

Evans fired as Kirkwood baseball coach

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Tim Evans has been fired as the head baseball coach at Kirkwood Community College after one season.

"He was relieved of his duties last night," Kirkwood athletic director Doug Wagemester confirmed Thursday morning.

Wagemester declined comment on why Evans was fired.

Evans succeeded John Lewis as Kirkwood's head coach after Lewis retired following the 2011 campaign. Evans compiled a 21-33 overall record and a 9-15 mark in the Iowa Community College league last spring.

Evans was suspended from his job as Kirkwood's head coach for one week last October for verbal abuse of his players, according to sources, but his firing is not believed related to that suspension.

Sources told the Metro Sports Report that Evans was fired after Kirkwood assistant coaches Casey Pauli and Tyler Howe complained to Wagemester about Evans. The issues had to do with staff assignments and compensation, according to sources.

Wagemester said it's too early to say who will run the baseball team in practice this fall. "There's too much up in the air," he said.