

Sueppel, Czerwiec win IVL awards

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Nick Sueppel of the Williamsburg Red Sox and Austin Czerwiec of the Cedar Rapids Stars have won the top awards in the Iowa Valley League this season.

Sueppel, an outstanding catcher, has been named the Most Valuable Player in the league after helping the Red Sox claim their first IVL title since 1977. He also helped Williamsburg capture the IABA state title on Sunday.

Sueppel, from Iowa City, began his college baseball career at Johnson County Community College and has transferred to Mount Mercy University this year as a junior.

Czerwiec, from Muscatine, has been named the Outstanding Pitcher in the Iowa Valley League for the second straight year. The Mount Mercy grad compiled a 7-2 record in 2018.

Sueppel and Czerwiec will receive their awards this Sunday night in Norway when an IVL all-star team plays the Kent Buccaneers, a traveling squad from England that competes in the European Baseball League. The game is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m.