

# TWC BASEBALL HITS IT OUT OF THE PARK

## Whit Merrifield Leads MLB in Hits For Second Consecutive Season

For the second consecutive season, Whit Merrifield has led Major League Baseball in hits, finishing with 206 hits this season. Merrifield is the first player to lead MLB in hits in consecutive seasons since Ichiro Suzuki accomplished the feat from 2006-2010. Merrifield is also the first right-handed hitter to lead the majors in hits in back-to-back seasons since Kirby Puckett in 1988-89.

The 206 hits for the Kansas City Royal was a career-high. Merrifield also played in all 162 games for Kansas City this season, hitting .302 with 16 home runs and 74 runs batted in. It was a historic season for Merrifield, as he set the Royals club record with a 31-game hitting streak in April and was named to his first All-Star Game appearance in July.

Merrifield led the majors in triples, hitting ten, tied with fellow TWC client and Kansas City Royal Hunter Dozier and two others.

## Steven Brault Sings National Anthem

Pittsburgh Pirates starter Steven Brault [sung the National Anthem](#) before the team's game against the Cardinals at PNC Park on Sunday, September 8th. It was Brault's second performance of the Star Spangled Banner prior to a Pirates game in the last two seasons. Brault's off-field singing talent was developed early on, as he starred in various musical performances throughout grade school and high school, as well as majoring in vocal performance major at Regis University. On the field, Brault finished the season with a 4.52 ERA as a starter for the Pirates.