

Miller, Oeding Named South Coast Coaches of the Year for 2004-2005

Long-time men's basketball coach Mike Miller of Los Angeles City College and defending state champion women's water polo coach Chris Oeding of Long Beach City College were named the South Coast Conference 2004-2005 Coaches of the Year by conference athletic directors at their Fall meeting in Cerritos Sept. 28.

Miller was the conference choice of SCC Men's Coach of the Year after directing the Cubs to a SCC North Division co-title and a 27-4 overall record. Also LACC's Athletic Director, Miller has 365 career victories to his credit since becoming the Cubs Head Coach in the 1992-93 season. His teams have won 12 conference championships and twice won state crowns in the 2002-2003 and 1996-97 seasons.

In SCC division games, Miller has a phenomenal 98-14 record for an .875 winning percentage. In postseason games, Miller coached his squads to a 35-11 mark.

Mt. San Antonio men's track and field coach Doug Todd and Cerritos men's soccer coach Juan Sanchez also received consideration for the men's award.

Oeding was a close choice for SCC Women's Coach of the Year, winning out over Mt. San Antonio softball coach Kelly Ford and Pasadena City College women's basketball coach Joe Peron. LeValley Pattison, coach of the El Camino College women's volleyball team also garnered a nomination.

In his fifth season as coach, Oeding directed Long Beach to its second straight state title in 2004. The Vikings set a school record by winning 31 games against only one loss. LBCC won the South Coast championship for the fourth consecutive season. He has compiled a 129-32 overall record in leading the powerhouse program.

Oeding competed on the U.S. National team in two Olympics (1996 and 2000) after helping California-Berkeley to three consecutive NCAA men's water polo championships. He was named the NCAA Co-Player of the Year in 1992. Besides coaching the women's water polo program, Oeding also directs the Long Beach men's water polo team and both the Vikings' men's and women's swim programs.

Oeding's competition for SCC Women's Coach included Ford, who directed Mt. SAC to the 2005 state softball championship, and Peron, who has coached Pasadena to two straight trips to state basketball championship final games in 2004 and 2005. Pattison directed the 2004 El Camino volleyball team to a perfect conference season and a No. 1 ranking in the Southern California region during the regular season.

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