

PAUL SCHNEIDER , COACH 2002-13



Started as the JV and then Varsity coach in Portage Central's baseball program from 1996 to 2013. Inheriting an already successful varsity team, Coach Schneider took the program to the next level as the Varsity coach and led the Mustangs to a state championship in 2002. Known for developing all-around ballplayers during his tenure, Schneider coached the Mustangs to 8 conference championships, was a four-time regional coach the year, and coach of the year in 2002. 35 of Coach Schneider's players have gone on to play college baseball. Prior to coach Schneider's coaching career, Paul played four years at Western Michigan University, and still holds four offensive baseball career records, and is a member of the Western Michigan Hall of Fame. Paul Schneider is still remains in the top 4 in 8 different All-Time records at WMU, including #1 in career slugging percentage and longest hitting streak, at 18 games.

Greatest thrill in athletics: *"winning the state championships in 2002 for Portage Central, and striking out Reggie Jackson in my first spring training game with the Seattle Mariners."*

Portage Central Coaching and College Honors

Baseball

- Accumulated a record of 342 – 86 (.799) in 12 Varsity Seasons
- State Championship in 2002
- State Semi-Finalists in 2003 and 2011
- State Quarter-Finalist in 2005
- SMAC Conference Champions for eight years
- Greater Kalamazoo County Champions in 02, 03, 08, and 11
- State Coach of the year in 2002
- Regional Coach of the year in 02, 03, 05, and 11
- 35 of Paul's players have gone on to play college baseball
- His 2002 team was given a USA Today "Super 25" national ranking in his first season as varsity coach
- In 2017 he became a member of the Mt. Morris High School Hall of Fame
- Paul was the Portage Central JV Head Coach from 1996-2001.
- Paul was a 3-sport letterman at Mt. Morris earning a total of 9 letters.
- Paul played baseball at WMU from 1979-1982. He currently holds records in the top four all-time in eight different season or career offensive categories. Included is first all-time in career slugging percentage (.600) and his 18 game hitting streak is first all-time.
- Paul played seven years of Pro Baseball in the Minors from 1982-1988 reaching AAA in 1987. He was a relief pitcher and never had an At Bat during his career.

Other Accomplishments

- Paul is a member of the Western Michigan University Hall of Fame

