

Massasoit Community College's Greg Zackrison Named Head Coach for the Plymouth Pilgrims Baseball Team

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Brockton, MA – The Massasoit community congratulates Greg Zackrison on his new position as head coach with the Plymouth Pilgrims, in its first year with the New England College Baseball League (NECBL).

Zackrison has been an assistant baseball coach at Massasoit Community College for the past 10 years. During his tenure with the Massasoit baseball team, they have won 4 New England Regional titles and appeared in the 3 NJCAA World Series. During the past four summers he was the head coach for the Oneonta Outlaws in the Perfect Game Colligate Baseball League including the 2011 League Championship.

For two summers (2007 and 2008), Greg coached in the prestigious Cape Cod Baseball League with the Harwich Mariners. In 2008, Harwich won the Cape league title for the first time in 21 years. He has also coached over 70 players selected in the Major League draft; 30 of those selected were in the first 12 rounds, including the second overall selection in 2009 Dustin Ackley.

Founded in 1966, in the heart of southeastern Massachusetts, Massasoit Community College is a public two-year college in the Massachusetts Public Higher Education System. It is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), one of the six regional accrediting bodies in the United States. Many departments carry additional accreditations. The College offers a full spectrum of associate's degree programs in arts, sciences, and applied sciences as well as one year and short term certificates across a variety of occupations and interests. In addition the College offers corporate and job skills training courses.

The NECBL is 20 years old and delivers approximately 30% of its ballplayers to professional ranks every year. The Newport Gulls, one of the premier teams in The New England Collegiate Baseball League, was ranked #1 in the US by Perfect Game USA over all teams in the Cape Cod League. Chris Catsos, originally from Scituate, MA, is the General Manager of the team and also one of the owners of the Newport Gulls. Dave Dittmann, president, has built teams like this over the past 11 years.

The Plymouth team will play 45 games in 59 days during June, July and August. The 23 home games will be played at Forges Field with all starting times a 6:30 p.m. under the lights. There will be great baseball as these players come in from all over the country to be watched by major league scouts. The NECBL is partially funded by major league baseball. In addition to baseball, there will be music, games between innings, lucky number prizes, great ballpark food, photos with the mascot and lots more. Opening Night is Friday June 7th, at 6:30 p.m. at Forges Field.

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