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Glen Oaks Baseball Coach named MCCAACoach of the Year

CENTREVILLE---Keith Schreiber, Head Coach of the Vikings baseball team at Glen Oaks Community College, has been named Michigan Community College Athletic Association (MCCAACoach of the Year for 2011. Schreiber, 39, has



coached at Glen Oaks for five years and has 17 years of coaching experience. He was previously head coach at Lake Michigan College, assistant coach at Western Michigan University and Rend Lake College, and head coach at Southwest Michigan College.

The Vikings won the first MCCAACoach of the Year title at Glen Oaks since 1974-1975 by sweeping a doubleheader against St. Clair Community College at the end of the regular season.

The Vikings led the Conference 24-6 and completed a 28-14 overall record, but then dropped to Kellogg Community College 5-3 and Grand Rapids Community College 8-1 in the Region 12 Tournament at Bailey Park in Battle Creek. Kellogg was the only MCCAACoach of the Year team to sweep Glen Oaks in a doubleheader this season. "I think we got caught up in this whole 'winning of the conference thing.' We were a young, mostly freshman team at the tournament," acknowledged Schreiber, who earned a bachelor's degree in history at Grand Valley State University.

Schreiber is hoping history repeats itself next year. He has high expectations since most of the team will return, though a few key players who are leaving and must be replaced. Among those gone are pitcher Josh Vandemark (8-4), named All-State and Region 12 Player of the Year, along with pitcher Matt Lepird (7-4) and Ty Glass who were named to the second team All-State. "But that (player turn over) is the nature of junior colleges. Four of our six pitchers were freshmen and six of our leaders were freshman, so we have plenty to build on next season. Our successful record has helped with recruiting, along with good press in the Kalamazoo and South Bend areas," said Schreiber.

This was by far Schreiber's most successful year.

“Until this season we finished more in the middle of the pack. We lost some players previously to ineligibility or injuries, but this time we were able to field a healthy talented team. Now we just need to hold the team together,” Schreiber noted.

While the accolades on a successful season came from many in the baseball community, the one that meant the most was from his father, Ken, former head baseball coach at LaPorte High School from 1960 to 1998. “He would send me news articles about the team he clipped from the paper,” said Schreiber. Not many comments came from his older brother, Doug, who is head baseball coach at Purdue University. “Doug had plenty going on. On our last week of the season, when we were capturing the conference title, Purdue was swept by Michigan State...so I didn’t hear much from him,” chuckled Schreiber.

Schreiber resides in Cassopolis with wife Tonya and one son. This summer will be a busy one as he works at the Glen Oaks Fitness/Wellness Center and travels on recruiting trips. “Recruiting takes some time, but it is worth it,” said the new MCCAAC Coach of the Year.