

BCA Rookie of the Month



Matt Vogel

Patchogue-Medford High School, Medford, NY

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Matt Vogel, SS/P, is the second consecutive freshman on the Patchogue-Medford High School varsity team in Medford, NY.

Vogel is the only freshman on the team and is extremely talented for his age, said Coach Tony Frascogna.

“He is a real athletic kid. He’s obviously a ninth grader playing on the varsity which is a rare feat for us here at our school,” he said.

Vogel fits well with the team despite his age because he played on the junior-varsity team as an eighth grader and there are some sophomores on the team, said Frascogna.

Vogel has started shortstop for most of the year and a couple times pitching as well.

“He’s a pleasure to coach,” said Frascogna. “He’s also very approachable, coachable. He listens. He is a real competitor.”

His ability to get himself in a good position to make routine plays and his arm strength are just some of his unique strengths.

His biggest challenge this season has been dealing with failure. This is the first time that he has played against kids so much older than him.

“He’s an emotional player,” said Frascogna. “He’s got some maturing to do on that level but talent-wise the skies the limit.”

The team has an ongoing conversation about dealing with failure and moving past mistakes.

“We try to keep in his mind we’re not expecting him to be perfect but we’d rather have him just be ready for the next thing and not worried about the last thing,” said Frascogna.

Vogel has a bright future at Patchogue-Medford High School and we hope to see more of him in the future.