

Schemmel resigns as Xavier baseball coach

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Dave Schemmel, the only baseball coach in Xavier High School history, resigned Friday.

Schemmel, who was previously the head coach at Cedar Rapids Regis and Cedar Rapids LaSalle before Xavier opened in 1998, posted a 431-234 career record with the Saints, including a state title in 2006 and state runner-up finishes in 2005 and 2007.

"This has been something that's been on my mind for a few years now," Schemmel said in a release from Xavier. "Because I look forward to the challenges that each new year brings, it's just been difficult trying to find the right time to make the announcement.

"I'm so thankful for the opportunity and privilege to coach at Xavier. I am grateful for the backing of the administration, the hard work of my assistant coaches and the tremendous support of the parents and families of the players I've worked with. We've been blessed with some very talented and hardworking athletes. Hopefully we've made them better baseball players and that they've enjoyed their baseball experience at Xavier. I will cherish the great memories that I have from each team."

Schemmel is a graduate of Monticello High School and was a letterwinner for the baseball team at the University of Iowa. His career record as a head coach is 564-402.

"Coach Schemmel has always shied away from the spotlight and is the first one to credit the

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success at Xavier to our students, families and assistant coaches,” said Xavier Activities Director Mike Winker “His love of the game and his attitude of humble leadership have made him an instrumental factor in helping so many of our former Saints to go on to participate in college and professional baseball.”

Schemmel will remain at Xavier as its Director of Guidance, a position he also has held since Xavier first opened.

“I am thankful for all that Dave has done for our athletic program and I am looking forward to still working with him as a colleague at Xavier,” added Winker.

A search for Schemmel's replacement will begin after the start of the new school year.