advance in the loser's bracket of the Majors All-Star Tournament in Redwood City.

Kevin Tomita's two-run single in the fourth inning provided the eventual winning run for Belmont, which goes on to play San Carlos on Saturday at 10 a.m. In the other loser's bracket game Saturday, Pacifica American meets San Mateo American at 12:30. In the winners' bracket today (Friday), Half Moon Bay takes on Menlo-Atherton at 5:30. The tournament continues through July 5.

"Everybody really wants to move on, partly because we know we have a reputation to protect," said Belmont's Kaden Healy, who had a key single in his team's go-ahead rally in the fourth. "We have to keep working."

Belmont has won four District 52 majors titles, the fourth-most of any team. And they were also the first District 52 team to make it to the Western Regionals — in 2013 going all the way to the championship game in San Bernardino before losing to Chula Vista. That's just one win from making it to the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa.

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“There is that legacy,” said Belmont-Redwood Shores manager Drew Healy. “I definitely think that they’re aware of it. Today it made them play harder.”

Hillsborough has a legacy of its own, of course. The league has won seven District 52 majors championships, including five in a row, over an eight-year span beginning in 2004. And the current squad is tough as well. Kevin Macy’s solo homer in the top of the fourth tied the game 1-1, and Cooper Wong then hit a double and eventually stole home on a wild pitch for a 2-1 lead.

Starter Malcom Felix had injured his arm the play and had to exit the game.

Hillsborough lost both of its games in the tourney by just one run.

“We’ll check him out and see what’s with the injury going forward,” Healy said.



San Mateo American players (far right) check out the Belmont-Redwood Shores game. San Mateo had just won their game on an adjoining field

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Hillsborough's Kevin Macy

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