



Beau Schaffer #44 on the mound for Hillsborough in the first Championship Section 3 game vs. Danville

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Danville Beats Hillsborough 3-2 To Force 11's Challenge Game

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Call it a teachable afternoon for the Hillsborough 11-year-old all-stars. Just about every player made contact in every at-bat — only two struck out — and they collected 10 hits, but it wasn't enough to prevent a 3-2 loss to Danville on Sunday in the championship round of the Section 3 Tournament in Union City on Sunday.

But all this really means is more baseball. The Danville win forces a challenge game for the title today (Monday) at 6 p.m. at Hall Ranch Park. It was Hillsborough's first loss in the double-elimination event.

And the players seem to have it all in perspective.

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"This loss was good, 'cause it will make us stronger," said Luke Levitt, who had a pair of singles for Hillsborough. Teammate Beau Schaffer also had two singles, and Nate Coughlin was three-for-four with an RBI.

"It was a good game all around, give Danville credit," said Hillsborough manager Ben Coughlin, whose team is batting .494 (40×81) in Sectionals. "We hit the ball, but it didn't work out. We learn from this and move on."

Hillsborough scored a run in the first on Schaffer's single that scored Coughlin, and went up 2-1 in the fourth on Coughlin's single that brought in Tolu Carroll.

Schaffer was the starting pitcher and struck out five over 5 1/3 innings.

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