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THREE PIRATES MAKE ALL-STAR TEAM

Porterville College Athletic Director, Eric Mendoza, has announced that three members of the PC Pirate baseball team have been named to the All-CVC first team all-stars.

First baseman, Mike Bakula, freshman from Clovis, was the most feared hitter in the conference with his production of 13 homeruns, .336 batting average, and 41 RBIs. He was also a good defensive player on the infield. He plans to return to PC for his sophomore year.

Shortstop Raul Cepeda, sophomore from Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, had an outstanding season. He won the Gold Glove award as best fielding shortstop in the league with only 5 errors for the season. He was the catalyst for the offense as the leadoff hitter with a .411 batting average and a league-leading 33 stolen bases. He has committed to play next year at Missouri Baptist University in St. Louis, an NAIA baseball power.

Centerfielder Nicolas Figueroa, a sophomore from Ferrer Cidra, Puerto Rico, was the number three hitter all season for the Pirates and was the team leader in encouragement. He hit .350 and was a Gold Glove winner for outfielders. He also has signed with Missouri Baptist University to play there next season.

Relief pitcher, Truett Hardin, was named to the second team while Raul Febus and Lance Escalera made the honorable mention team.

The Pirates finished the season in third place in the CVC, quite an improvement over last year's last place team. Co-head coaches, Steve Cox and Del Marine, felt very encouraged about their team and have already signed a large number of local area players to come to PC next year.