

Tanager baseball team members receive honors

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Vermillion's state Class "B" high school baseball champions placed three men on the 2012 All-State team as announced last week by the state high school baseball association, and five VHS players earned all-Region 1B honors.

Two Tanager pitchers – senior Nile Morecraft and junior Collin Bertram – and one position player, junior catcher Chayse Meierkort, were named to the All-State squad.

Morecraft had a 4-0 record during the season, throwing 24 innings, striking out 17 and allowing 17 hits and 11 walks. He posted an earned-run average of 1.75.

Bertram also went 4-0 and also earned two saves for the Tanagers, striking out 43 in 32 innings pitched, and allowing 14 hits and 14 bases on balls. His ERA was 0.66.

Meierkort's on-base percentage was .628 in 11 games as he batted .529, hitting safely 18 times in 34 at-bats. He had two doubles, a triple and eight runs batted

in while stealing five bases. Morecraft, Bertram and Meierkort also earned all-Region 1B recognition. They were joined by a pair of Tanager infielders, second-baseman Stormy Mirtz, a senior, and junior third-

baseman Tanner Anderson. Mirtz claimed a .400 batting average on 14 hits in 35 plate appearances in 12 games. He had two doubles and drove in seven runs. His on-base percentage was .512.

Anderson drove in nine runs, stole eight bases and had an on-base percentage of .372. He had 15 hits in 34 at-bats for a .357 average in 12 games. He had a double and a triple among his hits.

Vermillion also boasted two seniors on the Academic All-State team for baseball – Caleb Miller with a 3.98 grade-point average and Mitch Ellison with a 3.89 GPA.

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