

Travel Baseball Update - Week 1

8U Gold

The 8U Raiders started off the season on a strong note, defeating the Boro Bombers by a score of 8-0, at the new Mountain View Park facility. The shut-out performance was lead by starting pitcher Shaan Patel and relief pitcher Shane Borer who were virtually flawless on the mound. Over the course of 5 innings, they combined for 12 strikeouts and 1 walk, while giving up only 3 hits. Leading 4-0 going into the 5th inning, the Raiders offense broke loose, with Nathan Bienstock, Connor Emmich and Aidan Murphy all hitting triples in the inning. The resulting 4 runs sealed the victory for the Raiders on Opening Day.

9U Gold

Hillsborough 9u Gold opened their season with a 6-5 win this past Sunday against the Somerset Select Warriors in Somerset.

Brayden Fox kick started the offense in the 1st inning with the first team hit of the season, and was quickly driven in by Drew Kipila. Later in the inning, Myles Jackson came to the plate and hit the first pitch he saw for a hard line drive in the right center gap for an RBI double.

Somerset Select bounced back with 3 of their own, to take an early lead.

The middle of the game was a back and forth battle with good pitching by both teams.

Hillsborough's offense returned later in the game with a huge 2 run double by Quincy Gamble.

Other offensive contributions came from hits by James Drinkwater, Rahil Shah, Chase Cahill and Isaac Barajas, and good at bats aggressive base running of Anthony Guerrero. The Hillsborough defense also played well including two double plays – one started by Eric Albee and another by Quinn Hayden, and the pitchers striking out 8 throughout the game.

After heading into the top 6th tied 5-5, Hillsborough was able to scrape across a run to head into the bottom of the 6th with a 6-5 lead. Brayden Fox, in his 2nd inning of work, shut the door without allowing a base runner and striking out 2 in the final frame.

Hillsborough pitcher included Isaac Barajas who started on the mound and pitch 1 1/3, Drew Kipila pitched the middle 2 innings, capped by Brayden Fox who pitched 2 1/3 to finish the game.

10U Gold

The 10U Gold team lost a hard fought game to South Brunswick 4-3. After 3 scoreless innings, Hillsborough went ahead 2-1 in the 4th then added 1 run in the top of the 5th but

gave up 3 runs in the bottom of the 5th inning. JJ Lotierzo and MJ Cohen split the pitching duties and had a combined 10 strikeouts and 2 walks. It was great to get on the field for the 2017 season and we look forward to hosting the Milltown Padres Friday night at the new Mountainview Complex.

10U Maroon

The 10U Maroon team officially opened Mountain View Park with a 14-7 loss to North Edison. After getting down 7-0, Hillsborough broke through with an RBI ground out by Samuel Clapcich in the third inning. The hometown team notched 4 runs in the 4th to pull within 7-5, led by a big RBI double by Jason Williams. North Edison pulled away late and handed the 10U Maroon Squad their first loss of the season. Some of the Hillsborough highlights were strong pitching performances by Anthony Morgan, who had the honor of throwing the first pitch in Mountain View history, Matthew Bleemer, Matthew Bell, Corey Buckelew, Milan Patel and Clapcich. Other highlights included Brady Porter recording the first Hillsborough hit at Mountain View Park, a single to left in the bottom of the first, Chris Miller's hard fought 10 pitch at bat that led to a signal up the middle in the 6th, strong play in the infield by Nate Drab and a solid day behind the plate by Garrett Herndon. . Despite the loss, the team fought hard and are looking forward to a great season.

11U Gold

Hillsborough 11U Gold drops a heart breaker 7-5 to a tough Full Count team after late score. Patrick Cruise, pitched three strong innings in his first start and contributed at the plate with an RBI single. Grace B. had an unbelievable game behind the plate and amassed 2 strikeouts in her first relief appearance. Brian O'Kane made a few very instinctive plays in the field. Eli Verse tore up the base baths with 3 stolen bases. Jake Rachilla contributed with an RBI sacrifice and Kylie Mistretta shattered the window on a vehicle parked in harm's way with a ferocious foul ball. The blast of the game came from Gabe Daly, with a bomb that just squeaked fair deep down the left field line driving in another run. Overall the team played exceptional in the field and they are looking forward to their next time on the diamond.