

All-star twins are a winning combination

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Ravenswood's all-star twins Cedric and Kendric Reed tried something new before their team beat Pacifica American, 5-0, Saturday morning.

The 12-year-old eighth graders from Graham School in East Palo Alto ate hamburgers for breakfast before playing at windy Lakeshore Park in San Mateo.

"Usually we eat cereal or toast or something like that before a game," Kendric said, "but this time, we both felt like having something different."

Odds are they'll try it again.

Cedric struck out 13 batters and allowed just two hits, both in the first inning, to earn his second victory of the District 52 Little League All-Star Tournament. He gave up only two walks.

With the victory, Ravenswood advances to the championship game Thursday in the double-elimination tournament, where it will have to be beaten twice.

Little League

Kendric, who made a diving catch at third base in the fourth inning to protect his brother's pitching performance, hit his first home run of the season, a solo homer over the center-field fence in the fifth inning.

Not to be outdone at the plate by his taller brother, Cedric hit a two-out pitch over the left-field fence in the next inning. It was his second home run in as many tournament games.

Cedric was the only player to have three hits in the game. He led off the game with a triple, and scored what was to be the winning run after Bon Thomas Goodwin followed with a single.

Cedric also had a single in the third inning.

After Kendric hit his home run, Cedric was the first teammate to greet his brother at home plate.

As Cedric was rounding the bases after hitting his home run, Kendric was waiting to give his brother a high-five at the third base coaching box.

Both held their index fingers in the air after rounding first base.

"I was proud of him for hitting his first home run," Cedric said. "I treat him like the rest of the team, except when he does something really good or really bad. Then I either get on his case or congratulate him."

"But sometimes we argue," Cedric said. "Like when I start walking a lot of people. But usually it's really fun to have him in the same infield."

The brothers have been playing together since they were 7.

"I think having a brother out there really helps," Kendric said. "When his pitches look like they're getting a little off course, I can go out there and calm him down some."

Cedric, who had six strikeouts in the first two innings, didn't show any signs of tiring.

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