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The Minnesota Twins have selected Byron Buxton for the 2013 Sherry Robertson Award as their Minor League Player of the Year, the club announced Sunday morning.

Buxton, 19, split the season between the Cedar Rapids KERNELS in the Midwest League and the Fort Myers Miracle in the Florida State League.

He hit .334 this season with 19 doubles, 18 triples, 12 homers, 77 RBIs, 109 runs scored and 55 stolen bases in 125 games for the two teams. He also excelled in center field.

Buxton hit .341 in 68 games for the KERNELS and hit .326 in 57 games for the Miracle after being promoted June 24. He led the Minor Leagues in triples, was second in runs scored and 12th in stolen bases.

Buxton was named the MVP in the Midwest League this season and was named the Minor League Player of the Year by Baseball America.

Buxton will be honored at the 9th Annual Diamond Awards dinner Jan. 23 at Target Field in Minneapolis.

Past winners of the Sherry Robertson Award with the Twins include Kent Hrbek (1981), David Ortiz (1997) and Joe Mauer (2003).

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Buxton, from Baxley, Ga., was the No.2 overall pick in the 2012 draft.