

# SPORTS

## Reed's pitching leads Ravenswood

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Ravenswood Little League All-Star Manager Bruce Swain almost benched Kendric Reed before Thursday evening's game in the District 52 baseball tournament. But he decided against it.

Reed went to the mound and pitched Ravenswood to a 4-0 victory over Foothill at San Mateo's Lakeshore Park.

In a losers' bracket game at Foster City, Foster City downed San Mateo American 10-1.

"He (Reed) was the best player on my team during the regular season," said Swain. "But he wasn't ready for the tournament. He's been lackluster, and assumed he had a position. So I talked to him this morning and told him that he could be benched."

That was all it took.

Reed allowed Foothill only three hits, two of them by Alex Harbert.

Foothill's best threat came in the first inning. Harbert led off with a single, was wild pitched to second and advanced to third on a throwing error. Reed mishandled a bunt by Chris Bianchini, who beat it out. Bianchini stole second.

But with runners at second and third and only one out, Reed seemed to find himself. He struck out the next two hitters.

Ravenswood scored its first run in the third on an infield single by Cedric Reed and a fly ball to left by Bon Thomas Goodwin which was mishandled for a three-base error.

Ravenswood added two more in the fourth. Marcus Turner led off with a triple, but was picked off third base. Leighton Lang was hit by a pitch, Kendric Reed walked and Troy Julian bounced a ball through the infield which also eluded the centerfielder. Two runs scored on the play.

Ravenswood added its final run in the fifth on a double by Cedric Reed, a throwing error and a sacrifice fly by Tony Gillette.

Reed was in control all the way. Only one Foothill runner got as far as second base.

He was supported by outstanding defense. Third baseman Maurice Hicks turned in the play of the game in the fifth. Foothill's Buck Ellis ripped a ball down the line. Hicks dove to backhand it, scrambled up and threw Ellis out from his knees.

The win moves Ravenswood to the final game of the winners' bracket against Pacifica American at 10 a.m. Saturday at Lakeshore Park in San Mateo.

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### Little League tournament



Kendric Reed